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Purpose

In the relentless pursuit of improving patient outcomes, Dr. Van Thiel's practice at Orthollinois provides a variety of orthopedic services and sports medicine programs designed to properly diagnose and treat hip, knee and shoulder injuries in athletes.

Mission

To return patients back to their active lifestyles by delivering effective care through compassion and humility.

About

Dr. Van Thiel at Orthollinois

“As an active person, I sympathize with the frustration that follows an inability to live the life we want to. Each person that comes into the clinic is putting their faith in my care in the hopes that they will return to their lifestyle, and that is a very powerful motivator.”

Dr. Geoffrey Van Thiel focuses on minimally invasive and arthroscopic surgery of the hip, knee and shoulder. His passion for research has led him to collaborate with surgeons on development projects in hip arthroscopy, cartilage restoration, knee ligament reconstruction and shoulder arthroscopy. An accredited leader in the Orthopedic Surgery & Sports Medicine field, he works to develop novel techniques as a consultant for many top orthopedic device companies and is often asked to speak to and train practicing surgeons on the latest techniques and methods.

Dr. Van Thiel is committed to an active lifestyle, and believes that maintaining an active lifestyle leads to better health. His personal connection to physical activity has also driven his involvement with several professional sports teams. He is affiliated with the Chicago Blackhawks Medical Network, is a head team physician for the AHL Ice Hogs and is a team physician with the US National Soccer Teams.



| Accreditations

Dr. Van Thiel's sought-after research and proven methodologies have solidified his placement in several professional organizations like the Multicenter Arthroscopic Study of the Hip (MASH) Study Group as well as two editorial boards for major orthopedic journals.

He is also a surgeon educator for AANA and AOSSM and the chairman of the outcomes committee for the OrthoForum. Upon completing his sub-specialty training in orthopedic sports medicine and hip arthroscopy at Rush University Medical Center, he became a faculty member to continue assisting in research and educating up-and-coming surgeons.

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Publications
Authored

80

International
Presentations



More about Dr. Van Thiel:

Accomplishments:

- Board Certified: American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery, American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery - Sports Medicine
- Founding member of Multi-Center Arthroscopic Study of the Hip (MASH)
- Managing partner of OrthoIllinois
- Reviewer for 2 major orthopedic sports medicine journals
- Consultant for major orthopedic companies for product development

Publications:

- Orthopaedic Knowledge Update®: Shoulder and Elbow 5: Print + Ebook Orthopaedic Knowledge Update®: Shoulder and Elbow 5
- A tiered system using substantial clinical benefit and patient acceptable symptomatic state scores to evaluate 2-year outcomes of hip arthroscopy with the Hip Outcome Score
- Defining Variations in Outcomes of Hip Arthroscopy for Femoroacetabular Impingement Using the 12-Item International Hip Outcome Tool (iHOT-12)
- Unique Substantial Clinical Benefit Values for the 12-Item International Hip Outcome Tool Based on Preoperative Level of Function
- Minimal Clinically Important Difference and Substantial Clinical Benefit Values for a Pain Visual Analog Scale After Hip Arthroscopy
- The Patient Acceptable Symptomatic State of the 120Item International Hip Outcome Tool at 1-Year Follow-Up of the Hip-Preservation Surgery
- Minimal Clinically Important Difference and Substantial Clinical Benefit Values for the 120Item International Hip Outcome Tool
- The Impact of Depression on Patient Outcomes in Hip Arthroscopic Surgery
- Reliability of hip range of motion measurement among experienced arthroscopic hip preservation surgeons

I've been fortunate enough to be involved with two particular endeavors that I believe have had a significant impact on patients. First, helping to found the Multicenter Arthroscopic Study of the Hip has connected arthroscopic hip surgeons from around the country. In sharing their experiences and knowledge with one another, we've discovered answers to difficult questions and published valuable work that is referenced by practicing surgeons today. Second, I was very grateful to assist in the rollout of the new cutting edge cartilage technique called MACI. This was brought to the US about two years ago and I'm proud to say that it is the best cartilage restoration technology available. MACI significantly improves the results of cartilage repair because it allows us to grow more healthy cartilage cells for a particular patient and implant them back into the knee.



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