

Bones:

An Exhibit Inside You

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An orthopaedic surgeon studies many years to achieve the surgical skill and knowledge necessary to pass rigorous tests and earn certification as a licensed, board-certified orthopaedic specialist. It is always a significant moment when these achievements are appreciated. That's why we were immensely proud to accept an invitation from the Science Museum of Virginia this year to help sponsor a national traveling exhibit called "Bones: An Exhibit Inside You."

The Bones exhibit joined dinosaur skeletons, inventions new and old, the IMAX theater, and many other displays at the Science Museum. It featured human and animal skeletons and vividly portrayed how bones and muscles work to provide structure, shape, strength, and movement.

No science museum exhibit is complete without examples of relevant medical techniques and technology. The Bones exhibit showed how orthopaedists diagnose and repair injured or diseased bones and muscles. The diagnostic technology explained in the show included radiology, magnetic resonance imaging, and computerized axial tomography.

The exhibit also worked hard to enlighten visitors with information on how patients can take responsibility for their own musculoskeletal health through proper nutrition and exercise. West End Orthopaedic Clinic and the Science Museum of Virginia even hosted a special employee day for 200, with food and exhibits to help employees of our surgical practice better understand the science and art of orthopaedic medicine and surgery.

Our surgeons and staff are pleased to have helped with this important educational and scientific resource for the community we serve 24 hours a day, seven days a week.



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