

Jeffrey D. Willers, MD

Orthopedic Surgery of the Foot and Ankle



Originally from Georgia, Dr. Jeffrey Willers received an undergraduate degree in Biology from Emory University and obtained his medical degree from the Medical College of Georgia. Following a surgical internship and orthopedic surgery residency at Vanderbilt University, Dr. Willers completed a fellowship at the prestigious OrthoCarolina Foot and Ankle Institute in Charlotte, NC.

Board Certified by the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgeons, a member of the American Orthopaedic Foot and Ankle Society and the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, Dr. Willers specializes in surgery of the foot and ankle. He has specific interests in sport-related injuries, trauma, adult reconstruction, and degenerative and arthritic problems.

Dr. Willers serves as a foot and ankle consultant for the Tennessee Titans and is a team physician for Lipscomb Academy and Lipscomb University.

EDUCATION

8/1987-6/1991 Gainesville High School
Gainesville, GA

8/1991-5/1995 Emory University
Atlanta, GA
BS (Biology), May 1995

8/1995-5/1999 Medical College of Georgia
Augusta, GA
MD, May 1999

POSTDOCTORAL TRAINING

7/1999-6/2000 Vanderbilt University Medical Center
General Surgery Internship

7/2000-6/2004 Vanderbilt University Medical Center
Orthopaedic Surgery Resident

8/2004-7/2005 OrthoCarolina Foot and Ankle Institute (Charlotte, NC)
Foot and Ankle Fellow
Assistant team physician with Dr. Robert Anderson with the Carolina Panthers

EMPLOYMENT

8/2005 – Present Elite Sports Medicine + Orthopedics

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

8/1995-5/1996 Students for Community Involvement
(SCI)
Member/Volunteer Teacher

7/1997-5/1997 Medical College of Georgia
Sophomore Advisor

7/1997-6/1998 Clinical Mentorship Program (MCG)
Clinical Mentor

CERTIFICATION

Board Certified by the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery
Organization Memberships
American Medical Association (AMA)
American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS)
American Orthopaedic Foot and Ankle Society (AOFAS)
North Carolina Medical Society

HONORS / AWARDS

Gainesville High School
Salutatorian

Emory University
Phi Beta Kappa (elected as junior in 1993)
Alpha Epsilon Delta (premedical honor society)
Honor Council: member 1993-1995, chairman 1994
Medical College of Georgia

Medical College of Georgia Honors USMLE Part 1 and 2
Regents' Scholarship 1998-1999
Alpha Omega Alpha

Vanderbilt University Medical Center
Representative, Orthopaedic Class of 2004

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

"Willers, Jeffrey (2006). "Ankle Ligament Injury and Instability" in D. Johnson and S. Mair (Eds.), Clinical Sports Medicine (pp 673-680). Philadelphia, PA: Mosby Elsevier

Willers, J; Richardson, D; Jones, C; Cohen, B; Davis, WH; Anderson, R: Results of proximal metatarsal-Akin double osteotomy for hallux valgus correction. American Orthopaedic Foot and Ankle Society, 21st Annual Summer Meeting Program 21:42,2005

Willers, J; Richardson, D; Jones, C; Cohen, B; Davis, WH; Anderson, R: Evaluation of the morbidity of flexor hallucis longus tendon transfer. American Orthopaedic Foot and Ankle Society, 21st Annual Summer Meeting Program 21:9,2005. Presentation published in Orthopaedics Today: 25:10, October 2005
2002-2004 Vanderbilt University Medical Center

Limb Salvage Surgery: Reconstruction with Custom Tantalum Implants—accepted by Clinical Orthopaedics and Related Research

1998-1999 Medical College of Georgia, Dept. of Plastic Surgery
Mechanotransduction and its role in the external force-induced change in calvarial morphology

1994 Emory University Dept. of Anatomy and Cell Biology
Enzymes involved in post-translational processing of proglucagon

HOBBIES AND SPECIAL INTEREST

Running, home renovation, and spending time with his wife and their three children.