

Joseph Schatzker trained at the University of Toronto, Canada and is a FRCS(C). He did 2 years post graduate fellowship in Toronto and McLaughlin traveling fellowship in Europe with Professor Per-Ingvar Brånemark in Sweden, and Professor Maurice Müller in Switzerland.

Dr. Schatzker has made significant contributions to spine surgery, trauma surgery, and to arthroplasty. In 1968 he published one of the first papers on Lumbar Spinal Stenosis, and the first description of the blood supply of the dens and proposed a new classification of fractures of the dens. He has published many papers resulting from his research on the biomechanical aspects of internal fixation and on the bone response to microparticulate wear particles.

His clinical research led to his publication in 1974 of his classification of fractures of the tibial plateau. He served many years on the SICOT presidential committee on classification and documentation and in 1990 he co-authored with Professor MEMüller the "Comprehensive Classification of Fractures of Long Bones".

Dr. Schatzker has devoted his clinical career to the care of polytrauma and since 1985 has worked at Sunnybrook hospital the largest trauma unit in Canada. He has spent his career teaching the teachers. He chaired for 25 years the annual AAOS instructional course on the stable methods of internal fixation. He chaired the committee which redesigned the template for the AO basic and advanced courses. He has been a member of the annual AO Davos course faculty since 1969. He has published many peer review articles dealing with trauma issues and with his colleague Dr. Marvin Tile he has published the best selling trauma text "The Rationale of Operative Fracture Care". He has lectured extensively at meetings on 5 continents. He is a member of the AO since 1971 and is a past president of the AO Foundation, and the past chairman of the ME Müller Foundation of North America.

Dr. Schatzker has received many awards and medals. He is doctoris cum lauda from the Jagellonian University of Krakow Poland and he is a member of the Order of Canada.