



James L. Chappuis, MD, FACS – Class of 1973

James L. Chappuis, MD, FACS, is the son of a single mother who worked as a waitress to support her family. He has a passion for helping his patients to recover from debilitating spinal disorders using the latest surgical technology. Dr. Chappuis is the Founder and Senior Orthopaedic Spine Surgeon of Spine Center Atlanta and Spine Center Savannah.

Dr. Chappuis holds a Bachelors of Science in Biology, Summa Cum Laude from The University of Toledo (Ohio) and a Doctorate of Medicine from the Medical College of Ohio (Toledo, Ohio). He completed his Internship with Mercy Hospital in Toledo, Ohio, and two Residencies, the first in general surgery at Methodist Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee, and the second in orthopaedic surgery at the Campbell Clinic/University of Tennessee. Chappuis completed his AO Spine Fellowship with professor Jorgen Harms at Klinikum Karlsbad-Langensteinbach in Karlsbad, Germany.

Dr. Chappuis is certified by the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgeons and the American College of Surgeons. Chappuis is a clinical instructor with Georgia Regents University (formerly the Medical College of Georgia) in Augusta, Georgia, and has staff privileges with the Emory University Hospital Midtown. He is licensed to practice medicine in Georgia, Florida and Tennessee.

Dr. Chappuis co-authored a book in October 2004 with John Lee titled, "Doctor, I'm Scared: A Concise & Practical Guide to Reducing the Fears of Surgery." Chappuis has been featured in numerous articles including "How to Avoid Lower Back Pain from Exercise", and published extensively in peer reviewed journals, including *Spine*, *The Journal of Spinal Disorders*, *The Spine Journal*, *The Physician and Sports Medicine*, *The Asian Spine Journal* and *Rehab Management*. Dr. Chappuis is a holder of 15 US Utility Patents and has been recognized by Becker Spine Review as "20 Spine and Neurosurgeon Inventors to Know."

On January 24, 2015, Dr. Chappuis was given the "Heroes In Healthcare" award, which honors great philanthropic and service oriented Healthcare professionals. The award presentation is in conjunction with a fundraiser for The Shepherd Center, a private, not-for-profit hospital specializing in medical treatment, research, and rehabilitation for people with spinal cord and brain injuries.

Dr. Chappuis is an entrepreneur that enjoys art, landscape design and travel. His current endeavors include developing art programs, art exhibitions and hosting at Westside Cultural Arts Center in Downtown Atlanta where he is Founder and CEO. Dr. Chappuis' passion for art is evidenced through his relationship with world-renowned artist, Anthony Liggins, who co-owns Collective One Gallery with him.