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#### **Current Practice/Center/Institution:**

Gillette Children's Specialty Healthcare

#### **Medical School & Graduation Year:**

Columbia College of Physicians and Surgeons, 2005

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## **Orthopaedic Surgery Residency:**

University of California, San Francisco

#### **Pediatric Orthopaedic Fellowship:**

Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children



### What attracted your interest to IPSG?

There are too many unanswered questions about Perthes. Because it is fairly uncommon, the only meaningful way to study the disease is a multi-center approach. I was eager to be a part of group of physicians – from around the world -- dedicated to finding answers to these questions.

## What would you say is the most challenging part of treating Perthes Disease?

The uncertainty, especially in the early stages of the disease. It is very challenging to explain to families that we are unable to say whether their child will have a mild or severe form of the disease or whether their child will have a good or bad outcome. I try to be very open with families regarding the current limitations of our knowledge about Perthes. I also tell them that we are working hard to find better answers for them!

# What would you like to see accomplished through annual IPSG meetings?

Continued discussion, debate and collaboration about the best ways to study and treat Perthes. I would like to see us wholeheartedly continue with our current studies and continue to develop new studies to better understand the diagnosis and management of Perthes.

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