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Professional Profile

Rajeev Kelkar specializes in accident reconstruction and the biomechanics of human injury. He has extensive experience in the analysis of injuries associated with automotive and workplace accidents, falls, and consumer products. Dr. Kelkar's research has included analytical and experimental evaluation of upper extremity injuries, experimental and computer simulations of surgical reconstruction of the rotator cuff, and mathematical modeling of automotive and recreational accidents. He has also focused on child-safety issues, including car-seat and booster-seat performance, as well as the human body's response and tolerance to heat. Dr. Kelkar also performs computer-based accident reconstruction and simulation, including time-motion analyses, three-dimensional data acquisition using photogrammetry, and vehicle occupant dynamics.

Before joining InSciTech, Dr. Kelkar worked at Exponent Failure Analysis Associates, Inc., Menlo Park, CA, and at ProAnalysis, Inc., Mountain View, CA.

Credentials and Professional Affiliations

Ph.D. (Mechanical Engineering), Columbia University, 1996
M. Phil. (Mechanical Engineering), Columbia University, 1993
M.S. (Mechanical Engineering), Columbia University, 1990
B.S. (Mechanical Engineering), Worcester Polytechnic Institute (with High Distinction), 1988
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Charles S. Neer Award for Outstanding Basic Science Research, presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Shoulder and Elbow Surgeons, 1996
Reviewer, ASME Journal of Biomechanical Engineering
Reviewer, Journal of Biomechanics
Reviewer, Journal of Shoulder and Elbow Surgery
Reviewer, American Journal of Sports Medicine
Reviewer, National Institutes of Health

Publications

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