

# William Glenn

Bill Glenn trained at Johns Hopkins, Washington University and Harvard. As a brilliant radiologic “techno weenie” one would have thought it more natural for him to have trained at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Spine imaging was in a sad state of affairs when Bill Glenn appeared on the scene. Oil, and then, water soluble myelography were the “gold standard” at that time. As the father of multi-planer computerized spine imaging he was rightfully proud of his handiwork. Then came the Annual Meeting of the American Association of Orthopaedic Surgeons in Atlanta in 1984. This Editor remembers well Glenn’s fascinating presentation at this meeting as well as the following discussion in which a well known Swedish spine specialist disparaged Glenn, and his presentation, and stated that his contribution added nothing to spine diagnosis and that it was unlikely that CT “would ever have any useful role in the diagnosis of spine disorders in the future.” The same spine specialist subsequently touted myelography over CT in the diagnosis of lateral spinal stenosis. Time has proven Glenn to have been right on all counts. He has been referred to as only a “private practice radiologist from California.” Our “hat’s are off” to this brand of private practice.

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