

Dr. Leetun Goes to Italy as Team Physician for the USA Women's Ski Team

Darin Leetun, MD, a Sports Medicine orthopaedic surgeon at the Kennedy Center at Mercy Medical Center will be in Tarviso, Italy, later in February as the team physician with the Women's US Speed Ski Team. This is a one week World Cup event where the world's best female speed skiers accumulate points toward the annual World Cup.

Dr. Leetun has been a volunteer physician with the US Women's Ski Team for the past three years traveling to Italy and Bulgaria most recently.

An accomplished skier himself, Dr. Leetun's role is to ski to a position on the course – carrying a 40 pound medical pack – and monitor the skiers during the event. He is responsible for managing any medical or sports/ski injury that may occur. In the event of an injury, Dr. Leetun's task is to brace or splint the injury; advocate for the skier in the home country if hospitalization is necessary; and coordinate the athlete's return to the United States.

This year's Women's Speed Ski team includes stars such as Lindsay Vaughn, Julie Mancuso, Stacy Cook and Leann Smith.