



JOSEPH D. FORTIN, D.O.

Dr. Joseph Fortin is currently the Medical Director of Spine Technology and Rehabilitation P.C. and a Clinical Professor at Indiana University School of Medicine. He completed his physical medicine and rehabilitation residency at Baylor College of Medicine and from there served three years in several directorship roles as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Rehabilitation Medicine and the Department of Orthopedic Surgery at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center. Dr. Fortin then dedicated three years to a spine radiology practice in New Orleans (interpreting MRI and CT as well as performing image-guided injection procedures). He maintained an academic affiliation as a Clinical Assistant Professor in the Department of Rehabilitation at Louisiana State University. He has given numerous national and international lectures, as well as scientific presentations.

Dr. Fortin is internationally recognized for his novel scientific investigations on the sacroiliac joint. His research endeavors (as expressed in the world peer review literature) however are diverse and include: 1) mapping sacroiliac joint (SIJ) pain referral patterns; 2) determining the innervation of the SIJ; 3) describing imaging and arthrography techniques for the SIJ; 4) the relative contributions of the disc and zygapophyseal joints in chronic low back pain; 5) relating biomechanics of injury to spine pain in athletes, and 6) A USOC funded injury tracking protocol. He recently completed a controlled, randomized study on the remote effects of the clinical/experimental environment on functional outcome.

Dr. Fortin is a prolific author credited with a sports medicine text entitled "Functional Biomechanics and Rehabilitation of Sports Injuries," numerous scientific reports and book chapters on spinal imaging, image-guided injection procedures and spinal injury mechanisms in athletes. His academic compass also entails active membership in national and international organizations including serving as Emeritus on the Board of Directors for the American Society of Interventional Pain Physicians and the Editorial Advisory Board for the peer reviewed journal "Pain Physician."

Dr. Fortin was awarded the 1992 Louis J. Kolodner Memorial Lectureship for "Spinal Injection Procedures," a honorary professorship to the University of Zurich (Switzerland) in 1995 for sacroiliac joint imaging and the 2000 Rosenthal Lectureship for outstanding contributions to the treatment of lower back disability. He was the two-time recipient of the Sidney Licht Memorial Lectureship (University of Minnesota 2002, 2006) for his pioneering efforts in interventional pain management, and the 2004 Stella M. Traweek Endowment Visiting Professorship in Geriatric Pain (Texas Tech University) for his research efforts directly related to pain in the elderly. In 2005, Dr. Fortin was awarded a visiting professorship to the Rehabilitation Institute of Charlotte for recognition of his ongoing efforts in interventional pain management. In 2006, Dr. Fortin was honored with an outstanding achievement award by the American Society of Interventional Pain Physicians for his contributions in the field of interventional pain management.

He is an avid weightlifter and former competitive bodybuilder. He enjoys fishing, downhill skiing, golfing and spending time with his wife.