

Boulder Orthopedic Surgeon Presents Regenerative Medicine Breakthrough at Annual National Meeting of Orthopedic Surgeons

Joanne Halbrecht, MD is a leader in the use of Adipose-Derived Cell Therapy in Private Practice

BOULDER, Colo., April 2— Joanne Halbrecht, MD, served as moderator and presenter at the prestigious American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons annual meeting, held March 9 in New Orleans. Dr. Halbrecht, a board certified orthopedic surgeon and sports medicine specialist, heads the Boulder Regenerative Medicine division at Boulder Institute for Sports Medicine.

The 90-minute Instructional Course Lecture, "The Practical Application of Adipose-Derived Cell Therapy in Private Practice," was co-presented with Dr. Claude T. Moorman of Duke University and Dr. Champ Baker of the Hughston Clinic.

Dr. Halbrecht is a recognized expert and innovator in the use of fat-derived cell therapy to treat musculoskeletal injuries and pain. She spoke about the science of regenerative medicine and FDA regulations governing the use of fat, bone marrow, amniotic tissue and umbilical cord blood. All presenters spoke about their clinical experience using fat in orthopedics, including indications, contraindications and outcomes.

The AAOS presentation in New Orleans concluded with an active panel discussion and Q&A session for the 120 attendees.

Following the presentation, Dr. James Tibone, USC medical director and consulting physician for the LA Dodgers, Lakers, and Anaheim Ducks, said, "Dr. Halbrecht's Instructional Course Lecture at the AAOS

meeting was one of the best I have ever attended. I learned about the efficacy of fat transplant and am now going to use it in my practice."

The device Dr. Halbrecht uses for processing the fat is FDA cleared and the procedure can be performed in the course of one in-office visit. The patients' own fat cells are harvested during the visit, processed and then injected back into the area of the injury. Multi-year studies on this procedure have established a pattern of improved healing in the treatment of rotator cuff tears and pain relief for knee arthritis.

Dr. Halbrecht is one of the first and few doctors using the breakthrough adipose-derived cell therapy procedure and appears often in national and local media as an expert on regenerative medicine and cell therapy.

Boulder Regenerative Medicine at Boulder Institute for Sports Medicine works at the forefront of cell therapy to heal injuries and promote orthopedic wellness.

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For more information about Dr. Joanne Halbrecht, Adipose-Derived Cell Therapy or Boulder Regenerative Medicine, visit boulderinstitute.com