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Anchorage doctor helps keep U.S. Ski Team in shape

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This undated photo provided by Anchorage Fracture & Orthopedic Clinic shows Dr. Greg Schumacher. He's an orthopedic surgeon who is gearing up for his third stint on the World Cup tour as a volunteer physician for the ski team. Schumacher will spend Feb. 4-18 with the team in Davos, Switzerland, a two-week span during which American skiers will be recovering from the taxing Tour de Ski that just ended, racing in World Cup competition in Davos and preparing for the World Championships that begin Feb. 20 in Val di Fiemme, Italy. (AP Photo/Courtesy of Anchorage Fracture & Orthopedic Clinic)

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ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Like so many cross-country skiers with a dream, Greg Schumacher was lured to Anchorage by the promise of a long season, good snow and a community that supports the sport. Like a handful of those skiers, Schumacher will soon be joining the World Cup circuit in Europe, where the world's top nordic skiers perform.

But unlike decorated Anchorage skiers like Kikkan Randall, Schumacher's invitation to join the U.S. Ski Team doesn't hinge on his ability to keep up with the world's fastest skiers. He's an orthopedic surgeon who is gearing up for his third stint on the World Cup tour as a volunteer physician for the ski team.

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