

John Finkenberg MD BIO

Dr Finkenberg has been in private practice for 33 years in San Diego, California. He attended UCLA and majored in Psychobiology while playing Varsity Baseball and Football. He later attended UCLA Medical School and attended Harbor-UCLA Hospital for his Orthopedic Residency. He completed a Fellowship in Advanced Spinal Reconstruction at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore ,Maryland and was mentored by Dr John Kostuik. He has helped develop many instrumentation systems that are currently being utilized by surgeons around the world. He frequently lectures to surgeons both nationally and internationally on spinal surgery clinical outcomes and technique. Dr Finkenberg has authored several textbook chapters and he has been an Associate Editor for The Spine Journal for more than 10 years. He has been an active member in the North American Spine Society (NASS) Advocacy making frequent trips to Washington,DC to meet with Senators and Congressmen on Health Issues. He was the Council Director for NASS Advocacy for 6 years and received the Annual NASS Advocacy Award in 2019. He ascended to the NASS Presidency in 2022 as the 38th NASS President. He became a member of AOA in 2024. Dr Finkenberg's avocation includes creating Bronze sculptures which are being displayed at Johns Hopkins Hospital (Art of Surgery II), UCLA Hospital (Art of Surgery I) and Sharp Grossmont Women's Center (Gift of Life). His latest sculpture (Courage) plans to be donated to the 9/11 Memorial in New York, New York. He has been married for 47 years to Gail Finkenberg and has two boys John and Brent.