



# Amanda McCoy

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## Biography

I have been blessed with the wonderful privilege of embarking on a medical career, and God has led me every step of the way. I accepted God as my Savior when I was 12 years old. A few years later, I was introduced to missionary work as a physician when Dr. Chuck Bemm came to speak at Allegheny Center Alliance Church about his work at Tenwek Hospital in Bomet, Kenya. Another influential figure God placed in my life was my father. My father was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis (MS) when he was 42 years old. Witnessing my father's struggle with the loss of musculoskeletal function as a result of his MS was a formative influence on my life and my desire to pursue caring for patients with musculoskeletal conditions.

During college, God developed in my heart an interest in public health and advocating for and caring for the needs of underserved patients in service to Him and in love for others. By God's grace, I was accepted into a combined medical school and master's in public health program. During this period of great joy, I also experienced great sorrow. Shortly after I was accepted into medical school, my father passed away from MS at 58 years old. Even in the midst of the sorrow of losing my father, God used this to develop my passion for musculoskeletal care because I had witnessed firsthand the effects of the loss of lower and upper extremity function.

During my medical school training, God developed in me a passion and aptitude for surgery. Through the mentorship and encouragement of my academic mentors, I applied to orthopedic surgery residency. I have always been drawn to exploring how we can provide quality care to the neediest of patients as we as Christians are called to serve the children, the poor, and the widows. I have also felt a special connection with children both inside and outside of the hospital. As a result, I felt called to pursue additional orthopaedic training with a focus on pediatric musculoskeletal conditions.

In my last year of orthopaedic surgery residency, I went to Tenwek for seven weeks. During my time at Tenwek, I was awed by God's divine work there. However, I was also impressed by the continued needs, particularly for musculoskeletal health care and orthopaedic surgical education. God ignited a passion in me to return to Tenwek. I look forward to returning to Tenwek in the fall of 2018 to serve and care for patients in need of musculoskeletal care as well as to pursue surgical education as a form of ministry and encouragement.

## Education and Training

Baylor Pediatric Orthopaedic Surgery Fellowship  
Houston, TX  
July 2017 to August 2018

Harvard Combined Orthopaedics Residency Program  
Boston, MA  
June 2012 to June 2017

Duke University School of Medicine  
Durham, NC  
M.D., May 2012

University of North Carolina Gillings School of Global Public Health  
Chapel Hill, NC  
M.P.H., August 2011

Harvard College  
Cambridge, MA  
A.B. in Chemistry and Physics, June 2008  
Certificate in Health Policy, June 2008