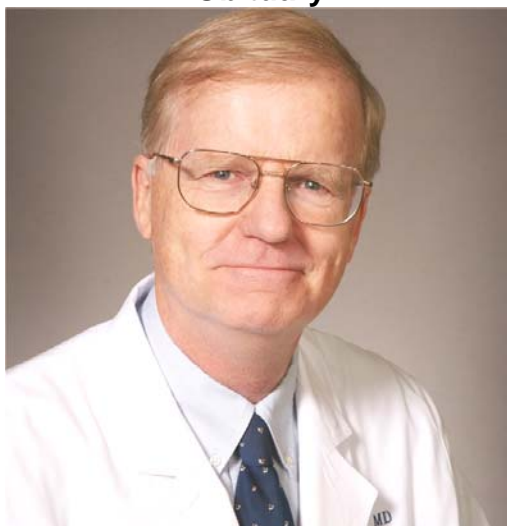


Obituary



Robert W Bucholz, MD
1947-2016
Former AAOS President

Asked to name the career achievement of which he was most proud, Robert W. Bucholz, MD, replied, "Waking up every day with the privilege of being an orthopedic surgeon"

Robert W Bucholz, MD, passed away at home in Dallas, Texas, on May 20, 2016. He attended Westside High School. Graduated from Yale Medical School in 1973. He worked in Yale for his orthopedic surgery residency. He spent his professional career at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School.

Academically, he quickly rose from instructor to professor and, in time, to chair of the Department of Orthopedic Surgery. He stepped away from his chair role in 2006 and continued his adult reconstruction practice until 2015, when he was named Professor Emeritus of Orthopedic Surgery.

He was awarded an Orthopedic Research and Education Foundation Berg-Sloat Traveling Fellowship in 1979. He completed a traumatology fellowship at the Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre and John Radcliffe II Hospital in Oxford, England.

He had an uncommon ability to sort through complex issues in a manner that brought clarity to discussion. He served the orthopedic community as a member of the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) Orthopedic Residency Review Committee and as an examiner and a director of the American Board of Orthopedic Surgery. He chaired the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons (AAOS) Educational Programming Committee for 5 years and, from 2004 to 2005, served as the seventy-second president of the AAOS. In 2016, he passed away from amyotrophic lateral sclerosis.

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