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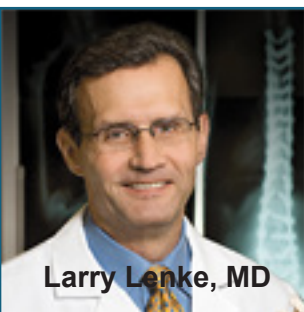
Supporting Discoveries in Spinal Deformities

IMAST 2013 ANNUAL MEETING



The International Meeting of Advanced Spinal Techniques was held in Vancouver this year. On Friday, July 12th, the members of The Harms Study Group met to discuss current research projects and new research development. Surgeon members evaluated and ranked research topics for AIS and Scoliosis in Cerebral Palsy to ensure that the most pressing treatment issues receive focus first. Future efforts relating to 3D radiographic analysis of spinal deformities were initiated, and a drive to obtain two year data collection of non-operative AIS patients was emphasized. The Harms Study Group members also presented three podiums and six posters at IMAST this year.

A BIG WELCOME TO HSG'S NEW CORE & ASSOCIATE MEMBERS!



Larry Lenke, MD

The Harms Study Group and Setting Scoliosis Straight are pleased to announce the addition of new members to our multi-center research team!

Surgeon **Larry Lenke** from Washington University in St. Louis has returned as a core member, and **Stefan Parent** from St. Justine in Montreal has advanced from associate member to core member.



Stefan Parent, MD

Surgeons **Ron Lehman** and **Michael Kelly** from Washington University in St. Louis, **Salil Upasani** from Rady Children's Hospital in San Diego, and **Tom Erico** from NYU in New York have joined HSG as new associate members. We are happy to welcome them all!

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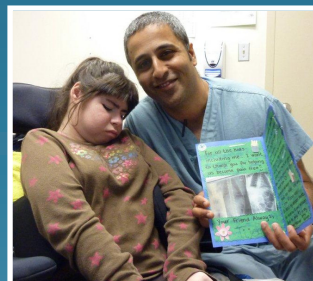
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SITE TO HIGHLIGHT: VANCOUVER

Our Vancouver site, led by core surgeon member Dr. Firoz Miyanji, has been involved with The Harms Study Group since 2008. Dr. Miyanji is joined by associate member, Chris Reilly, and new site coordinator, Sameer Desai.

The Vancouver site has significantly added to the non-operative cohort of AIS patients and plans to further bolster our non-operative patient follow-up data as we move forward. Non-operative data is crucial as it allows us to compare surgical versus non-surgical treatment outcomes, and the Vancouver site's contributions to this effort are invaluable. Thank you, Vancouver!



Site Surgeon
Firoz Miyanji, MD

PATIENT HIGHLIGHT

LEA'S INSPIRATIONAL STORY

My long journey with scoliosis started seven years ago, when I was just ten years old. I was taking a yoga class when my teacher unexpectedly noticed that my back was uneven. Little did I know that this simple observation was actually the beginning of what would become a very emotional and life-shaping experience. After a year or so of appointments with different doctors, I went to BC Children's Hospital, where I met Dr. Miyanji and saw an x-ray of my curved spine. What I found out was shocking: my curve had reached over fifty degrees, which meant I needed to get surgery. Two years later, my curve had increased to ninety-six degrees, and I then found myself in the hospital, eager to get the first of my two surgeries done...

SEE LEA'S FULL STORY ON OUR WEBSITE

Visit us online to learn more about her surgeries and modeling career!



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DON'T FORGET! As a patient volunteer for the Harms Study Group, your continued help is essential. Please remember to make all of your scheduled follow-up appointments with your spine surgeon.

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