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# **Education, Training, and Leadership**

**May 2012-November 2016:** Medical Director, Bone and Joint Institute, Hartford Hospital, Hartford, CT. Physician leadership in the programming, design, and development of a \$150 million, free-standing orthopedic institute, including financial modeling, physician recruitment, quality assurance programming, and execution of physician co-management agreement, Hartford, CT

**February 2015-June 2015:** Lean Six Sigma Green Belt training program. Hartford Healthcare, Hartford, CT

**January 2012- January 2014:** Executive Committee, Orthopedic Associates of Hartford, Hartford, CT. Served on the physician management team for a thirty surgeon orthopedic group, responsible for program development, financial oversight, contracting, ancillary revenue streams, and physician recruitment

**September 2011-June 2012:** Physician Leadership Development Program, Hartford Hospital, Hartford, CT

**February-July, 2004: Foot and Ankle Fellowship,** Union Memorial Hospital, Baltimore, MD

**August, 2003-January, 2004: Foot and Ankle Fellowship**, Institute for Foot and Ankle Reconstruction, Mercy Medical Center, Baltimore, MD

**July, 1998-June, 2003: Orthopedic Internship and Residency**, University of Connecticut, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery; John Dempsy Hospital, Hartford Hospital, St. Francis Hospital and Medical Center, Connecticut Children's Medical Center, New Britain General Hospital

**August, 1994-June, 1998: M. D.** George Washington University, School of Medicine, Washington, DC, Elected AOA, *Graduation with Distinction* 

**June, 1995-June, 1998**: **M. P. H. in Administrative Medicine**, George Washington University, School of Public Health and Health Services, Washington, DC

June-July, 1992: Teach for America Summer Institute, California State University, Northridge. Graduate coursework in secondary education and student teaching Los Angeles Unified School District, Los Angeles, CA

**September, 1987-June, 1992: B. A. Business Administration**, University of Washington School of Business Administration, Seattle, WA

# **Teaching and Academic Experience**

**2019-2021:** Member and Vice-Chair AOFAS Committee on Health Outcomes, Registries, and Data (CHORD)

**2016 2019:** Member AOFAS OFAR Managerial Board, developed and implemented online surgical quality assurance and research database to collect Patient Reported Outcomes (PROs), surgery specific data, and patient health status and satisfaction data

**2012-2020:** Manuscript reviewer, Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery. Recognized in Elite Reviewers Program

2019-2021: Abstract reviewer, AOFAS annual meeting

**2004-2021:** Assistant Clinical Professor, Orthopedic Surgery, University of Connecticut School of Medicine, Department of Orthopedics. Clinical education of orthopedic residents.

**1999-2013: Instructor**, University of Connecticut School of Medicine, Department of Anatomy

#### **Publications**

Aseltine RH Jr, Wang W, Benthien RA, Katz M, Wagner C, Yan J, Lewis CG: Reductions in race and ethnic disparities in hospital readmissions following total joint arthroplasy from 2005 to 2015. J Bone and Joint Surg Am. 2019 Oct 9

Benthien RA: Lost in the Wilderness: Outcomes of Total Ankle Arthroplasty Commentary on an article by Andrew R. Hsu, MD, and Steven L.Haddad, MD: "Early Clinical and Radiographic Outcomes of Intramedullary-Fixation Total Ankle Arthroplasty". J Bone Joint Surg Am. 2015 Feb 4;97(3):e19

Benthien RA: Challenging the anxiety over coronal plane deformity: commentary on an article by Robin M. Queen, PhD, et al.: "Differences in outcomes following total ankle replacement in patients with neutral alignment compared with tibiotalar joint malalignment". J Bone Joint Surg Am. 2013 Nov 6;95(21):e170.

Benthien, RA: The postero-lateral approach to the posterior malleolus: An alternative surgical strategy for unstable trimalleolar ankle fractures. Tech Orthop. 29 (1): 8-12, 2014.

Scordino, L, Benthien, RA: Talar neck fractures: 2-incision approach with lateral plating. Tech Orthop. 27(2):126-129, 2012.

Benthien, RA, Parks, BG; Guyton GP, Schon, LC: Lateral column calcaneal lengthening, flexor digitorum longus transfer, and opening wedge medial cuneiform osteotomy for flexible flatfoot: a biomechanical study. Foot Ankle Int. January 2007.

Benthien, RA, Aronow, MS, and Sullivan, RJ: Cyclic loading of Achilles tendon repairs: a comparison of polyester and polyblend suture. Foot Ankle Int. July 2006.

Benthien, RA and Myerson, MS: Supramalleolar Osteotomy for Ankle Arthritis and Deformity. Foot and Ankle Clinics, September 2004.

Benthien, RA, Sullivan, RJ: Aronow, M. S.; and Gulish, H.A.: Arthroscopic Treatment of Pediatric Osteochondral injuries of the Talus. Foot and Ankle Clinics, September 2002

Browner, B. A. and Benthien, R. A.: *Bone and Joint Futures*. Trauma chapter. Woolfe, A.D. (ed.)

Benthien, R. A. and Sullivan, R. J.: Etiology and Pathomechanics of Posterior Tibial Tendon Dysfunction. Surg. Tech. in Orthop. Surgery 15(3):155-163, 1999.

# **Research Projects**

Benthien, R. A.; Romness, M. J.; and Smith, B. A.: Proximal Femoral Resection and Interpositional Arthroplasty with a Shoulder Hemi-prosthesis for Salvage of the Painful, Dislocated Hip in Patients with Spastic Quadriplegia. Prepared for publication. Presented at Connecticut Children's Medical Center, Newington Department of Orthopaedics, Alumni Day, 2001.

Benthien, R. A. and Sullivan, R. J.: Treatment of Adult Acquired Flatfoot with Flexor Digitorum Longus Transfer to the Navicular Utilizing Suture Anchor Augmentation.

Alberta, F.G.; Aronow, M.S.; Barrero, M.; Benthien, R.A.; McDonald, T.; Sullivan, R.J.; and Adams, D.: Dorsal Plating Versus Transarticular Screws for the Treatment of Ligamentous Lisfranc Injuries. Presented at University of Connecticut, Department of Orthopaedics Graduation Symposium, June 2002.

### **Presentations and Panel Participation**

Student National Medical Association (SNMA) 2019 Region VII Medical Education Conference; Dual Degrees in Medicine. UCONN School of Medicine, Farmington, CT

Kenneth J. Hunt, MD; Ross A. Benthien, MD, MPH; Judith F. Baumhauer, MD, MPH; Christopher W. DiGiovanni, MD; Shanthan C. Challa, BS; Daniel Guss, MD, MBA; Scott Karr, MD; L. Daniel Latt, MD, PhD; Daniel K. Moon, MD, MBA; The OFAR Network. Tracking Patient Outcomes Following Foot and Ankle Surgery: The OFAR Experience 2018-2019. AOFAS Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, September 2019

Disparities in 30-day hospital readmission after total joint arthroplasty. CSMS Symposium on Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Readmission Rates. February 2015, Meriden, CT

Benthien, R.A.; Parks, B.; Guyton, G.; and Schon, LC: Evaluation of Lateral Column Lengthening and Medial Cuneiform Osteotomy in a Cadaveric Flatfoot Model. Presented at AFOAS Specialty Day, AAOS Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, March 2005

Myerson, M.S. and Benthien, R.A: Isolated Ruptures of the Deltoid Ligament. Presented at AOSSM Annual Meeting, Quebec City, June 2004

Benthien, R.A.; Aronow, M.S.; and Sullivan, R.J.: Cyclic Loading of Achilles Tendon Repairs Utilizing Polyester and Polyblend Sutures. Presented at AFOAS Specialty Day, AAOS Annual Meeting, San Francisco, March 2004

Benthien, R.A.; Sullivan, R.J.; Aronow, M.A.; and Gulish, H.A.; Arthroscopic Treatment of Osteochondral Lesions of the Talus in Adolescents. American Orthopaedic Foot and Ankle Society Summer Meeting, Traverse City, Michigan, July 2002

Benthien R. A. and Caputo, A. E.: Exertional Forearm Compartment Syndrome, Forearm Pump. New England Hand Society Twenty-Eighth Annual Meeting and Scientific Program, Sturbridge, Massachusetts, December 2000.

### **National Meetings and Educational Courses**

AAOS Annual Meeting, Orlando, FL, March 2020 (canceled)
AOFAS Winter Meeting, Orlando, FL, March 2020 (canceled)
AOFAS Summer Meeting and Pre-Meeting course, Chicago, IL, September 2019
Wright Medical, ProStep MIS foot surgery course, New York, NY, June 2019
Wright Medical, ProStep MIS foot surgery course, Las Vegas, NV, March 2019
AAOS Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, NV, March 2019
AOFAS Winter Meeting, New Orleans, LA, March 2018
AOFAS Winter Meeting, New Orleans, LA, March 2018

AOFAS Summer Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA, June 2017

AOFAS Summer Annual Meeting, Toronto, ON, July 2016

AAOS Annual Meeting, Orlando, FL, March 2016

AOFAS Winter Meeting, Orlando, FL, March 2016

AAOS National Orthopedic Leadership Conference, Washington, DC, May 2015

AAOS Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, NV, March 2015

AOFAS Winter Meeting, Las Vegas, NV, March 2015

Baltimore Foot and Ankle Bi-annual Conference, Vail, CO, February 2015

AOFAS Summer meeting, Chicago, IL, September 2014

AAOS National Orthopedic Leadership Conference, Washington, DC, April 2014

AAOS Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, March 2014

AOFAS Winter meeting, New Orleans, LA, March 2014

AAOS Board Maintenance of Certification Review Course, Boston MA, November 2013

AAOS National Orthopedic Leadership Conference, Washington, DC, April 2013

AAOS Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, March 2013

AOFAS Winter Meeting, Chicago, IL March 2013

Zimmer Trabecular Metal Total Ankle Course, Parsippany, NJ, March 2013

Baltimore Foot and Ankle Bi-annual Conference, Breckenridge, CO, March 2013

AAOS Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, February 2012

AAOS National Orthopedic Leadership Conference, Washington, DC, April 2011

AAOS Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, February 2011

AAOS Board of Councilors Fall Meeting, Scottsdale, AZ, October 2010

AOFAS Summer Meeting, Vancouver, BC, July 2009

Wright Medical, In Bone Total Ankle Training, New Haven, CT, April 2009

Baltimore Foot and Ankle Bi-annual Conference, Steamboat Springs, CO, March 2009

AAOS Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, NV, March, 2009

AAOS Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, February 2008

AOFAS Summer Meeting, Toronto, ON, July 2007

AAOS Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, March 2007

Taylor Spatial Frame, Mini-course, Boston, MA, September 2006

AOFAS Summer Meeting, La Jolla, CA, July 2006

AAOS Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, March 2006

AOFAS Winter Meeting, Chicago, IL, March 2006

AOFAS Summer Meeting, Boston, MA, July 2005

AAOS Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, 2005

AOFAS Winter Meeting, Washington, DC, 2005

AAOS Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, 2004

AOFAS Winter Meeting, San Francisco, CA, 2004

AOFAS Advanced Foot Care Course, Baltimore, MD, Winter 2004

AOFAS Summer Meeting, Seattle, WA, 2004

AAOS Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, 2003

AOFAS Winter Meeting, New Orleans, LA, 2003

New England Fracture Forum, Ninth Annual, Newtown, MA, 2001

AO Principals of Fracture Fixation, Albany, NY, 1999

# **Medical Licensure**

# **Medical Staff Appointments**

Hartford Hospital, Hartford, CT, 2004-2021
Orthopedic Associates of Hartford Surgery Center, Rocky Hill, CT, 2004-2021
Glastonbury Surgical Center, Glastonbury, CT, 2010-2019
Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center, Hartford, CT, 2019-2021
Hartford Surgical Center, Hartford, CT, 2017-2021
Connecticut Children's Medical Center, Hartford, CT, 2004-2009
University of Connecticut, John Dempsey Hospital, Farmington, CT, 2004-2009
Farmington Surgery Center, Farmington, CT, 2005-2007
Union Memorial Hospital, Baltimore, MD, 2004
Mercy Medical Center, Baltimore, MD, 2003-2004

### Awards, Honors, Activities

Reviewer, Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery Reviews, 2014-2020
Connecticut Orthopedic Society, Board of Directors 2007-2019
Connecticut Orthopedic Society, President, 2013-2015
Connecticut Orthopedic Society, Vice President, 2011-2013
Connecticut Orthopedic Society, Secretary and Treasurer, 2009-2011
Connecticut General Assembly Youth Concussion Task Force, 2014-2015.
Graduation with distinction, George Washington University School of Medicine
Elected AOA, Medical School Honor Society
Administrative Medicine Track Student Representative, School of Public Health
Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity, founding member and executive officer Alpha Delta chapter,
University of Washington
Haborview Medical Center, Emergency Trauma Center Volunteer.

# **Professional Memberships**

American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, Active Fellow, member 2003-2020 American Orthopaedic Foot and Ankle Society, Active Fellow, member 2002-2020 Connecticut Orthopaedic Society, 2007-2020 Connecticut State Medical Society, 2012-2020

### Certification

Participating in Maintenance of Certification (MOC), American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery, expected recertification 2024-2026

Passed Maintenance of Certification (MOC), American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery, re-certified 2016-2026

Board Certified, American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery, 2006-2016 Passed Part II, American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery Certification Examination, 2006 Passed Part I, American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery Certification Examination, 2004 United States Medical Licensing Examination, Passed Steps I, 2, and 3