

Scott Nelson MD

Dr. Scott Nelson graduated with honors from Loma Linda University School of Medicine in 1996. He continued his training at Loma Linda University for his five years of orthopaedic surgery residency. After completing residency he practiced as an orthopaedic trauma surgeon at Riverside County Regional Medical Center. During this time he completed a fellowship in pediatric orthopaedics at UCSD/San Diego Children's Hospital. With inspiration from his grandfather who served as a surgeon in Africa for many years, Scott decided to answer a call to serve as the medical director of the Cure International children's orthopaedic hospital in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. Scott, his wife Marni and their two boys lived in inner city Santo Domingo for more than five years while Scott developed a teaching program that brought cutting edge orthopaedic surgery techniques to those without resources. It was during this time that he developed an interest in complex limb deformity and lengthening procedures as well as obtained extensive experience in scoliosis surgery and pediatric hip reconstruction. His interest and expertise in limb reconstruction was further augmented after spending time at the International Center for Limb Lengthening in Baltimore, MD with Drs. Herzenberg and Paley. An unplanned diversion in his transition back to a full time faculty position at Loma Linda University found him in Port au Prince, Haiti after the January 12, 2010 earthquake. While working for 6 months at the Adventist Hospital of Haiti he developed a national referral center for orthopaedic surgery which continues to serve as a teaching program and provides services not offered at other medical institutions on the island. In September 2010 Dr. Nelson joined the Loma Linda University as a full time clinical faculty member and surgeon. His experience strengthens the university's focus on whole person care and training physicians for international medical service. With his clinical expertise in limb deformity surgery and pediatric orthopaedics Loma Linda University continues to grow as a referral center for advanced orthopaedic procedures.