Dr. Geoffrey Johnston, a Professor Emeritus in the Department of Surgery at the University of Saskatchewan, recently joined the RebalanceMD orthopedic group in Victoria, BC, as an orthopaedic consultant, mentor and coach.

In addition to an active clinical orthopedic practice he continues to pursue his interests in orthopedic research and surgical waitlist management strategies.

Dr. Johnston has chaired the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada Orthopaedic Surgical Specialty Committee for two four-year terms. He subsequently served on the RCPSC Council, and its Corporate Affairs, Governance, Health and Public Policy, and Fellowship Affairs Committees, and as Chair of the RCPSC Regional Advisory Committee for Saskatchewan and Manitoba (RAC2).

He is a Past-President of the Canadian Orthopaedic Association (COA) and remains an active and long-time COA member. During this time, he has played roles on several committees and chaired the Travelling Fellowship Committee.

He is a Past-President and Chair of the Canadian Orthopaedic Foundation (2014-18).

Dr. Johnston’s continued surgical research has focused on fractures of the distal radius in women over the age of fifty, and to the conditions that predispose these women to these fractures. He has encouraged orthopaedic residents’ and medical students’ involvement in research at every opportunity, and collaborates with many disciplines, such as engineering to advance innovative surgical care.

He remains keenly interested in how healthcare organizations function, not only through his medical lens, but also from his MBA (Master’s in Business Administration) and CHE (Certified Health Executive) perspectives.

With the support of research funding, orthopaedic surgeons can do more than only imagine how to improve surgical care.

We can always, and must, do better!