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Dr. Stephen Nichols, MD

Board Certified in Orthopedic Surgery and Hand Surgery

Articulate, Board certified Orthopedic Surgeon with more than 35 years of clinical expertise and 1 year of medical-legal expertise. Highly specialized in Orthopedic Surgery and Hand Surgery.

Education

- **San Diego State University, San Diego, CA** (1980)
  Bachelor of Science, Biology, Cum Laude
- **Loma Linda University School of Medicine, Loma Linda, CA** (1985)
  Doctor of Medicine, MD
- **Loma Linda University School of Medicine, Loma Linda, CA** (1986)
  Internship, General Surgery
- **Loma Linda University School of Medicine, Loma Linda, CA** (1987)
  Fellowship, Hand Microsurgery
- **McGill University, Montreal, PQ** (1992)
  Residency, Orthopedic Surgery

Professional Experience

- **Scripps Memorial Hospital, Chief of Orthopedic Surgery** (1995 to 2000) and (2002 to present)
- **Center for Surgery of Encinitas, Chief of Surgery** (1999 to 2005)

Academic Appointments

- University of California San Diego Medical Center, Associate Clinical Professor

LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATION

- California Board Certified Medical License
- Hawaii Board Certified Medical License
- Washington Board Certified Medical License
- Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Board-Certified, Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons
- Board-Certified, Fellow of the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons
- California Orthopedic Association
- California Medical Association
- San Diego County Medical Society
- Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society

RESEARCH & PUBLICATIONS

- Microvascular Transfer of Bone – An Update, Published April 1987, by the Western Journal of Medicine, Dr. Gary K. Frykman, Director, Loma Linda Microsurgery Program, is Co-Author.
- Bilateral Testicular Traumatic Amputation with Solitary Salvage Replantation. Submitted for publication to the Journal of Urology.
- Autogenous Microvascular Bone Graft in Reconstructive Spinal Surgery, A Pilot Study.
- An Evaluation of Tendon Strength When Subjected to Exogenous Steroids.
- A Comparison of Nerve Regeneration Utilizing Nerve and Autogenous Muscle Grafts in Rat Sciatic Nerve.

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