

Edward Diao, MD



Dr. Edward Diao graduated from Harvard College magna cum laude with a BA in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology. He received his medical degree from the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Columbia University, and received the New York Orthopaedic Hospital Award for the Best Orthopaedic Research. He did two years of General Surgery residency at Beth Israel Hospital in Boston and completed an orthopaedic residency in the Harvard Combined Orthopaedic Program at Massachusetts General Hospital. He was awarded “Teacher of the Year” from the Orthopaedic Services of Massachusetts General Hospital during his residency. Dr. Diao did his hand surgery fellowship at Roosevelt Hospital in New York with Drs. J. William Littler, Richard Eaton, and Steven Glickel. He was a full-time faculty member at the State University of New York at Buffalo from 1989 to 1993. From 1993 to 1996, he was a full-time faculty member of the University of California San Francisco and held the title of Chief of the Division of Hand Upper Extremity and Microvascular Surgery as well as Director of the Hand Microsurgical Lab and Founder and Director of the UCSF Combined Hand Fellowship. He achieved the title of Professor in 1993 and also adjunct professor of Neurosurgery. He became Professor Emeritus at UCSF in 1996.

Presently, Dr. Diao is co-founder and managing director of the San Francisco Surgery Center, Chief of Hand Surgery at California Pacific Medical Center, and serves as a consultant at St. Francis Memorial Hospital, as well as a consultant at the Alta Bates Summit Medical Center in Oakland.

Dr. Diao has been the principal investigator on two National Institute of Health RO1 grants, developing an animal model for carpal tunnel syndrome. He has written 15 book chapters and 40 journal articles and has been visiting professor and invited speaker extensively both nationally and internationally. He continues to be active in surgical education developing novel surgical techniques in the areas of bone and joint surgery, and tendon and muscle and nerve injuries. He holds leadership positions in the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgery, the American Society for Surgery of the Hand, and the American Orthopaedic Association, and the Orthopaedic Research Society. He is an active advocate for musculoskeletal care and musculoskeletal research funding and participates in the lobbying efforts on this behalf in Washington D.C. and has, for the last three years, brought patients of his to help advocate for musculoskeletal conditions on Capitol Hill.