

# PHYSICIAN SPOTLIGHT



**Michael  
Pitner, MD**

COLUMBUS ORTHOPEDIC &  
SPORTS MEDICINE CLINIC

If you or your teen see Dr. Michael Pitner for a sports-related injury, don't expect to receive the same kind of treatment he offered for another athlete. Based on your goals and ambitions, your experience may be entirely different.

**"The way I might treat one patient may be significantly different than the way I treat another patient with a similar condition, based on understanding what each patient's goals are,"** he said.

Dr. Pitner is the new sports medicine doctor at Columbus Orthopedic & Sports Medicine Clinic. He says he was excited to come practice in Columbus not only because he got along well with the staff at the clinic, but also because he has the opportunity to work with his longtime friend, Dr. Anthony White.

And since he arrived in August 2024, he's been able to help many patients.

**"My favorite part of my job is being able to affect a positive change in people's lives or quality of life,"** he said. **"I like to see them go from an injured or dysfunctional state, to being able to participate in activities they used to enjoy, through my care."**

Dr. Pitner comes from a long line of doctors: Both his father and grandfather are orthopedic surgeons. Coincidentally, they both married nurses, and so did Dr. Pitner. He and his wife, Megan, now live in Columbus with their Golden Retriever puppy.

When he's not treating patients, Dr. Pitner enjoys spending time outside with Megan. They like to boat, water ski, snow ski, bike, hunt and fish. They also enjoy attending Nebraska and Creighton athletic events.

If he could travel anywhere in the world, Dr. Pitner says he and Megan would love to go to Europe — especially Ireland and Scotland. And if he could have dinner with one person, living or dead, it would have to be George Washington.

**"I really enjoy learning history, and even minored in history in college,"** he said.

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