

LTC Paul Pasquina, MD, USA

Lieutenant Colonel Paul F. Pasquina was born and raised in Gloucester, Massachusetts. He received an appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point, NY in 1983. While at West Point, he was a quarterback on the varsity football team, which won two bowl games and during his senior year had victories over the Air Force and Naval Academies, thus earning the Commander and Chief's Trophy. He was also honored that year with the team's "Champion of the Year Award" for leadership and teamwork. Upon graduation from West Point in 1987 with a B.S. in Chemistry, he attended the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences. He received his Doctor of Medicine degree in 1991 and the following year completed his Transitional internship training at Eisenhower Medical Center in Augusta, Georgia. He completed his residency training in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (PM&R) at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in 1995, earning the "Outstanding Resident Award" and was selected to remain at Walter Reed as a member of the teaching faculty. At Walter Reed he served as the Director of the Inpatient, Outpatient, Amputee, and Electrodiagnostic Services, as well as the Medical Quality Improvement Consultant for the North Atlantic Regional Medical Command. In 2000 he was selected to be the Program Director for the Army's only Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation residency program. At the time of his selection, he was one of the Army's youngest medical residency program directors. His graduates achieved a 100% first time board certification pass rate and the program received the American Academy of Graduate Education's (ACGME) highest accreditation. In 2003, he was selected to be the Chairman of the Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation Service and shortly thereafter was instrumental in helping to form the U.S. Military's Amputee Program at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. As the Medical Director of the Amputee Program and the Chairman of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Dr. Pasquina remains committed to providing comprehensive and holistic care to all injured military service members returning from over seas and has helped to establish Walter Reed as a world renowned rehabilitation program. He has instituted numerous educational programs, developed model systems of care, brought increased awareness to persons with neurological impairment and limb loss and has helped to stimulate the Federal Government to commit nearly 100 million dollars towards research to help improve the lives of individuals with disabilities. In addition to being board certified in Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, Dr. Pasquina is also board certified in electrodiagnostic medicine and pain medicine. He completed a fellowship in sports medicine and remains interested in all aspects of musculoskeletal medicine especially as it applies to individuals with disability. He serves on the editorial boards of the American Journal of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation and Journal of Rehabilitation Research and Development. He is an elected Fellow of the American Institute for Medical Biomedical Engineering (AIMBE) as well as a Secretarial appointee on the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Advisory Committee for Prosthetics and Special Disabilities Programs. Dr. Pasquina has authored multiple book chapters, journal articles, and policy papers. He continues to serve as a consultant to the Food and Drug Administration's Orphan Drug Program. He has received multiple teaching and military awards to include the U.S. Army's "A" Proficiency Designation for academic excellence. Dr. Pasquina is married to the former Lavinia Fici from Palermo, Italy.