

# Thomas James Christensen

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Reno Orthopaedic Clinic

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## **Employment**

2013 Reno Orthopaedic Clinic—Orthopaedic Surgeon and Upper Extremity Specialist

2013 University of California, Davis—Visiting Clinical Faculty

## **Education**

1-4/2014 Alps Shoulder Institute, Annecy, France—Shoulder Fellowship, Dr. Laruent Lafosse

2012-2013 Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN, Hand & Microvascular Surgery Fellowship

2007-2012 University of Utah, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery Residency

2003-2007 University of Southern California (USC), Keck School of Medicine

Class rank 1 of 163, Graduating Valedictorian, with Highest Distinction

1999-2003 University of California, San Diego (UCSD), Revelle College

Graduating Valedictorian of Revelle College, Magna Cum Lauda

B.S., Biology—Physiology/Neuroscience [GPA: 4.0 (major), 3.83 (overall)]

8/2002 University of Paris, La Sorbonne—French Language Immersion Studies

7/2002 University of Aix-Marseille III—French Language Immersion Studies

## **Honors & Awards**

2009-2011 ACGME Orthopaedics Residency Review Committee, Resident Member

2007 AMA Education/Research Outstanding Student Award (for USC class rank 1/163)

2007 AMA Education Clinical Award (only student to honor 9 of 9 clerkships)  
2006 Alpha Omega Alpha (ΑΩΑ) Honors Society, USC, Junior year elect  
2004-2007 Dean's Recognition 4/4 years, USC  
2002 Phi Beta Kappa (ΦβΚ) Honors Society, UCSD, Junior year elect  
2003 Valedictorian, Magna Cum Lauda of Revelle College, UCSD  
2003 Biology Honors Thesis, Drosophila melanogaster Research, UCSD  
1999 Silver State Scholar, Reno High School (top 1% Nevada students, unweighted GPA 3.95)

### **Board Examinations**

USMLE Step 1 (6/05, 269/99); Step 2 (3/07, 273/99); Step 3 (3/08, 241/99)  
OITE PGY2 (98 percentile); PGY3 (97); PGY4 (99); PGY5 (99)  
ABOS Part 1 (237, 95 percentile)

### **Society Memberships**

2012 American Society of Surgery of the Hand, candidate member  
2013 American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgery, candidate member

### **Active Medical Licensure**

2013 Nevada, California, Utah, Minnesota

### **Memberships**

2012 American Society of Surgery of the Hand—Candidate Member  
2012 American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgery—Fellow Member

### **Microsurgical Training**

7/2012 Mayo Clinic Advanced Microsurgical Course  
6/2012 University of Southern California, Plastic Surgery, Microsurgical Course  
8/2011 Columbia University Microsurgical Course

### **Manuscript Publications**

- 2005        **Christensen TJ**, Selby R, Sher L, et al. Iatrogenic Pseudoaneurysms of the Extrahepatic Arterial Vasculature: Management and Outcome. Journal of the International Hepatobiliary Association (IHPB) 2006; 8: 458-464.
- 2009        Zalavras CG, **Christensen TJ**, Patzakis MJ, et al. Infections Following Operative Management of Ankle Fractures. Clin Ortho Rel Res 2009; 467: 1715-1720.
- 2013        **Christensen TJ**, Thorum T, Kubiak EN. Lidocaine Analgesia for Removal of Wound Vacuum-Assisted Closure Dressings: a Randomized Double Blinded Placebo Controlled Trial. Journal of Orthopaedic Trauma 2013; 27: 107-112.
- 2013        Wagner E, **Christensen TJ**, Elhassan B. Feasibility of Latissimus and Teres Major Transfer to Reconstruct Irreparable Subscapularis Tendon Tear: An Anatomic Study. J Shoulder Elbow Surg 2013; 27: epub ahead of print.
- 2013        **Christensen TJ**, Hohl J, Patel A. Neuroforaminal Chondrocyte Metaplasia and Clustering Associated with Recombinant Bone Morphogenetic Protein-2 Usage in Transforaminal Lumbar Interbody Fusion. Spine J 2013; epub ahead of print.
- 2013        **Christensen TJ**, Horwitz D, Kubiak EN. Prospective Comparison Of Percutaneous Versus Open Technique For The Treatment Of Clavicle Fracture Yields Decreased Anterior Chest Wall Numbness. Submitted to Journal of Shoulder and Elbow
- 2013        **Christensen TJ**, Samant S, Shin AY. Metal Allergy and Hypersensitivity of Orthopaedic Implants. Accepted to Journal of AAOS.
- 2013        **Christensen TJ**, Higgins T, Kubiak EN. The Anterior Pelvic Internal-External Fixator: Supplemental Fixation in the Setting of Implant Failure for Pelvic Ring Injuries. Submitted to Journal of Orthopaedic Trauma.
- 2013        **Christensen TJ**, Horwitz D, Higgins T, Kubiak EN. Natural History of Anterior Chest Wall Numbness after Plating of Clavicle Fractures: Educating Patients. Submitted to Journal of Orthopaedic Trauma.
- 2013        Rice C, Christensen TJ, Bottlang M, Fitzpatrick D, Kubiak E. Excellent Results With Treatment Of Tibia Fractures Using Far Cortical Locking (FCL) Implants. Submitted to the Journal of Orthopaedic Trauma.

**Textbook Publications**

- 2013        **Christensen TJ**, Elhassan B. Tendon transfers for Shoulder Winging. *Orthopaedic Knowledge Online Pending publication.*
- 2012        **Christensen TJ**, Bishop, A, Spinner R, Shin A. AAOS Comprehensive Orthopaedic Review: Adult Traumatic Brachial Plexus Injuries. Accepted for Publication
- 2012        **Christensen TJ**, Bishop, A, Spinner R, Shin A. AAOS Orthoinfo Shoulder & Elbow: Adult Traumatic Brachial Plexus Injuries. Accepted for Publication
- 2012        **Christensen TJ**, Bishop AT, Spinner RJ, Shin AY: Traumatic injuries of the adult brachial plexus. American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons Web Site: *Orthopaedic Knowledge Online* 2012;10(7): [http://orthoportal.aaos.org/oko/article.aspx?article=OKO\\_HAN035](http://orthoportal.aaos.org/oko/article.aspx?article=OKO_HAN035).
- 2012        **Christensen TJ**, Kubiak EN. Epidemiology, Clinical Evaluation, Imaging and Classification of Scapular Fractures. Disorders of the Shoulder: Diagnosis and Management. Third Edition, Joseph Iannotti, Gerald Williams Jr., LWW. Pending
- 2012        **Christensen TJ**, Kubiak EN. Non-operative management of Scapular Fractures: Indications, Techniques, and Outcomes. Disorders of the Shoulder: Diagnosis and Management. Third Edition, Joseph Iannotti, Gerald Williams Jr., LWW. Pending

### **Podium Presentations**

- 2013        **Christensen TJ**. Management of Chronic DRUJ Instability. Mayo Clinic, Grand Rounds, February, 2013.
- 2013        **Christensen TJ**. Management of Swan Neck Deformity. Mayo Clinic, Grand Rounds, February, 2013.
- 2012        **Christensen TJ**, Shin AY, Bishop AT. Free Vascularized Bone Grafting for Segmental Defects. Mayo Clinic, Grand Rounds, December 2012.
- 2012        **Christensen TJ**, Horwitz D, Higgins T, Kubiak E. Natural History of Anterior Chest Wall Numbness after Plating of Clavicle Fractures: Educating Patients. Podium presentation AAOS Annual Meeting, February 2012
- 2011        **Christensen TJ**, Thorum T, Kubiak K. Lidocaine Analgesia for Removal of Wound Vacuum-Assisted Closure Dressings: a Randomized Double Blinded Placebo Controlled Trial. Podium presentation, AAOS Annual Meeting, February, 2011

2011            **Christensen TJ.** Tendon Transfers about the Shoulder. University of Utah, Grand Rounds. September 2011.

2010            **Christensen TJ.** Corticosteroid Injections for Musculoskeletal Disorders. University of Utah, Grand Rounds. December 2010.

### **Poster Presentations**

2013            **Christensen TJ,** Horwitz D, Kubiak EN. Prospective Comparison Of Percutaneous Versus Open Technique For The Treatment Of Clavicle Fracture Yields Decreased Anterior Chest Wall Numbness. OTA Annual Meeting, September 2013

2012            **Christensen TJ,** Horwitz D, Higgins T, Kubiak E. Natural History of Anterior Chest Wall Numbness after Plating of Clavicle Fractures: Educating Patients. ASSH Annual Meeting, September 2012

2012            **Christensen TJ,** Horwitz D, Higgins T, Kubiak E. Natural History of Anterior Chest Wall Numbness after Plating of Clavicle Fractures: Educating Patients. AAOS Annual Meeting, February 2012

### **Ongoing Research**

2014            Outcomes after V-shaped Subscapularis Tenotomy for Total Shoulder Arthroplasty (France)

2013            Microsurgical Practice in relation to Microsurgical Fellowship Training (Mayo)

2013            Outcomes after Early Surgical Management of Clinodactyly (Mayo)

2012            Long term outcomes after surgical reconstruction of skier's thumb injuries (Mayo)

2012            Anatomic evaluation of novel tendon transfers about the shoulder (Mayo)

### **Work Experience**

9/01-4/02      Teaching assistant—General Biology II, UCSD

6/01-12/01     Operating room orderly—Saint Mary's Hospital, Reno, NV

6/99-9/99      House painter—Clark and Sullivan Construction, Reno, NV

### **Volunteer Work Experience**

3/2011          Health Volunteers Overseas; International Orthopaedic Rotation, Cusco, Peru

9/03-5/05      Tutoring--King Middle School, Hollywood, CA

9/02-6/03      Emergency Room volunteer—UCSD Hillcrest Hospital

9/00-6/03 Meals-on-Wheels, San Diego, CA

**Extracurricular**

2000-present Director/Co-Founder Matthew Bartlett Memorial Scholarship Committee

Hobbies Snow/water skiing, swimming, running, backpacking to hot springs, and chess.