

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

PERSON

Hill, James Allen, 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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