



Mohit Bhandari, MD, PhD, FRCSC
Professor, Surgery
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Dr. Bhandari currently serves as Distinguished University Professor [a position held by less than 2% of the total McMaster University staff and faculty] and Chair of the Department of Surgery at McMaster University. He also holds a Canada Research Chair in Surgical Innovation. He received his Master's degree in Clinical Epidemiology and Biostatistics from McMaster University and his PhD Degree from Goteborg University (Sweden). Dr. Bhandari is recognized the 'global leader' of evidence-based surgery and orthopaedic research receiving the fields highest awards including the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons Medal, the Edouard Samson Award, and the Kappa Delta Award. He has been acknowledged among the top 10 most cited orthopaedic fracture surgeons in the world. To this end, Dr. Bhandari has published and presented over 1100 papers [with 12 in the New England Journal of Medicine or Lancet] and has lead-edited several of his field's major textbooks. He has been given his province's and his country's highest civilian awards, the Order of Ontario and the Order of Canada. Dr. Bhandari is the incoming Editor-in-Chief of his field's highest impact peer reviewed journal, the Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery.



Olufemi Ayeni, MD
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Dr. Ayeni is a Professor and the Academic Division Head of Orthopaedic Surgery at McMaster University, Canada. He is the President-Elect of the Canadian Orthopaedic Association, an Adjunct Professor in the Department of Health Research Methodology, Evidence and Impact; Chief of Adult Surgery at McMaster University Medical Centre; Director of the McMaster Arthroscopy Collective Sports Medicine (MacSports) fellowship, and Medical Director for the Hamilton Tiger-Cats (Canadian Football League) and Forge FC (Canadian Premier League).

Dr. Ayeni holds a Tier 2 Canada Research Chair in Joint Preservation Surgery (2022-2027) and is a University Scholar (2022-2026) at McMaster University. He has published over 380 academic publications in sports medicine as well as several textbooks focused on sports medicine/research. Dr. Ayeni is the Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of the International Society of Arthroscopy, Knee Surgery and Orthopaedic Sports Medicine Scientific Committee, the first non-European appointed to the European Society for Sports Traumatology, Knee Surgery and Arthroscopy Committee (2020), and is currently the Research and Academy Chair of the International Society for Hip Arthroscopy (2021). He is considered a leading authority on orthopaedic sports injuries, in particular, hip injuries in the young adult, as this is a substantial portion of his clinical practice. He has spoken widely across the globe on evidence-based approaches to evaluate and treat hip-related syndromes and conditions.



Stephen French, MD, FRCS(C)
Orthopaedic Surgeon,
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Orthopaedic Surgeon
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Dr. French has worked as an Orthopaedic Surgeon at the South Health Campus (SHC) in Calgary, AB since 2013. Dr. French specializes in sports medicine and complex lower extremity reconstruction. In his research work, Dr. French has focused primarily on reconstruction in the athletic knee.

He contributes to medical education as the Education Lead for Sports Medicine at the Orthopaedic Surgery Residency program (University of Calgary) and by supervising medical students and residents at SHC. In his other professional activities, he has consulted for many professional teams including the Calgary Flames and the Calgary Stampeders. He is also consultant to the Canadian Olympic Team.



**Eugene Maida, MD, FRCPC (PM&R),
Dip. Sport Med. Assistant Clinical
Professor, Medicine
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Dr. Eugene Maida is Assistant Clinical Professor in the Departments of Medicine (Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation) with a cross appointment in the Department of Anesthesia at McMaster University. Dr. Maida is a physiatrist and interventional pain physician with a special interest in spine and musculoskeletal medicine. He completed his residency in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation and later completed subspecialty training in Pain Medicine under the Department of Anesthesia at McMaster University. He has also completed a sports medicine research fellowship at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester Minnesota, with a focus on Ultrasound Guided Musculoskeletal and Peripheral Nerve Interventions, as well as his diplomat in Sports & Exercise Medicine Physician through the Canadian Academy of Sports & Exercise Medicine (CASEM).

Dr. Maida is the Medical Director of the Michael G. DeGroot pain clinic at McMaster University and Head of Service at Hamilton Health Sciences for Pain Behaviours for the department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation.

Dr. Maida has worked as a team physician with the McMaster University varsity soccer and football teams, Canadian Junior National Basketball Team (NEDA) and is currently the Head Team Physician for the Hamilton Tiger Cats (CFL).
