

Benjamin Dirkx, DO

EDUCATION

2013-2014	Interventional Pain Medicine Training	Traverse City, MI
2010-2014	William Beaumont Hospital, Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation <i>Residency in Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, Chief Resident</i>	Royal Oak, MI
2006-2010	Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine	East Lansing, MI
2001-2006	Michigan State University Graduated with Honors Bachelor of Science in Zoology	East Lansing, MI

BOARD CERTIFICATION AND LICENSURE

July 2019	Board Eligible in Regenerative Medicine
May 2019	Board Certified in Electrodiagnostic Medicine
May 2016	Board Certified in Pain Medicine
July 2015	Board Certified and Fellowship-Trained in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
2015-Present	Qualified Medical Examiner for State of California Osteopathic Medical Board of California: License #20A13373

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

2013-Present	Interventional Experience: Over 15,000 documented procedures and 1,000 Spinal Cord Stimulators/DRG stimulators implanted	Traverse City, MI/ Santa Barbara, CA
2023	Pacific Spine and Pain Society Annual Conference	O'ahu, HI
2022	North America Neuromodulation Society Annual Conference	Las Vegas, NV
2021	Pacific Spine and Pain Society Annual Conference	Las Vegas, NV
2020	Pacific Spine and Pain Society Annual Conference	Las Vegas, NV
2019	California Society of Interventional Pain Physicians Annual Conference	Lake Tahoe, NV
2019	The Orthobiological Institutes Annual Conference	Chicago, IL

2019	Advanced Regenerative Training in Preparation & Injection Techniques of Lipoaspirate, PRP, Stem Cells Workshop	Chicago, IL
2019	Interventional Orthopedics Foundation Annual Conference	Broomfield, CO
2019	Advanced Techniques for Stem Cell implantation, Carpal Tunnel Release, Tenex procedures Workshop	Broomfield, CO
2018	Justin Sportsmedicine Team Rodeo Annual Conference	Las Vegas, NV
2018	California Society of Interventional Pain Physicians Annual Conference	Santa Barbara, CA
2018	Advanced Interventional Pain Procedures Workshop	Santa Barbara, CA
2018	Interventional Orthopedics Foundation Annual Conference	Broomfield, CO
2017	North American Neuromodulation Society Annual Conference	Las Vegas, NV
2017	Interventional Stimulators Intensive Workshop	San Jose, CA
2017	Dorsal Root Ganglion Stimulator Workshop training	Dallas, TX
2016	Pain Week Annual Conference	Las Vegas, NV
2015	Stryker Course for Venom Rhizotomy and Advanced Interventional Procedures	Los Angeles, CA
2015	International Spine Intervention Society Advanced Lumbar Interventional techniques	Phoenix, AZ
2015	Spine Intervention Society Cervical Interventional techniques and protocols workshop	New Orleans, LA
2014	Mayo Clinic Advanced Ultrasound guided procedures for the Spine and Extremities	Tampa, FL
2014	Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation National Conference With focus on Ultrasound and MSK treatment tract	Washington D.C
2014	St. Jude's and Dr. Michael Lynch Advanced Techniques for Spinal Procedures and Spinal Cord Stimulators	Ontario, CA
2013	University of Utah Ultrasound Guidance for Interventional Procedures Training Course	Park City, UT
2013	Michigan State University Botox Utilization and Chronic Migraine Course	Novi, MI
2012	Northwestern University Prosthetics- Orthotics Conference	Chicago, IL
2011	Mayo Clinic Advanced EMG techniques Conference	Ameilia Island, FL

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2014-Present	The Spine and Orthopedic Center <i>Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation Physician</i>	Santa Barbara, CA
2021-Present	Central California Pain Management	Bakersfield, CA
2016- Present	Official Physician for Annual Santa Maria Rodeo	Santa Maria, CA
2020-Present	Spanish Hills Interventional Pain Specialists	Camarillo, CA
2018-Present	Saint Charles Spine Institute	Thousand Oaks, CA
2014-2018	Santa Barbara Annual Marathon Head Physician	Santa Barbara, CA
2014-Present	Santa Barbara City College Physicals for Athletes	Santa Barbara, CA
2014-2019	Physician for Santa Barbara City College Rugby Team	Santa Barbara, CA

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Academy of Regenerative Medicine
Interventional Orthopedics Foundation
Wilderness Medical Society
American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
American Osteopathic Association
California Osteopathic Association
American Academy of Pain Management
Spine Intervention Society
North American Spine Society
American Board of Pain Medicine

ATTENDING STAFF

2014-Present	Carrillo Surgery Center	Santa Barbara, CA
2014-Present	Central Valley Surgical Center	Bakersfield, CA
2021-Present	Synergy Surgical Center Pain Management Director	Westlake, CA

PUBLICATIONS

Case Report: Anterior Cord Syndrome After Femoral Cardiac Catheterization.
AAPMR National Conference. 2014. Ben Dirks, D.O. Nancy DeSantis, D.O.

Chronic Problems With Sedentary Work. Bakersfield Magazine. Vol. 33 No.2

LECTURES, PRESENTATIONS AND EXHIBITS

6/2019	<i>Role of Opioids in Chronic Pain</i>
12/2018	<i>Platelet Rich Plasma Current Literature and Future Direction</i>
6/2018	<i>Sacroiliac Joint Pain Diagnosis and Treatment</i>
5/2017	<i>Dorsal Root Ganglion Stimulators Use and Limitations</i>
6/2016	<i>The Role of Neuromodulation in Today's Treatment of the Modern Patient</i>
12/2015	<i>Literature Review of Lumbar Interventional Procedures: Best Evidence guidelines</i>
4/2014	<i>Pain medications: The How, When, What, and Why of Use</i>

2/2014 *Common and Uncommon Shoulder Problems*
2/2014 *Pearls and Pitfalls of Diagnosing and Treating Lower Extremity Pain*
6/2013 *The Many Problems with Backs*
2/2013 *Burn Rehabilitation and Management*
1/2013 *Hand Anatomy and Common Problems*
12/2012 *Complex Regional Pain Syndrome and Modern Treatments*
10/2012 *Shoulder Anatomy and Common Problems*
8/2012 *Pain Pathophysiology*