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PETER MURRAY
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Peter Murray, MD, is Professor and Chair, Department of Orthopedic Surgery at Mayo Clinic in Florida and holds a joint appointment with the Department of Neurosurgery. Dr. Murray specializes in hand surgery and microsurgery, and has special interests in surgical reconstruction of peripheral nerve injuries, including brachial plexus reconstruction.

Dr. Murray is a native of Parkersburg, West Virginia and graduated from Parkersburg High School. He earned a bachelor's degree in chemistry and graduated magna cum laude from West Virginia University in Morgantown, West Virginia, where he also completed his Doctor of Medicine degree. While at West Virginia University, he was elected to the

Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society as an undergraduate and to the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society while a medical student, serving as Chapter President. He completed his orthopedic surgery training at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics in Iowa City, Iowa, followed by a fellowship in hand and microsurgery at Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota.

Dr. Murray was a Distinguished Graduate of the United States Air Force ROTC program at West Virginia University and served on active duty; rising to the rank of Lt. Colonel. He was deployed in support of the Operation Desert Storm campaign in 1991. He was awarded the USAF Meritorious Service Medal and the USAF Commendation Medal.

He served as the Dean for Education at Mayo Clinic in Florida for 10 years, overseeing the day to day activities of over 200 residents and fellows in 42 programs, as well as all medical student, graduate student, and allied health student activities on the Florida campus. In 2014, Dr. Murray was recognized for his work in education with the Mayo Clinic Distinguished Educator Award.

Dr. Murray is Past President of the American Board of Orthopedic Surgery (ABOS) and is currently a Senior Director for the ABOS. He chairs the Combined Committee on Surgery of the Hand which is the committee that oversees the subspecialty examination in hand surgery and is composed of members of the American Board of Plastic Surgery, the American Board of Surgery and the ABOS. He is a past President of the American Association for Hand Surgery, and currently is chair of the Orthopedic Surgery Residency Review Committee (RRC) for the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME).

Dr. Murray has authored more than 125 scientific publications and three books. He has lectured on hand surgery internationally in 20 different countries and has been a visiting professor at 18 different institutions in the United States. In 2016, Dr. Murray was recognized with the "Healthcare Hero Award" by the Jacksonville Business Journal and has received Jacksonville's "Top Doctor" award numerous times.

His wife Pamela is from Knoxville, Tennessee. They have been married for 24 years.