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Education and Training

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- Northwestern University Medical School, MD, 1987

- Fellowship, Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine, Musculoskeletal Biology, 1989
- Residency, University Hospitals of Cleveland, Integrated Orthopaedic Surgery, 1993
- Fellowship, University of California–Davis Medical Center, Orthopaedic Traumatology, 1994

Biosketch

As chair of the Department of Orthopaedics at the University of Maryland School of Medicine, Dr. Pollak is leading the way in building research programs aimed at understanding musculoskeletal disease and response to injury and investigating the effectiveness of clinical interventions. A preeminent orthopaedic trauma surgeon, he has introduced innovative surgical techniques to the University of Maryland's Shock Trauma Center and Medical Center to improve recovery after significant musculoskeletal trauma. He has also pioneered new processes in the evaluation and treatment of patients with orthopaedic injuries that have challenged traditional dogma and improved both patient care and resource utilization. Dr. Pollak was instrumental in developing sports medicine programs at the School of Medicine for professional and college athletes.

He has served as a team physician for the Baltimore Ravens and currently serves on the medical staff of the University of Maryland Terrapins. As former chair of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons' [Extremity War Injuries Project Team](#), Dr. Pollak was instrumental in leading efforts to define research gaps in treatment of high-energy musculoskeletal injury and in substantially increasing overall federal funding for musculoskeletal research. He is Editor of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons' Orange Book Series, an entire series of textbooks for emergency medical services (EMS) providers.

Dr. Pollak's interest in EMS began while he was a junior volunteer firefighter/EMT before college. He continues to pursue that interest today as Medical Director of the Baltimore County Fire Department. He also serves as a Special Deputy US Marshal and as Medical Director of the University of Maryland Shock Trauma Center's Go Team, a rapid response team of physicians and nurse anesthetists who respond into the field to assist field providers in situations of prolonged entrapment and at mass casualty incidents.

Research/Clinical Keywords

Orthopaedic surgery, orthopaedic traumatology

Highlighted Publications

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