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Randal Betz, M.D., is currently the Medical Director of Research and the Spinal Cord Injury Unit and Chief of Staff Emeritus at Shriners Hospitals for Children—Philadelphia as well as professor of orthopaedic surgery at Temple University School of Medicine. Dr. Betz earned a medical degree from Temple University School of Medicine. His residency in orthopaedic surgery was completed at Temple University Hospital and Shriners Hospitals for Children, and he completed a pediatric orthopaedic fellowship at the Alfred I. duPont Institute in Wilmington, Delaware. He is board-certified in orthopaedic surgery and spinal cord injury rehabilitation.

Dr. Betz is past president of the Scoliosis Research Society (2005) and was awarded the A. Estin Comarr Memorial Award for Clinical Service from the American Paraplegia Society (2003) as well as the Lifetime Achievement Award from the American Spinal Injury Association (2009). Dr. Betz is a recipient of many research grants and he has six patents, mostly involving new methods and treatments for spinal deformities. He is coeditor of *The Child with a Spinal Cord Injury* and has served as the editor of four other textbooks. He has contributed 45 chapters to medical books and written or coauthored over 250 peer-reviewed or invited articles, mostly on pediatric spine and spinal cord injury.

Dr. Bruce Williams was born in New Glasgow, Nova Scotia. He completed his Bachelor of Arts Degree at Acadia University and then entered Medical School at McGill University, graduating in 1955.

Dr. Williams completed his internship and residency in the McGill University teaching hospitals. He was awarded a McLaughlin Travelling Fellowship and spent one year of postgraduate training in England, Sweden, and Russia. Dr. Williams is Board certified through the Royal College of Physicians & Surgeons, Canada, and the American Board of Plastic Surgery.

Dr. Williams is a Professor of Surgery at McGill University and was Chairman of the Division of Plastic Surgery and Director of the Residency Program at McGill from 1976 – 1996 and was reappointed as Residency Program Director in 2002. Over 100 residents have graduated from the Program during his tenure, many of whom completed a year of research under his guidance.

He was Surgeon-in-Chief at The Montreal Children's Hospital from 1992 – 2007.

Dr. Williams has been internationally recognized for his outstanding contributions to the field of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery receiving many awards including Distinguished Service Awards from Acadia University and the Plastic Surgery Educational Foundation. He received the Ambassadors' Club Award and Agora Trophy from the Montreal Convention Centre, the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Canadian Society of Plastic Surgeons and was honoured by his peers at The Montreal Children's Hospital with the Council of Physicians, Dentists, and Pharmacists Lifetime Achievement Award. Dr. Williams received both the Clinician of the Year Award and The Honorary Award (their most prestigious award) from the American Association of Plastic Surgeons.

His major interests have included basic laboratory research, microsurgery and hand surgery. He has been a Visiting Professor to over 70 different universities and societies throughout the world. Dr. Williams has contributed over 130 articles and book chapters to the field of Plastic Surgery. He is Past President of many societies including the Canadian Society of Plastic Surgeons, the