

Dheera Ananthakrishnan

Professional Summary

Orthopaedic spine surgeon/A proven multidisciplinary team-builder and women's health advocate/ Operations and Inventory Management/ Innovative and strategic leader with 20+ years of clinical and leadership experience /Academic surgeon with a history of reaching out across departments at Emory Healthcare to enhance patient care and provider collaboration /Global health entrepreneur who has negotiated with device companies, 3PL enterprises, consultancies, and government alliances to mobilize surplus equipment to ameliorate global orthopaedic health/Current venture fellow and angel investor/ MIT Sloan Executive MBA

Work Experience

Consultant

GIST Consulting-Beverly Hills, CA
January 2024 to Present

- Medicolegal consulting (case reviews, expert witness) for orthopaedic spine surgery cases
- Strategic and clinical consulting for healthtech startups
- Strategic and clinical consulting, osteobiologics
- Strategic and operational consulting, Encore Health (revenue cycle management)
- Clinical case review/telemedicine

President and Cofounder

Orthopaedic Link-Atlanta, GA
January 2009 to Present

Orthopaedic Link is a non-profit matching surplus orthopaedic implants with surgeons and hospitals in developing countries.

- Established a network linking orthopaedic implant companies to hospitals and nonprofits in developing countries (Malawi, Nepal, the Philippines, Bulgaria)
- Mobilized over \$4million worth of surplus implants and instrumentation worldwide, via liaisons with corporations and non- governmental organizations and companies (SRS, Euro Atlantic Transplant Alliance, Deloitte, Medtronic, Nuvasive, Depuy/Synthes)
- Partnered with the 3PL services of WebOps/Global Med Logistics to manage/track/warehouse/ship donated inventory
- Enabled care of over 400 orthopaedic surgical patients (indigent) worldwide
- Facilitated global training of surgeons and staff via amelioration of material resources, as well as repurposing of nonprofit resources towards training
- Enabled government donations of implants in Bulgaria and the Philippines
- Designed a capacity assessment tool to evaluate spine surgical capacity in developing countries and provide a pathway towards enhanced healthcare services

Assistant Professor

Emory University-Atlanta, GA

October 2007 to August 2023

Emory University Department of Orthopaedic Surgery

- Established a mature spinal deformity practice (200 surgical cases/year, ~10000 yearly RVU's)
- Established a network of physical therapists in the greater Atlanta area (~20 therapists, inside and outside of Emory) for individualized rehab protocols for spine deformity patients
- Managed spine operations at the Emory Orthopaedics and Spine Hospital for two years, navigating the spine team through staffing and leadership changes.
- Voted one of Atlanta's Top Doctors 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022

2019 - 2023: Emory Women's Musculoskeletal Health Initiative, Co-Founder/Co-Director.

Mission: To provide comprehensive care for women's musculoskeletal health using a multidisciplinary approach.

Vision: To improve well-being and function for women by decreasing pain and disability via a patient-centered multidisciplinary approach to musculoskeletal care.

- Built a multidisciplinary provider network inside and outside of Emory Healthcare
- Started monthly multidisciplinary telemedicine clinics for spine and sports medicine patients
- >150 patients seen over two years by orthopaedics, spine, endocrinology, nutrition, physical therapy, psychology
- Organized series of webinars and in-person community townhalls (lectures, patient stories) on a variety of topics ([<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5VDFH0ApX54>])
- Started a pilot clinic for patients with distal radius fractures not treated for osteoporosis
- Worked with Department of Endocrinology to design algorithm to identify patients, start bone health workup, transfer care to Endocrinology, to decrease osteoporosis and fractures.

Assistant Professor

University of Washington-Seattle, WA

October 2003 to January 2007

- Academic orthopaedic spine surgeon, attended at the University Hospital, Harborview Medical Center and the Seattle VA
- Taught residents and fellows in and out of the OR
- Took level 1 Spine Trauma surgical call

Education

MBA in Business Administration

MIT-Cambridge, MA

September 2021 to June 2023

MD in Medicine

Albany Medical College-Albany, NY

September 1992 to June 1996

Master's degree in Business, Bioengineering

University of Washington-Seattle Campus-Seattle, WA

October 1990 to June 1992

BS in Mechanical Engineering

MIT-Cambridge, MA

September 1986 to June 1990

Skills

- Orthopedic surgery (10+ years)
- Multidisciplinary care (10+ years)
- Operations (10+ years)
- Strategy (10+ years)
- Medical-surgical
- Medical terminology
- Analysis skills (10+ years)
- Microsoft Excel (10+ years)
- Patient care (10+ years)
- Computer skills
- Care plans
- Communication skills
- Leadership
- Patient interaction
- Surgery

Certifications and Licenses

Medical License

Georgia Medical License

Medical License

Colorado Medical License

BC/BE

Driver's License