

Meghan Imrie - Bio

I was born and raised in Los Gatos, California, the daughter of an orthopaedic surgeon father and physical therapist mother with an older sister who had and has no interest in medicine. Although I thought I wanted to be a lawyer growing up, after working for two lawyers the summer after my senior year of high school, I realized that I really disliked reading, writing, and interpersonal conflict so I entered my undergraduate years at Yale with an open mind. College was dominated by competitive gymnastics, something I had been doing non-stop from the age of 6, and wonderful friendships. A stellar vertebrate biology class my sophomore year coupled with a summer job as an OR orderly back at Stanford hospital set me on the course towards medicine and eventually orthopaedic surgery for all of the cliched reasons. I went to UCSD for medical school, graduating in 2003 with a great skillset and even more amazing friends for life. Residency at Stanford was formative, and challenging and wonderful – in addition to learning orthopaedics from some amazing people, I met my husband Greg, another orthopaedic surgery resident, during my first few months of internship and we got married in my PGY4 year. I was lucky enough to head back to San Diego for my pediatric orthopaedic fellowship at Rady Children's Hospital which was another life-enriching experience with some of the best mentors in the field. After graduating fellowship, I returned to Stanford to join my residency mentors and have been there ever since, taking on mainly educational roles within our division and department. I have a special interest in communication skills and how to improve them in surgeons both with patients and within hospital teams.

I am so grateful for the work I do, the colleagues and trainees I get to do it with, and the amazingly supportive family I get to go home to. Our life is busy with 2 working surgeons and 4 children, all born within a 7-year span, but I wouldn't want it any other way. I look forward to being part of the AOA, especially its commitment to ongoing surgeon education and innovation in teaching the coming generations of orthopaedic surgeons.