

***MASS GENERAL BRIGHAM
ORTHOPAEDIC SURGERY***

***MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL HOSPITAL
GRAND ROUNDS***

James P. Higgins, MD, FACS
Chair, Curtis National Hand Center
Medstar Union Memorial Hospital
Baltimore, MD

***“Bone and Cartilage Flaps for Scaphoid Nonunion and Kienbock's Disease:
Is this the Future of Small Joint Reconstruction?”***



***Thursday, April 17, 2025
6:30am -7:30am EST***

***Massachusetts General Hospital
O’Keeffe Auditorium
(HYBRID, In-person & on Zoom)***



James P. Higgins, MD, FACS serves as the fourth chief in the 70+ year history of the Curtis National Hand Center in Baltimore, Maryland.

Dr Higgins completed his undergraduate work at Williams College in Massachusetts, his medical school training at the University of Rochester, and his plastic surgical training at the University of Rochester. He then completed a hand surgery fellowship at the Curtis National Hand Center in 2002 and became a faculty member. In 2011 he began his tenure as Chief of the Hand Center.

His clinical and research interests include vascularized bone/cartilage reconstruction of extremity nonunions, functioning muscle reconstruction of the upper limb, toe transfer digital reconstruction, complex reconstruction of upper extremity trauma and vaso-occlusive disease of the hand.

Dr Higgins is an active member of multiple professional societies, serving on executive council and administrative committees for the ASSH, AAHS, ASRM, & ABPS. He has served as program chairman of the national meetings of the ASRM (2013) and ASSH (2019). He is the current Vice President of the American Society for Reconstructive Microsurgery.

Dr Higgins has also been granted travelling fellowships by national societies including:

- The 2010 Marco Godina Traveling Fellow by the American Society of Reconstructive Microsurgery (ASRM)
- 2010 Dr Higgins travelling Visiting Professor for the American Society for Surgery of the Hand (ASSH)
- The 2013-2014 Sterling Bunnell Traveling fellow for the American Society for Surgery of the Hand (ASSH).
- The 2024 Zamboni Travelling Professor for the American Society for Reconstructive Microsurgery (ASRM)

Dr Higgins dedicated much of his clinical and research efforts to the advancement of microsurgical reconstructive of upper extremity traumatic injuries with a focus on vascularized bone and cartilage transfer. His work was recognized when he was the selected recipient of the 2024 Weiland Award by the American Society for Surgery of the Hand. This award is granted to a single surgeon for a lifetime contribution of clinical and scientific research for the advancement of hand surgery.

As Chief, Dr Higgins directs the Curtis National Hand Center's civilian hand fellowship, but also serves as the site director of the joint Walter Reed/Curtis Hand military fellowship that has provided hand surgery training for the US Army hand surgeons since the 1960's. He also serves as a team leader for the collaborative hand transplantation program with the Department of Plastic Surgery at Johns Hopkins Hospital.

Thursday, April 17, 2025

**MASS GENERAL BRIGHAM
ORTHOPAEDIC SURGERY**

**MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL HOSPITAL
GRAND ROUNDS**

**Massachusetts General Hospital
O'Keeffe Auditorium
(HYBRID, In-person & on Zoom)
6:30am -7:30am EST**

6:30am	Welcome	Chaitanya S. Mudgal, MD, MS, MCh <i>Mass General Brigham Department of Orthopaedic Surgery Hand & Upper Extremity Division (MGH) Associate Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery Harvard Medical School</i>
6:35am	<i>"Bone and Cartilage Flaps for Scaphoid Non- union and Kienbock's Disease: Is this the Future of Small Joint Reconstruction?"</i>	James P. Higgins, MD, FACS
7:30am	Wrap-up / Adjourn	Chaitanya S. Mudgal, MD, MS, MCh