

James P. Cole, Jr., DO, FACS
VP of Medical Affairs and Chief Medical Officer
UW Health – Northern Illinois Region
Trauma & General Surgeon

Professional Experience:

Vice President of Medical Affairs / Chief Medical Officer
UW Health Northern Illinois, 1401 E. State Street, Rockford, IL, March 2022 – present
Responsible for the oversight of all clinical matters of a 350 bed semi-urban hospital, and 700+ physicians and Advanced Practice Providers

Surgeon-in-Chief, Trauma Medical Director, Trauma & General Surgeon
UW Health Swedish American Hospital, May 2016 – Feb 2022
Responsible for the oversight of all surgical, perioperative, and trauma-related matters

University of Wisconsin-Madison, School of Medicine and Public Health
UW Health Surgeon, Associate Professor of Surgery, April 2016 – present
Full-time faculty member responsible to the UW Health Northern Illinois Region

Assistant Director of Trauma Services, Trauma, Critical Care, Acute Care Surgeon, Advocate Medical Group, Advocate Good Samaritan Hospital, 3815 Highland Avenue, Downers Grove, IL 2001-2016

Military Medical Officer, Captain, Medical Corps, USN (Retired) – 24 years of military service (combined active duty and reserve service) 1988-2015
Served in Navy, Army, Marine Corps, and Joint units providing medical and surgical support to conventional and special operations forces in garrison and while deployed. Led operational teams providing tent-based damage control surgical resuscitation and treatment of casualties in combat and non-combat austere, expeditionary environments.

Education:

University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame (South Bend), Indiana, Bachelor of Science, Pre-Professional Studies, 1987

Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine (now part of Midwestern University, Downers Grove, Illinois), Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine, 1991
Class rank #1 of 105 – Highest Honors Graduate, Upjohn Achievement Award for Outstanding Academic Attainment, Family Practice Department Award, Biochemistry Department Award, Microbiology Department Award

Internship: U.S. Naval Hospital Portsmouth, Portsmouth, Virginia 1991-1992

General Surgery Residency: William Beaumont Army Medical Center, El Paso, Texas, 1994-1998

Trauma Fellowship (US Military): Joint Trauma Training Center, Ben Taub General Hospital, Houston, TX, 2000

Licensure:

Federal (IL) DEA #BC6931984, Federal (WI) DEA #FC9004449, Illinois Medical License #036-101854, Illinois CS #336-062954, Wisconsin Medical License #67564-21

Certification:

Board Certified in Surgery by the American Board of Surgery (ABS), 1999
Re-Certified in 2008, Maintenance of Certification in 2018, 2020

Board Certified in Neuro-Critical Care by the United Council for Neurologic Subspecialties (UCNS), December 2011

Author:

TRAUMA: My Life as an Emergency Surgeon. James Cole, St. Martin's Press, New York, New York, October 2011, Hardcover print. ISBN-13: 9780312552220

Military Service:

Commissioned through HPSP program, Ensign, Medical Corps, USNR, 1988
Intern (LT) U.S. Naval Hospital, Portsmouth, VA, 1991-1992
Battalion Surgeon, 9th Comm. Bn., I MEF, USMC, Camp Pendleton, CA 1992
Group Surgeon, 1st SRI Group, I MEF, USMC, Camp Pendleton, CA 1993-1994
Deployed to Honduras, USMC 1993
Dive Medical Officer/SCUBA School, Panama Beach City, FL 1993, Class 93-20-DMO
Deployed to Guatemala, USMC 1994
Surgery Resident, William Beaumont Army Medical Center, El Paso, TX 1994-1998
General Surgeon (LCDR), Bayne-Jones Army Hospital, Fort Polk, LA, 1998 – 2000
General Surgeon, Joint Special Operations Command, Fort Bragg, NC, 1999 - 2000
Separated from Active Duty October 2000; Break in service
Re-commissioned LCDR/MC/USNR 2003, DMO NR SEAL Team 8, 2003-2004
Deployed to Afghanistan, OEF, JTF Surgeon, DEVGRU/SOCOM (FWD), 2004
Dive Medical Officer, NSW, Operational Support Team II, Little Creek, VA, 2005-2007
Dive Medical Officer (CDR), NSW, Operational Support Team I, Coronado, CA, 2007
Deployed to Iraq, OIF, OIC Mobile FRSS (Surgical Team) USMC, II MEF 2007 – 2008
General Surgeon (CAPT), 4th Medical Battalion, 4th MLG, MARFORRES, 2008 – 2014
Deployed to Afghanistan, OEF, Force Surgeon / RCSW MEDAD, I MEF (FWD), 2014
Retired from US Navy, August 2015

Military Awards & Decorations:

Legion of Merit Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Navy Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Navy Achievement Medal, Presidential Unit Citation Ribbon, Navy Unit Commendation Ribbon, Fleet Marine Force Ribbon, Meritorious Unit Commendation Ribbon, National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Iraqi Campaign Medal with EGA Device, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, NATO Medal, Expert Rifleman Medal, Expert Pistol Shot Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Parachutist Insignia, SCUBA Diver Insignia, Fleet Marine Force Warfare Officer Insignia

Podcast Series:

Podcast Series: "Healthcare in America – The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly."
February 2020 – March 2021, Apple Podcasts

#1 – Introduction, #2 – The Changing Role of the Primary Care Physician, #3 – Who is in Charge and Who Can You Trust, #4 – The Coronavirus, #5 – The Emergency Room, #6 – Careers in Healthcare, #7 – Generalists vs. Specialists, #8 – Changing How We Educate Physicians, #9 – Health Insurance, Too Darn Complicated, #10 – Unrealistic Expectation and End of Life Issues, #11 – Too Much Healthcare Misinformation, #12 – America's Out of Control Health Conditions, #12 – COVID-19 Update November 2020, #13 – America's Mental Health Crisis, #14 – America's Substance Abuse Problem and the Opioid Epidemic, #15 – Alternative Healthcare, #16 – March 2021 COVID-19 Update and Vaccine Information

<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/healthcare-in-america-the-good-the-bad-and-the-ugly/id1499380268>

Publications:

Plotkin BJ, Paulson D, Chelich A, Jurak D, Cole J, Kasimos J, Burdick JR, Casteel N. Immune Responsiveness in a Rat Model for Type II Diabetes (Zucker rat fa/fa): Susceptibility to *Candida Albicans* Infection and Leukocyte Function. *J Med Microbiol* 1996; Apr; 44(4):277-283.

Holcomb JB, Pusateri AE, Harris RA, Charles NC, Gomez RR, Cole JP, Beall LD, Bayer V, MacPhee MJ, Hess JR. Effect of Dry Fibrin Sealant Dressings versus Gauze Packing on Blood Loss in Grade V Liver Injuries in Resuscitated Swine. *J Trauma* 46(1):49-57, Jan 1999

Presentations:

Approximately 100 formal presentations at professional symposia, hospital Grand Rounds, and societal conferences