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City: Passaic, NJ

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Medical School Graduated From: Aristotle University; Thessaloniki, Greece

Residency Location: Philadelphia, PA; Newark, NJ

Specialty: Orthopaedic Surgery

What factors influenced your decision to become a physician? My teachers and my parents due to my character and caring capacity.

Did you have any mentors or influential people in the course of your medical training or career who made an impact on you? During my surgical internship, my senior residents at Kings County Hospital, Brooklyn, NY, and Mt. Sinai, Cleveland, Ohio, influenced me to become an Orthopaedic Surgeon.

Did you experience a defining moment that made you feel you had become a physician? When I entered and graduated from medical school I became ecstatic.

As you were training to be a physician, what one piece of advice could you not have done without? To study hard.

What advice would you give to medical students graduating in the class of 2007? Study hard and be observant of experts.

What is the most significant medical innovation you experienced in your years of practice? The praise I receive on the good results of my surgery.

What regrets, if any, do you have about your medical career? I declined the University career.

Is there one patient, situation or incident that stands out above all others in your career? The complete cure of orthopaedic problems with no recurrence and praise by patients.