Message from the Chair

“Only in the present do things happen”  
Jorge Luis Borges

In the past, circumstances resulted in the DOSR losing senior faculty and substantial subspecialty expertise.

In the future, the DOSR ardently aspires to be the premier clinical service at UTMB, the premier regional provider of orthopedic care, and among the premier academic surgery departments in the country (our mission statement!).

We have certainly been resilient, and our prospects appear bright. But achieving our destiny will depend upon more than simply our pedigree or vision. It is exciting that our faculty is finally growing…it is imperative, however, that we continue to work hard, and make the most of our opportunities.

New DOSR Clinical Faculty

Lauren N. Hinojosa, MD
Assistant Professor

Dr. Hinojosa is a UTMB medical school graduate who completed an orthopedic surgery residency at UT Southwestern in Dallas, and a Hand Surgery Fellowship at the CV Starr Hand Surgery Center at Roosevelt Hospital in New York, N.Y. Her clinical interests include any/all surgical conditions of the hand and wrist.

Chanel J. Houston, DPM
Assistant Professor

Dr. Houston graduated from the Ohio college of Podiatric Medicine in Cleveland Ohio, and completed a podiatric medicine and surgery residency at the Yale-New Haven Hospital/Veteran Affairs Connecticut Healthcare System in New Haven, CT. Her clinical interests include diabetic foot care, plantar fasciitis, heel and arch pain, neuromas, hammertoes, bunions, tendonitis, and other foot ailments.

Nicholas H. Maassen, MD
Assistant Professor

Dr. Maassen completed medical school as well as an orthopedic surgery residency at the University of Wisconsin in Madison, WI. He subsequently completed a Shoulder and Elbow Fellowship at Beth Israel Medical Center in New York, NY. His clinical interests include upper extremity and shoulder and elbow surgery, sports medicine, and general orthopedics.

Spiros G. Pneumaticos, MD, PhD
Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery

Dr. Pneumaticos obtained his MD and PhD degrees at the University of Athens, Greece. He subsequently finished his orthopedic surgery residency at Baylor College of Medicine (BCM), Houston. This was followed by a Spine Fellowship at BCM, and an AO trauma Fellowship in Chur, Switzerland. His clinical interests include spine surgery, trauma, and clinical research.


**Presentations**


**Klein GL**. Bisphosphonates and Burns. Presented at the 6th International Conference on the Molecular Pharmacology and Therapeutics of Bone Disease, St Catherine's College, University of Oxford, Jul 2, 2014.

Presentations

2014 Annual Meeting, Big Island, HI, Jul 31 to Aug 2, 2014:

**Casagrande DJ, Morris RP, Carayannopoulos NL, Buford WL, Jr.** Effect of Ulnar Variance on Distal Radius Bone Density and Failure Load.

*Gray AM, Ellison KT, Buford WL, Jr.*** Knee Flexion in Collegiate Baseball Catchers Wearing or Not Wearing a Knee Saver.


**Harris DY, Lindsey RW.** Correlation of a Novel Grading System for Orthopedic Postoperative Complications with Hospital Stay and Readmission.

**Jansky L, Gugala, Z.** Hip and Knee Osteoarthritis in Patients with Non-Insulin-Dependent Diabetes Mellitus (NIDDM).


**Leba T, Carmichael KD, Swischuk L.** Diagnosis of DDH by Ultrasound Screening in Infants with Risk Factors.

**Moulton D, Lindsey RW, Gugala Z.** Proximal Femur Geometry in Total Hip Arthroplasty Patients.

**Patton AG, Gray AM, De La Cruz M, Nuzzo RM, Yngve DA.** Pain Reduction in Non-Verbal Children with Cerebral Palsy Following Minimally Invasive Surgery and Ethanol Injections.

**Torres D, Carmichael KD, Comley MS.** External Fixation for the Treatment of Open Joint Injuries in Pediatric Burn Patients.

Honors and Awards

Vinod K. Panchbhavi, MD, FACS, Professor, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and Rehabilitation, and Chief, Division of Foot and Ankle Surgery has been appointed the Tilman J. and Paige Fertitta Professorship in Orthopedics.

Dr. Panchbhavi is a highly acclaimed surgeon/academician, and his innumerable contributions to the DOSR, UTMB, and Orthopaedic Surgery are well known to all.

Spiros G. Pneumaticos, MD, PhD, Professor, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and Rehabilitation has been appointed the inaugural holder of the Josefina Santos Professorship in Orthopaedics.

Dr. Pneumaticos’ considerable expertise in spine surgery and his unparalleled commitment to the finest ideals of academia has gained him both national and international recognition. His is a welcomed addition to our institution.

DOSR PhD Candidate Dissertation Oral Defense

On July 25, 2014, MD, PhD candidate Aaron M. Gray presented a successful oral defense of his dissertation entitled “The Effects of Oral Contraceptive Use on Ligamentous Injury Incidence in Females: A Potential for Prevention.” Aaron has worked closely on research with many faculty and residents in the DOSR during his medical and graduate training.

His supervisory committee included Jacques Baillargeon, PhD, Associate Professor, Population Health Sciences Graduate Program, Zbigniew Gugala, MD, PhD, Associate Professor, Population Health Sciences Graduate Program, UTMB, Kenneth Ottenbacher, PhD, OTR, Professor and Program Director, Rehabilitation Sciences Graduate Program, UTMB, Ronald W. Lindsey, MD, Professor, Population Health Sciences Graduate Program, UTMB, William L. Buford, Jr., PhD, PE, Adjunct Professor, Population Health Sciences Graduate Program, UTMB, and Ivonne-Marie Berges, PhD, Assistant Professor, Epidemiology and Public Health, University of Maryland School of Medicine, Baltimore, MD.
July 16, 2014, **T. Bradley Edwards, MD**, The Fondren Orthopedic Group and The Texas Orthopedic Hospital, Houston, TX. Dr. Edwards’ lecture was entitled “Trends in Shoulder Arthroplasty: Bone Preservation & Convertibility.”

August 13, 2014, **Leonard Swischuk, MD**, Director, Pediatric Radiology, UTMB, Galveston, TX. Dr. Swischuk’s lecture was entitled “Limping and the Hip, Imaging Aspects.”

August 27, 2014, **Olugbenga B. Ojo, MD**, Chief Medical Officer, TDCJ Hospital, Associate Professor, Division of General Internal Medicine, Department of Internal Medicine, UTMB, Galveston, TX. Dr. Ojo’s presentation was entitled “Ortho Review-TDCJ.”

September 3, 2014, **Bryan S. Moon, MD**, Associate Professor, Orthopaedic Oncology, Division of Surgery, The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center. Dr. Moon’s lecture was entitled “Metastatic Disease.”

September 24, 2014, **Erin Hommel, MD**, Assistant Professor, Internal Medicine, Division of Geriatrics, Co-Director, Quality in Internal Medicine, Medical Director J10C ACE Unit, UTMB, Galveston, TX. Dr. Hommel’s presentation was entitled “Patient Discharge and Transition of Care.”
Sports Injury Clinic

On August 30, 2014, the UTMB Specialty Care Center at Victory Lakes opened the Saturday Sports Injury Clinic. The clinic offers walk-ins and same-day appointments for local athletes from 9 a.m. to noon every Saturday through November 8.

The clinic will be staffed by DOSR sports medicine physicians Kenneth Brooks, MD, Nicholas Maassen, MD, and Brian Smith, MD, as well as radiologists and physical therapists. See more at utmbhealth.com/sports.

“There are so many times when a young player will go to an emergency room after suffering an injury, get stabilized, then have to wait several more days to see an orthopedic specialist, several more days for X-rays, CT scans or MRIs and several more days to begin physical therapy. Our Saturday Sports Injury Clinic eliminates all that waiting. Injured athletes can get complete evaluation and treatment and even begin rehabilitation with a full partnership between our physical therapists and the school’s trainers. There is no better way to get back on the field safely and in the shortest time possible.” --Dr. Brian Smith

Voluntary Faculty

Oladapo A. Alade, MD
Charlotte B. Alexander, MD
Jeffrey Baker, PhD
James Bennett, MD
James Bocell, MD
Mark Brinker, MD
Taylor Brown, MD
William L. Buford, Jr., PhD
George Cox, MD
Marc DeHart, MD
Allen Deutsch, MD
Andrew Ebert, MD
Bradley Edwards, MD
David W. Edelstein, MD
Daniel Eidman, MD
Gary Gartsman, MD
Stanley Gertzbein, MD
Tyler Goldberg, MD
William Granberry, MD
Thomas Greider, MD
Joseph Gugenheim, MD
Alexander Hadjipavlou, MD
Eric Heinrich, MD
John A. Hipp, PhD
Omer Ilahi, MD
Don Johnson, MD
Robert Josey III, MD
Anand Joshi, MD
John Knecht, DPM
Marc Labbe, MD
Glenn C. Landon, MD
Loren Latta, PhD
Adrian LeBlanc, PhD
Bonnie Simpson Mason, MD
Vasilios Mathews, MD
Anita Mercado, MD
Anthony Muffoletto, MD
Haring Nauta, MD
Jose Nolla, MD
Okay Onan, MD
Daniel O’Neill, MD
Manish Patel, MD
Rita Patterson, PhD
Michael Putney, MD
J. Clark Race, MD
David Randall, MD
Eric R. Santos, MD
Walter Sassard, MD
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Jack Seaquist, MD
Jean Sibonga, PhD
Sherwin Siff, MD
Todd Siff, MD
Terry Siller, MD
James Simmons III, DO
James Simmons, Jr., MD
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