

# BOARD NEWS

## Hugh L. Bassewitz, M.D., FAAOS Joins Board of Medical Examiners

**Hugh L. Bassewitz, M.D., FAAOS** was appointed by Governor Joe Lombardo to a position on the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners (Board) effective September 1, 2024. The Board welcomes **Dr. Bassewitz** as a physician member.

**Dr. Bassewitz** is an Orthopedic Spine Surgeon and a Senior Managing Partner at Desert Orthopaedic Center in Las Vegas, Nevada. He graduated from Tufts University with a B.S. in Biology and received his M.D. from the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in Baltimore, Maryland. He completed his General Surgery internship and Orthopaedic Surgery residency at UCLA and a spinal surgery fellowship at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, Michigan. He has practiced in Nevada since 2000. He earned board certification by the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery in 2003 and recertified in 2013 and 2023. He has been a Fellow of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons since 2005.

**Dr. Bassewitz** is a member of the North American Spine Society (NASS), the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgery (AAOS), the Clark County Medical Society (CCMS), the Nevada State Medical Association, and the Nevada Orthopaedic Society. He is a current trustee for CCMS, has served on the AAOS Board of Councilors, is a past president of the Nevada Orthopaedic Society, and is a former chief of surgery at Desert Springs Hospital.

**Dr. Bassewitz** specializes in cervical and lumbar surgery, robotic surgery, microsurgery, and minimally invasive surgery. He focuses on complex spine reconstruction via minimally invasive techniques.

During his training, **Dr. Bassewitz** participated in clinical and surgical research projects and published peer-reviewed articles and book chapters. He continues to lecture regionally and nationally on degenerative disorders of the spine and spinal reconstruction. He serves as a spine consultant for the Las Vegas Raiders and the Vegas Golden Knights.

**Dr. Bassewitz** is the Director of the Desert Orthopaedic Center/Jewish Nevada/American Friends of the Rabin Medical Center Annual Visiting Fellowship, which hosts a visiting Israeli Orthopaedic Surgery resident for two weeks each year. He has taught internal and family medicine residents from UNLV, Orthopaedic surgery residents from Valley Hospital, and medical students from Touro University. He has participated in both implant design and training in collaboration with the spinal implant industry.

**Dr. Bassewitz** currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Council for a Better Nevada and on the Board of Advisors for Nevada State Bank. He is a past Chairman of the Board of the Jewish Federation of Las Vegas.

### THE BOARD IS UPGRADING ITS NEWSLETTER

The Board of Medical Examiners is pleased to announce that beginning with its newsletter in June 2025, the Board will be utilizing Constant Contact for its newsletters, to better serve the public and its licensees. Accordingly, future newsletters will no longer be available in hard copy. If you are currently receiving the Board's newsletters by mail and wish to continue receiving the newsletters via email, please contact the Board by email at [nsbme@medboard.nv.gov](mailto:nsbme@medboard.nv.gov), or by phone at 775-688-2559 or 888-890-8210 (toll free).

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