

Davenport Campus

Up to speed with Dr. Bill Moreau

U.S. Olympic Committee's director of Sports Medicine Clinics



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In 2009, Dr. Bill Moreau became the director of the U.S. Olympic Committee's (USOC) Sports Medicine Clinics. He continues to serve as coordinator of DConline, a continuing education website he founded. For more than 28 years, he has worked with Olympic, collegiate, high school and recreational athletes.

How did you become the USOC's director of Sports Medicine Clinics?

The USOC learned that I was looking for a clinical position in a multiple disciplinary setting and encouraged me to apply for a clinic manager position. Since joining the USOC, I have been promoted from clinic manager in Colorado Springs, Colo., to director of the USOC Sports Medicine Clinics. There are clinics at each of the three U.S. Olympic Training Centers – Colorado Springs, Colo.; Chula Vista, Calif.; and Lake Placid, N.Y.

What does your position entail?

The clinics are an unusual environment where more than one provider is typically engaged during the course of a clinic encounter. The team includes a wide range of healthcare professionals including chiropractors, athletic trainers, physical therapists, family practice doctors, sports nutritionists and massage therapists, just to name a few. These professionals work together for the good of the athlete, and I am privileged to coordinate the overall care of an athlete along with the sports medicine team.

Are there any other chiropractors at these clinics?

There are a total of four D.C.s employed by the USOC, including Dr. Dustin Nabhan in Colorado Springs and Dr. Chad Barylski in Chula Vista. Both have sports specialty certifications. We also use contracted chiropractors to assist at the Lake Placid clinic.

What role do chiropractors now play in the health and success of U.S. Olympic athletes?

It is great to see chiropractors working side-by-side with other healthcare providers. Many of the healthcare providers who've not worked with a chiropractor before are pleased with what we do and how we do it.

How significant was it for chiropractic to be included in the Polyclinics at this year's Winter Games?

At the Vancouver 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games, chiropractors were, for the first time, included in the Polyclinics. Countries that did not have the ability to bring large sports medicine teams, along with athletes seeking special services like MRI, musculoskeletal ultrasound or CT, accessed these clinics for additional services or primary care. It was great to see chiropractic recognized as a part of the sports medicine team!

What are some of the rewards of your job?

I've found that each day —and each athlete— is inspiring. The athletes are some of the finest individuals I have encountered. From gold medalists to hopefuls, they are gracious and always express gratitude when we are done with their care. Paralympians also have taught me so much more about life. A doctor of chiropractic can be successful in a multiple disciplinary setting at the highest level, provided they receive proper training and understand their role on the team.

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