

HONORED GUEST SPEAKER BIOS

Christopher I. Shaffrey, MD

Christopher I Shaffrey, MD, FACS graduated magna cum laude from The Citadel in 1982 with B.S. degree in Biology. He played varsity basketball and was the co-captain his senior year. In 1986, Dr. Shaffrey received his medical degree from the University of Virginia. He completed his general surgical internship at Naval Hospital San Diego in 1987 where he was named the surgical intern of the year. He completed both neurosurgical and orthopaedics residencies at the University of Virginia. A spine fellowship in pediatric and adult reconstructive spine surgery was completed in 1995.

Following completion of his surgical training he was appointed to the senior staff in the Departments of Neurological Surgery and Orthopaedic Surgery at Henry Ford Hospital where he was actively involved in treating members of Detroit's college and professional athletic teams. In 1999, Dr. Shaffrey was appointed Associate Professor of Neurological Surgery and Adjunct Associate Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery and Sports Medicine at the University of Washington in Seattle. In 2003, he returned to the University of Virginia as Professor of Neurological Surgery and Director of the Neurosurgery Spine Division. In 2008, he was named Harrison Distinguished Teaching Professor of Neurological and Orthopaedic Surgery. In 2013, Dr. Shaffrey was named the John A. Jane Professor of Neurological Surgery. Dr. Shaffrey is board certified in the fields of Neurological Surgery and Orthopaedic Surgery.

Dr. Shaffrey has an active research interest in spinal surgery, particularly in numerous multicenter outcome research studies of pediatric and adult scoliosis, spinal cord injury, spinal trauma and tumors involving the spinal column. He has been a funded principal investigator in numerous grants and clinical trials. He has served on the Editorial Boards of Journal of Neurosurgery, Neurosurgery and Journal of Spinal Disorders. He is currently a Deputy Editor for both the journal Spine and Spine Deformity. Dr. Shaffrey has greater than 200 publications, greater than 750 national and international presentations and served as editor for several textbooks on spinal surgery.

During his career in medicine, Dr. Shaffrey has won numerous awards for clinical medicine. He has won the Counsel of State Neurosurgical Societies Young Neurosurgeons Award. He has been named to Best Doctors and Top Doctors numerous times. He has an active role in organized neurosurgery and spinal surgery. He has served as the Chair for the AANS/CNS Joint Section on Disorders of the Spine and Peripheral Nerves. He is currently the Chair of IMAST meeting. Dr. Shaffrey is a Director for the American Board of Neurological Surgery. He has been named to numerous honorary academic societies including the American Orthopaedic Association, the American Academy of Neurological Surgery and the Society of Neurological Surgeons.

Juan S. Uribe, MD, FAANS

Assoc Professor, College of Medicine Neurosurgery
Director, Neurosurgery, Spine Section
Director, Minimally Invasive Adult Scoliosis And Complex Spine
Director, Cahill Spine Institute
Director, Biomechanical Laboratory, Department of Neurological Surgery

Director, Spinal Cord Trauma Committee

Education:

MD, Neurosurgery, University of South Florida, 2007

MD, Surgery Internship, University of Miami, 2002

MD, Spine Fellowship, University of Miami, 2001

MD, Neurosurgery, U de A, 1998

MD, Instituto De Ciencias De La Salud, 1988

Academic Philosophy:

"Minimize the footprint on spine surgical procedures respecting the fundamentals of spine global alignment and spine harmony"

Interdisciplinary and Emerging Signature Programs:

Neuroscience

Research Interests:

Anatomical, Biomechanical and clinical Research focused on Minimal spine surgery applied to complex degenerative, traumatic and tumoral pathology.

Memberships:

Southern Neurosurgical Society (member, 2015 - Present)

Spine and Pheripheral Nerves Joint Section American Association of Neurological Surgeons (Exceutive Committee, 2015 - Present)

Scoliosis Research Society (Member, 2010 - Present)

North American Spine Society (Member, 2010 - Present)

Society of Minimal Invasive Spine Surgery (Member, 2007 - Present)

Congress of Neurological Surgeons (Member, 2007 - Present)

Florida Medical Association (Member, 2007 - Present)

American Association of Neurological Surgeons (Member, 2007 - Present)

Society of Lateral Access Surgery (Chairman of Trauma Study Group, 2007 - Present)

Sociedad Colombiana de Neurocirugia (Member, 2002 - Present)