In alphabetical order, here are the top 28 shoulder surgeons in the United States:

**Joseph A. Abboud, M.D.**
Orthopaedic surgeon at the Rothman Institute in Philadelphia and associate professor of Orthopaedic Surgery at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital. “He is an extremely talented clinician and researcher with a lot of funded research projects. He is an innovator and has been involved in designing new shoulder prostheses.”

**April D. Armstrong, M.D.**
Orthopedic surgeon at Penn State Hershey Bone and Joint Institute in Pennsylvania. “She is a rising star, and has developed several models of glenoid bone loss. She is very involved in resident education and instructs other faculty on how to best educate residents.”

**John-Erik Bell, M.D.**
Orthopedic surgeon with Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in New Hampshire. He is also assistant professor in the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and The Dartmouth Institute. “He is getting a masters degree in epidemiology specializing in public health outcomes. Basically, he is helping to determine whether or not what we do as surgeons is cost effective. He has also made a significant contribution to our understanding of the geographical distribution of shoulder problems.”

**Louis U. Bigliani, M.D.**
Frank E. Stinchfield Professor and chairman in the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery at Columbia University Medical Center. “He is also chief of the Shoulder Service at the Center of Shoulder, Elbow and Sports Medicine at Columbia University Medical Center. He is one of the most knowledgeable people in the world on shoulder replacements. As far as how he does shoulder revisions he is ‘the man’…the court of last resort.”

**Brian J. Cole, M.D.**
Orthopedic surgeon at Midwest Orthopaedics at Rush, as well as professor in the Departments of Orthopaedics and Anatomy and Cell Biology. Dr. Cole is section head of the Cartilage Restoration Center at Rush (Rush University Medical Center). “He is known for his deep understanding of cartilage repair. He is really on the cutting edge of what is out there.”

**Edward V. Craig, M.D., M.P.H.**
Orthopaedic surgeon at Hospital for Special Surgery in New York and professor of Clinical Surgery (Orthopaedics) at Weill Cornell Medical College. Dr. Craig is a past president of the AESJ. “He is phenomenal. He has a wide breadth of experience and has particularly good interpersonal skills: a fantastic person.”

**T. Bradley Edwards, M.D.**
Orthopedic surgeon with Fronde Orthopedic Group, LLC in Houston, Texas, and a clinical instructor in the Department of Orthopedic Surgery at the University of Texas at Houston. He is also clinical assistant professor in the Department of Orthopedic Surgery at Baylor University, and clinical professor in the Department of Orthopedic Surgery and Rehabilitation at the University of Texas Medical Branch. “He is outstanding. He has a very broad practice, but is best known for arthroplasty and for his publications on reverse shoulder arthroplasty. He is a thoughtful scientist.”

**Neal S. Elattrache, M.D.**
Orthopedic surgeon and director of the Sports Medicine Fellowship at the Kerlan Jobe Orthopaedic Clinic in Los Angeles. He is also associate clinical professor in the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery at the University of Southern California. “He is a leader in arthroscopic surgery of the shoulder and elbow and is the team doctor for the Los Angeles Dodgers. He is truly an outstanding doctor and surgeon.”

**Evgeny Flatow, M.D.**
Bernard J. Lasker Professor and Chair of the Department of Orthopaedics and chief of Shoulder and Elbow Surgery at The Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York. Dr. Flatow is a past president of the AESJ. “He is a talented clinician, scientist, researcher, and educator. He is the whole package. He is especially known for his work on ways of better understanding rotator cuff repair and healing.”

**Mark A. Franklin, M.D.**
Orthopedic surgeon with Florida Orthopaedic Institute in Tampa and director of the Biomechanical Shoulder and Elbow Research Lab at the University of South Florida College of Engineering. “He is known for reverse shoulder replacement, and has designed his own prosthesis for DJO (it is different and controversial). He is not afraid to go against the tide. He has had such success that other product designers have modified their prostheses to look a bit more like his.”

**Leesa M. Galatz, M.D.**
Associate professor of Orthopedic Surgery and Program Director of the Shoulder and Elbow Fellowship at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis. “She is probably on everyone’s list of the best shoulder surgeons in the U.S. She has a deep understanding of the complexities of shoulder problems and will tackle any type of problem.”

**Ruben Gobeze, M.D.**
Director of the Cleveland Shoulder Institute University Hospitals of Cleveland and fellow director of the Cleveland Akron Shoulder & Elbow Fellowship. Dr. Gobeze is also head of the Cartilage Transplant Center of Cleveland. “He is a past president of the ASES. He is one of the most knowledgeable people in the world on shoulder replacements. As far as how he does shoulder replacements he is ‘the man’…the court of last resort.”

**Jay D. Keener, M.D.**
Assistant professor of orthopaedic surgery at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis. “He is a very intelligent guy and is doing some great research on rotator cuff repairs and healing—these are prospective randomized trials.”

**Frederick A. Matsen, III, M.D.**
Orthopedic surgeon with the University of Washington Bone and Joint Center in Seattle and is the Douglas T. Harryman II Endowed Chair in Shoulder and Elbow Research. Dr. Matsen is a past president and founding member of the AESJ. “He is not only innovative, but he possesses an incredible understanding of the way the shoulder works. He has trained some of the top shoulder surgeons that are currently in practice.”

**Peter J. Muller, M.D., M.S.C.**
Orthopedic surgeon and partner at the Steadman Clinic in Vail, Colorado. “He is a well-recognized shoulder expert in all areas. He has developed a select practice that includes many high end athletes. He is on the forefront of several advanced arthroscopic shoulder techniques that are used to treat athletes.”

**Anand M. Murthi, M.D.**
Orthopedic surgeon and chief of the Shoulder and Elbow Service at Union Memorial Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland. He is also director of Shoulder and Elbow Research at that institution. “He is a younger genera-