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Dr. Alan Seyfer graduated from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and after serving in the US and Southeast Asia as a platoon leader and battery commander of a missile unit, entered the medical profession. He graduated from the Louisiana State University School of Medicine in New Orleans, completed a surgical internship and general surgery residency at Fitzsimons Army Medical Center, Denver, Colorado. He then completed plastic surgery training at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington DC and a hand surgery/microsurgery fellowship at Duke University and Walter Reed. He was assigned to Walter Reed as a faculty member and served as Chief of the Plastic Surgery Training Program (Department of Surgery) as well as Chief of the Hand Surgery Training Program (Department of Orthopedic Surgery) before retiring from the U.S. Army and accepting a position in the State of Oregon. As Professor of Surgery and Anatomy at the Oregon Health & Science University School of Medicine, he served as the Chief and Training Program Director of the Plastic/Reconstructive Surgery and Hand/Microsurgery Programs; Co-Director of the Gross Anatomy Course; Chief of Maxillofacial Trauma; and as a Staff General Surgeon in the OHSU Level I Trauma Unit. His laboratory research interests have been in the field of bone morphogenetic proteins and in the development of biocompatible bone regeneration materials. His clinical interests have been in the treatment of syndactyly (webbed fingers), cleft lip and palate, craniofacial disorders, rheumatoid hand reconstruction, chest wall reconstruction, and breast reconstruction. He has published over 100 articles and chapters and authored a surgical textbook/atlas on chest wall reconstruction. He is certified by the American Board of Surgery and the American Board of Plastic Surgery, and has the Certificate of Added Qualifications in Surgery of the Hand awarded by both of these boards. He has served on the Advisory Council for Plastic and Maxillofacial Surgery and the Board of Governors of the American College of Surgeons, and has represented the College on the Residency Review Committee for Plastic Surgery. He has also been active in national surgical societies and committees and has served on the editorial boards of national surgical journals. He teaches in the Department of Anatomy, Physiology and Genetics Introduction to Structure and Function and Clinical Head and Neck/Functional Neurosciences courses at USU.