

# Biographical Description for The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Dr. James Hill

PERSON

Hill, James A., 1949-

**Alternative Names:** Dr. James Hill;

**Life Dates:** September 14, 1949-

**Place of Birth:** Chicago, Illinois, USA

**Residence:** Evanston, IL

**Work:** Chicago, IL

**Occupations:** Orthopedic Surgeon

## Biographical Note

Orthopaedic surgeon and professor Dr. James A. Hill graduated from Lane Technical High School in 1967. He went on to receive his B.A. degree in biology from Northwestern University in 1971 and his M.D. degree from the Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine in 1974. After completing an internship at Evanston Hospital in 1975 and his residency training in orthopaedic surgery at McGaw Medical Center of Northwestern University in 1979, Hill served a one-year fellowship in sports medicine with the National Athletic Institute of Health. In 1980, Hill was recruited as an instructor in the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery at the Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine. Between 1982 and 1994, he was promoted through the faculty ranks at the Feinberg School of Medicine. He was later appointed as a full professor of orthopaedic surgery in 1994. During his tenure at Northwestern University, Hill served on several university committees, including as a member of the Admissions Committee from 1982 to 1989; chair of the Motion Analysis Laboratory Implementation Committee from 1982 to 1984; co-director of the Center for Sports Medicine in 1982; and a member of the Minority Affairs Advisory Committee in 1989. Hill also served as a Major in the U.S. Army Reserves in 1985. He has provided medical care for both amateur and professional athletes and was the physician for the United States Olympic Team in Seoul, Korea in 1988. Later, Hill served as an attending physician at Northwestern Memorial Hospital, at Cook County Hospital, Children's Memorial Hospital and the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago. During his tenure at Northwestern Memorial Hospital, Hill served on the Nominating Committee; as chair of the Medical Executive Committee in 2006; and as the hospital's chief of staff from 2006 to 2008.

Hill has made hundreds of professional presentations and published papers in more than fifty-five medical journals, including Journal of Back and Musculoskeletal Rehabilitation and Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery. He has received numerous awards, including being honored in 2006 by Health for Humanity for leadership in improving cultural competency within the medical profession and global health. Hill was inducted in the inaugural class of the Northwestern University Black Alumni Association Hall of Fame (2007). He also received the Icon Award from the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boys and Girls Club of Chicago (2008), and was honored by The Monarch Awards Foundation of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.'s Xi Nu Omega Chapter (2009).

Hill and his wife, Sandra Hill, have three children and one grandchild.

Dr. James A. Hill was interviewed by The HistoryMakers on August 20, 2013.

## Related Entries

**Lane Technical College Prep High School** [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

**Diploma**

**Northwestern University** [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

**B.A.**

**Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine** [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

**M.D.**

**Evanston Hospital** [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 1974 to 1975]

**Intern**

**McGaw Medical Center of Northwestern University** [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 1977 to ?]

**Resident**

**Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine** [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 1998 to ?]

**Staff, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery**

**Northwestern Memorial Hospital** [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 1982 to ?]

**Staff**

**Cook County Hospital** [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 1962 to ?]

**Attending in Orthopaedic Surgery**

**V.A. Lakeside Medical Center** [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 1995 to ?]

**Attending in Orthopaedic Surgery**

**Children's Memorial Hospital** [EMPLOYEEOf]

[from 1991 to ?]

**Attending in Orthopaedic Surgery**

**Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago** [EMPLOYEEOf]

[from 2002 to ?]

**Member, Consulting Staff**

**Children's Memorial Hospital** [EMPLOYEEOf]

[from 1990 to 1992]

**Affiliate Attending in Orthopaedic Surgery**

**Provident Hospital** [EMPLOYEEOf]

[from 1994 to 1996]

**Member, Consulting Staff**

**Jesse Brown V.A. Westside Medial Center** [EMPLOYEEOf]

[from 2003 to ?]

**Attending in Orthopaedic Surgery**

**Northwestern Medical Alumni Association** [EMPLOYEEOf]

[from 2009 to 2011]

**President-Elect**

**Northwestern Medical Alumni Association** [EMPLOYEEOf]

[from 1974 to ?]

**President**

**American College of Sports and Medicine** [MEMBEROf]

[from ? to ?]

**Member**

**American College of Surgeons** [MEMBEROf]

[from ? to ?]

**Member**

**American Medical Association** [MEMBEROf]

[from ? to ?]

**Member**

**American Medical Joggers Association** [MEMBEROf]

[from ? to ?]

**Member**

**American Medical Soccer Association** [MEMBEROf]

[from ? to ?]

**Member**

**American Association of Shoulder and Elbow Surgeons** [MEMBEROf]

[from ? to ?]

**Member**

**Arthroscopy Association of North America** [MEMBEROf]

[from ? to ?]

**Member**

**Chicago Committee on Trauma** [MEMBEROf]

[from ? to ?]

**Member**

**Cook County Physician's Association** [MEMBEROf]

[from ? to ?]

**Member**

**International Arthroscopy Association** [MEMBEROf]

[from ? to ?]

**Member**

**International Society of Biomechanics in Sports** [MEMBEROf]

[from ? to ?]

**Member**

**Interurban Orthopaedic Society** [MEMBEROf]

[from ? to ?]

**Member**

**Kerlan Fellowship Society** [MEMBEROf]

[from ? to ?]

**Member**

**Mid-America Orthopaedic Association** [MEMBEROf]

[from ? to ?]

**Member**

**National Medical Association (NMA)** [MEMBEROf]

[from ? to ?]

**Member**

**Illinois Orthopaedic Society** [MEMBEROf]

[from 1985 to 1987]

**Membership Committee**

**American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons** [MEMBEROf]

[from 1986 to ?]

**Various**

**Institute of Medicine Chicago** [MEMBEROf]  
[from 1989 to 1997]

**Board of Directors**

**Illinois State Medical Society** [MEMBEROf]  
[from 1993 to 1995]

**Ad Hoc Orthopaedic Committee**

**Institute of Medicine Chicago** [MEMBEROf]  
[from 1993 to 1994]

**President**

**Institute of Medicine Chicago** [MEMBEROf]  
[from 1997 to 2006]

**Presidents Advisory Board**

**Chicago Medical Society** [MEMBEROf]  
[from 1998 to 1999]

**Medical**

**Chicago Medical Society** [MEMBEROf]  
[from 1998 to 1999]

**Physician Advocacy Committee**

**Illinois State Medical Society** [MEMBEROf]  
[from 1998 to 1999]

**Sports Medicine Committee**

**Institute of Medicine Chicago** [MEMBEROf]  
[from 1999 to 2001]

**Violence as a Medical Problem Committee**

**J. Robert Gladden Orthopaedic Society** [MEMBEROf]  
[from 2000 to 2003]

**Vice President**

**American Orthopaedic Society for Sports Medicine** [MEMBEROf]  
[from 2002 to 2006]

**By-Law Committee Chairman**

**Council on Musculoskeletal Specialty Societies** [MEMBEROf]  
[from 2002 to 2009]

**Representative for J. Robert Gladden Orthopaedic Society**

**J. Robert Gladden Orthopaedic Society** [MEMBEROf]  
[from 2003 to 2009]

**President**

**Institute of Medicine Chicago** [MEMBEROf]  
[from 2006 to ?]

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