

SNAPSHOT INTERVIEW WITH DR. ANDREW HUNT

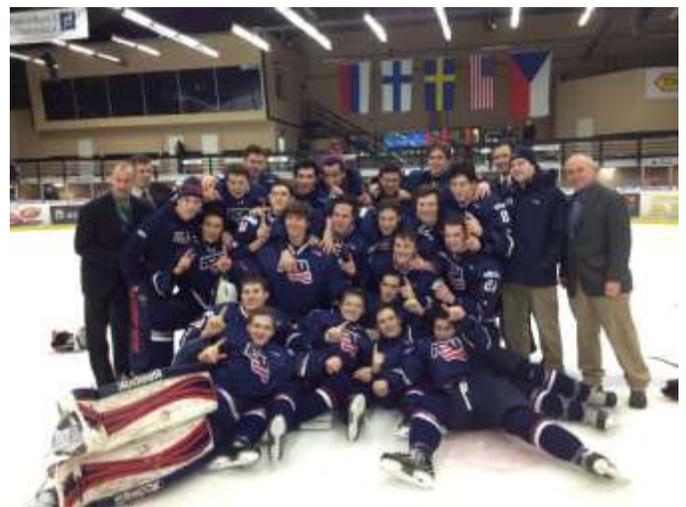
Team Physician for the U.S. National U-17 Team



SNAPSHOT recently spoke with Dr. Andrew Hunt of Lake Bluff, Illinois, regarding his role as team physician for the U.S. National Under-17 Team that won the 2014 Five Nations Tournament in Sundsvall, Sweden on February 9. “The role of team physician is multi-dimensional,” states Hunt. “The team physician obviously looks after the players’ health and treats/manages any medical issues that arise. Should a player get seriously injured and require hospitalization, the team physician would assist and oversee any care given at the local hospitals”. Hunt further elaborated that, “team physicians also ensure that players stay within World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) guidelines and supervise any testing that may occur. If needed, team physicians also assist coaches and trainers during practice, help with administrative duties and bench assist during games”.

“It was a fantastic experience to work not only with some REALLY talented athletes, many of whom will be in the NHL soon, but also with a very personable coaching/training staff. This was my first time working with USA Hockey at this level; hopefully it will not be my last!”

Hunt, Medical Director for USA Triathlon since 2004, feels that this association likely helped him achieve his position with USA Hockey. Dr. Hunt currently specializes in non-operative orthopedic care, concussion management and team physician care for the Illinois Bone & Joint Institute in Glenview and Wilmette. He covered the Philadelphia Flyers and Phantoms during his Sports Medicine fellowship in 1999 and helped the Chicago Blackhawks with preseason team physicals in 2002. “Outside of my fellowship with the Flyers and Phantoms and helping the Blackhawks, I had minimal involvement with hockey from a medical perspective until my boys started playing and I became active with my local club (Falcons Hockey) where I helped to institute baseline concussion testing. I have also begun playing again”.



The role of team physician suits Hunt well; he is also the team physician for Evanston Township High School Hockey and North Shore Country Day.

Top Photo: Dr. Andrew Hunt with Michael Floodstrand
Bottom Photo: U.S. National Under-17 Team