

John Michael Duff was born and raised in Dublin, Ireland. Following graduation from The Royal College Surgeons in Ireland, he pursued general surgery training as a Halsted resident at the Johns Hospital Hospital, Baltimore MD, USA from 1990-92. He then did a full neurosurgical residency training program at the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN, USA from 1992-97 with an interest in spine and skull base surgery. This included a 6 month pediatric neurosurgical rotation with Dr. Ian Johnston in the Childrens Hospital, Sydney, Australia. Residency was followed by a skull base surgery fellowship with Dr. Laligam Sekhar at the George Washington Hospital, Washington DC, USA. Following fellowship, Dr. Duff spent 18 months in Geneva University Hospital working with Professor Nicolas de Tribolet. He then returned to the USA in 2000 and took up a position as Assistant Professor of neurosurgery at Tufts University, New England Medical Center & St. Elizabeths Medical Center, Boston MA, USA. He also served as chief of neurosurgery at St Elizabeths Medical Center from 2002-2003. Dr. Duff returned to Switzerland in 2004 to take up his current position as a specialist in spinal and skull base surgery at the university hospital of Lausanne (CHUV). Dr. Duff has a research interest in surgical robotics of the spine, is a robotics patent co-holder and was part of a team which developed a surgical robot at the EPFL, Lausanne, Switzerland. His main clinical interests are complex reconstruction of the cervical spine and craniovertebral junction, image guided intra & extradural spinal surgery, & minimally invasive surgery of the spine. He has been a frequent faculty member of spine courses with EANS, AO Spine & Eurospine. He has been a frequently invited speaker in international surgical meetings. Dr. Duff is a fully Board Certified neurosurgeon in the USA, has the European Board Certification in neurosurgery, and the FMH (federal boards) equivalence in neurosurgery in Switzerland. He is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons (FACS), and of the American Association of Neurological Surgeons (FAANS).