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Professor James Richard Hupp is a career-long academic dedicated to fostering excellence in healthcare education and training. He received his BS in biological sciences from the University of California, Irvine, then attended Harvard for his first two years of medical and dental education (DMD cum laude). He completed his MD and surgical training at the University of Connecticut, then internal medicine at the Harbor-UCLA Medical Center.

He joined Washington State University's new Elson S. Floyd College of Medicine (2018) as Vice Dean, while previously serving as the Founding Dean of the School of Dental Medicine of East Carolina University (North Carolina). He served as the chair of oral-maxillofacial surgery at the University of Maryland Medical Center and the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (Rutgers University now). He also served as residency programs director at those institutions, and also at the University of Connecticut Health Center. Throughout his career and leadership positions he remained active in teaching, patient care and scholarly activities.

He has been the editor-in-chief of the Journal of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery since 2011. He was a director, officer and then President of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. He has served on accreditation residency review committees and in various residency-related programs, as well as school and medical center accreditation. He continues to author numerous textbooks, book chapters and articles.

He has been a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons (1995), and is a Fellow of the American and International Colleges of Dentistry.

Research interests: Oral-Maxillofacial Surgery; Esthetic Facial Surgery; Implant Surgery; Orthognathic Surgery; Bone Grafting for Reconstruction; Dental Anesthesiology; Advanced Basic Science; Hospital Organization.