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### **Biographical Sketch**

Professor, Emeritus, Medicine & Neurology (Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, Spinal Cord Injury), Univ. South Florida, Tampa.

Physician (Retired), Spinal Cord Injury Center, James A. Haley VA Hospital

Chief Medical Advisor: Stay in Step SCI Recovery Center, Tampa, FL

President: RehabMed South, Inc.

### **Education**

Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN Residency: Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, 1976

Huntington Mem. Hospital, Pasadena, CA: Residency, Internal Medicine, 1974

Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, SC: Doctor of Medicine, 1971

Wofford College, Spartanburg, SC BS: Chemistry, 1967

### **Board Certifications**

Internal Medicine; Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation; Spinal Cord Medicine: Brain Injury Medicine

### **Research Interests**

Neuro-regeneration, Olfactory Mucosal Autografts, Stem Cell Therapies Spinal Cord Injury Acute and Chronic, Outcomes; Prevention of Urinary Tract Infections

Prevention of Urinary Tract Infection in Spinal Cord Injury

Pressure Ulcer Prevention and Management; Respiratory Intervention in Quadriplegia

Energy Expenditure in Paraplegia; Metabolic Changes in Chronic SCI

### **Positions and Honors**

Best Doctors in America, Tampa Bay Metro region, elected: 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, and 2013.

Professor of Medicine & Neurology, University of South Florida: 2003 - 2016.

Chief, Spinal Cord Injury Center, James A. Haley Veterans Hospital, Tampa, FL: 2003- 2008.

Professor & Chairman: Phys Med & Rehab, Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee: 1996 - 2001.

Professor, Adjunct, School of Bioengineering, Marquette University: 2000- 2002.

Professor, Physical Med.& Rehab, University of California, Irvine, School of Medicine: 1993-1996.

Consultant (Staff), Mayo Clinic, Depart Phys Med & Rehab, Rochester, MN: 1976 - 1990.

Professor, Physical Medicine & Rehab, Mayo Clinic Medical School, Rochester, MN: 1990.

### **Recent Publications, Presentations, Selected**

1. Bauman WA, Spungen AM, Collins JF, Raisch DW, Deitrick GA, Nemchausk BA, Goetz LL, Park JS, Merritt JL, et al: The Effect of Oxandrolone on the Healing of Chronic Pressure Ulcers in Persons with Spinal Cord Injury: a Randomized Trial. *Annals of Internal Medicine* 158 (10): 718-726, May 21, 2013.

2. Darouiche RO, Green BG, Donovan SH, Merritt JL, et al: Multicenter Randomized Controlled Trial of Bacterial Interference for Prevention of Urinary Tract Infection in Patients with Neurogenic Bladder. *Urology* 78(2): 341-346, Aug 2011.

3. Gutierrez, CJ, Cathy Stevens C, Merritt JL, Pope C, Tanasescu M, Curtiss G: Trendelenburg chest optimization prolongs spontaneous breathing trials in ventilator-dependent patients with low cervical spinal cord injury, *Journal Rehab Res & Develop.* 47(3), 261-272, 2010.

4. Merritt JL, VanHarlinger W, Elliot MR: "Improving Hand Function with Robotic Simultaneous Passive Motion and Electrical Stimulation." *International Congress of Neurotechnology, Rome, Italy, Oct 14, 2010.*

5. Merritt JL, White KT, Scott SG: "Stem Cell Therapy Coupled with Intensive Regeneration Rehabilitation: Evidence of Early Efficacy in a Traumatic Complete Spinal Cord Injury, Case Report," *World Stem Cell Summit, Pasadena, CA Oct 3, 2011.*

\*\*Full CV available online and on request.