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Dr Van Nortwick majored in economics and computer science at the University of Washington in Seattle and rowed on the Division 1 women's crew team. Go Huskies! She met her husband while doing a summer internship at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratories in Pasadena, CA and living at the California Institute of Technology (Cal Tech). She attended medical school at the University of Washington and had the opportunity to complete some of her rotations in Alaska, Wyoming, and Idaho as well as Harborview Medical Center. She completed a post-sophomore fellowship in pathology at Stanford University and couples matched at the University of Minnesota for residency. She enjoyed an amazing pediatric orthopedic surgery fellowship year at Stanford/Lucile Packard Children's hospital while her husband completed a simultaneous pediatric radiology fellowship at Stanford/Lucile Packard Children's hospital.

Dr Van Nortwick's research has focused on intra-operative radiation exposure, pediatric firearm injuries, and spinal fusion ergonomics. She has served as the MUSC orthopedic surgery clerkship director and assistant program director. She has hosted the Perry Initiative several times at MUSC. She has been active in the faculty senate and an advisor for the women in surgery interest group. Dr Van Nortwick has been the only female orthopedic surgeon in her department for most of her career.

Dr Van Nortwick enjoys being a wife and mom of 3 amazing children! She rides her bike to work, bikes around Charleston with her husband and kids, and has many QOMs. She feels very privileged to have an awesome job, family, and place to live!