

HARMS STUDY GROUP NEWS

LEADING THE WAY IN SPINAL DEFORMITY SOLUTIONS

THE MISSION *The HSG is a group of surgeons dedicated to the advancement of treatment for children and adolescents with spine deformity. Through comprehensive, multicenter prospective research studies, questions regarding treatment approach and techniques to achieve desired outcomes are studied.*

THE FIRST HSG NEWSLETTER

WELCOME to first Harms Study Group (HSG) Newsletter! This newsletter has been created to connect with the patients who have made the HSG research a reality.

The research of the HSG would not be possible without the patients who allow their information to be used in our studies. Thank you!

We Need You...

Q. How are you a part of the Harms Study Group?

A. You are a patient that volunteered to participate in one of our research studies.

Q. What does being a part of this group mean?

A. It means you are helping other kids and adolescents with spinal deformities receive the best care possible. By allowing your information to be used in the HSG research studies, you are helping the HSG answer important clinical questions which advance the treatment and care of spinal deformities!!!

Q. How can you continue to help?

A. You can be sure to make all of your scheduled follow-up appointments with your spine surgeon. Once you have agreed to participate in HSG research, the follow-up information that you provide is CRITICAL to our success in answering our important research questions.

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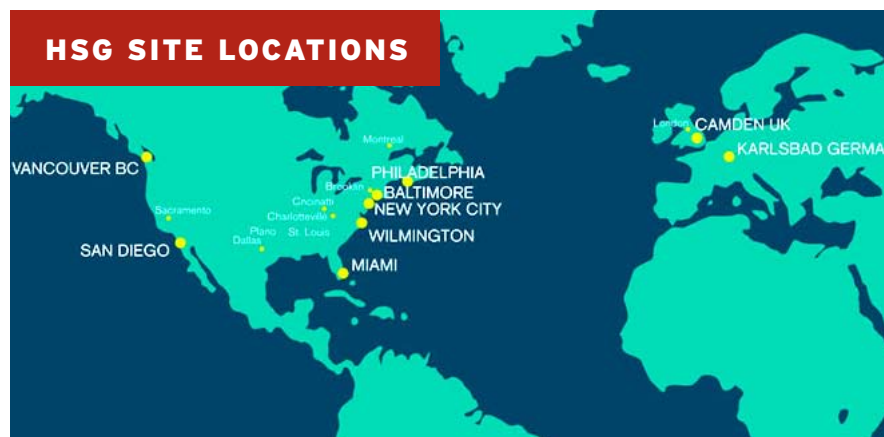
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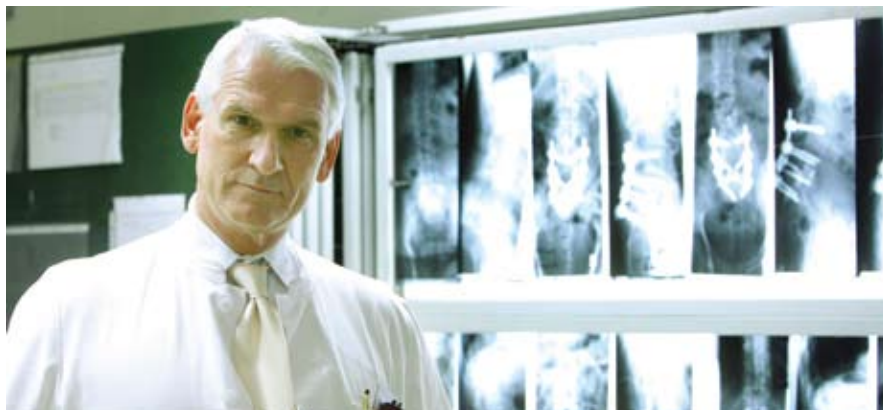
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WHY IS IT THE HARMS STUDY GROUP?



Prof. Juergen Harms, M.D. This study group is named after Professor Harms, as he was responsible for the inception and evolution of the group. His vision to create a new paradigm to treat scoliosis and his drive to study the outcomes has

made the study group what it is today. He is Chief of Spine Surgery at Klinikum Karlsbad-Lagensteinbach, **Germany**. He is a world renowned leader and innovator in scoliosis treatment.

PORTRAITS OF THE HARMS STUDY GROUP ADVANCING SCOLIOSIS KNOWLEDGE

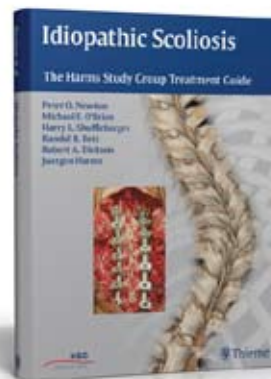


Dr. Newton and Aspen who is new Study Group studies to the Harms Study Group.



Dr. Shah with Sharon from Delaware, who is 2 years post surgery and involved in the Harms Study Group studies.

Share your story and your pictures with the HSG newsletter! We would love to profile your individual stories in a future HSG newsletter - to share with other patients! Contact the Harms Study Group Foundation office: mmarks@harmstudygroup.com



IN 2010: The HSG will publish its first Medical Textbook: Idiopathic Scoliosis: The Harms Study Group Guide to Evaluation and Treatment.

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SCIENTIFIC MEETING PRESENTATIONS MADE BY THE MEMBERS OF THE HSG IN 2009

12 presentations were made at the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons Annual meeting in February

10 presentations were made at the Scoliosis Research Society meeting in September

4 presentations were made at the Pediatric Orthopedic Society of North America meeting in May

10 presentations were made at the North American Spine Society meeting in November

12 presentations were made at the International Meeting of Advanced Spinal Techniques in July