

John Duff



John Michael Duff was born and raised in Dublin, Ireland. Following graduation from The Royal College Surgeons in Ireland in 1988, he pursued general surgery training as a Halsted resident at the Johns Hospital Hospital, Baltimore MD, USA from 1990-92. He then did a full neurosurgical residency training program at the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN, USA from 1992-97 with an interest in spine and skull base surgery. He also completed a 6 month period of pediatric neurosurgical training with Dr. Ian Johnston in the Childrens Hospital, Sydney, Australia in 1995. Upon completion of residency, Dr. Duff completed a skull base surgery fellowship with Dr. Laligam Sekhar at the George Washington Hospital, Washington DC, USA 1997-98.

Following completion of training, Dr. Duff spent 18 months in Geneva University Hospital working with Professor Nicolas de Tribolet. He then returned to the USA in 2000 and took up a position as Assistant Professor of neurosurgery at Tufts University, New England Medical Center & St. Elizabeths Medical Center, Boston MA, USA. He also served as chief of neurosurgery at St Elizabeths Medical Center from 2002-2003. Dr. Duff returned to Switzerland in 2004 to take up his current position as a specialist in spinal and skull base surgery at the university hospital of Lausanne (CHUV).

Dr. Duff has a research interest in surgical robotics of the spine and was part of a team which developed a surgical robot at the EPFL, Lausanne, Switzerland. His main clinical interests are complex reconstruction of the cervical spine and craniovertebral junction, image guided intra & extradural spinal surgery, & minimally invasive surgery of the spine.

He is a frequent faculty member of the EANS spine section, AO Spine, & of Eurospine, and has been an invited speaker in over 70 surgical meetings internationally.

He has the qualification of Board Certification in neurosurgery in the USA, the European Board Certification in neurosurgery, and the FMH (federal boards) in neurosurgery in Switzerland. He is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons (FACS), and of the American Association of Neurological Surgeons (FAANS).