Message from the Chair

On Our Way

“A hurtful act is the transference to others of the degradation which we bear in ourselves” — Simone Weil, 1909–1943

There is a group of individuals who are very angry with me. The irony is that I don’t know these folks (nor they me), and the extent of my interaction with them is usually limited to only a brief moment in time.

How do I know that they are irate with me? That’s easy: obscene gestures, conspicuous “ranting and raving,” and, occasionally, even verbal abuse. Worse yet, there are even sporadic attempts to physically intimidate me . . . overtly threatening me with physical harm while demonstrating no consideration for their own well-being (or that of others).

But I am not alone. They are angry with many of you, too. If you commute, you know that every day there are those in our “civilized” society who regularly exhibit needless aggression on our roadways. No, I’m not referring to the motorist who delights in going 5–10 miles over the posted speed limit. These four-wheeled menaces to society will tailgate you at high speeds because they think that you (alone) are impeding their rapid progress through life.

I’m not a psychologist, but I suspect that:

– Someone who impulsively speeds is clearly not content where they are at that moment. I just can never figure out if they are really trying to get “to” or “from” something/somewhere.

– Motorists who wildly weave in and out of dense traffic have probably assumed very little real responsibility in life, so it is understandable that they would have no true regard for themselves, let alone possess any consideration for others.

– The probability that so many commuters enjoy special powers that permit them to drastically affect the behavior (i.e., regularly provoke belligerence in a select few) is unlikely; a character flawed by a tendency toward needless aggression among a suspect few is more likely.

– Drivers who are quick to become irate have yet to figure out that there are simply too many vehicles and not enough highway. I’ve surmised that many of these individuals may be lacking of more than simply a solid grasp of reality.

Far too often my asphalt nemeses (and, unfortunately, their victims) become my patients. If my novice character appraisals are valid, the victims are typically perplexed as to how/why they ever became another highway statistic. Interestingly, my freeway adversaries, who appear immune to these types of uncertainties, always seem know exactly why they arrived at their fate . . . and it’s always the other guy’s fault.

— Ronald W. Lindsey, M.D.

Ortho in the News

Dr. David Yngve, M.D., was acknowledged in the Brownsville Herald for his volunteer work with the non-profit Moody Clinic in Brownsville, TX. Dr. Yngve, travels to the clinic three times a year to work with local children.
Presentations


Publications


Congratulations to Dr. E. Burke Evans, Ashbel Smith Professor Emeritus, who received the 18th Annual Lenora Kempner Thompson Community Enrichment Award on May 29th. Details of the special event were published in a Galveston County Daily News article.

Dr. Evans began his career at UTMB in 1953, and served as chief of orthopedics from 1965-92. Many of the programs and initiatives that Dr. Evans has contributed to at UTMB include the E. Burke Evans Chair in Orthopaedic Surgery, the Estelle Greenwalt Orthopaedic Education Fund, the E. Burke Evans Orthopaedic Research Fund, as well as creating the Betty Lee Evans Nursing Excellence Award and the Betty Lee Evans Nursing Professorship.

On the national stage, Dr. Evans has received widespread recognition for his work in the orthopaedic implications of severe burns and cerebral palsy. He was Associate Editor of the Journal of Developmental Medicine and Child Neurology and the Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery. Among the many institutions and academic societies he has been a part of include, The American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, the Residency Review Committee, The Academic Orthopaedic Society, and The Orthopaedic Research and Education Foundation.

Well regarded in Galveston for his commitment to the arts and historical preservation, he served as President of the Galveston Historical Foundation in the 1970s, and in 2007, the foundation awarded him its Spirit of Galveston Award. He has also generously supported the Rosenberg Library, The AIDS Coalition, the Galveston Arts Center and The Grand 1894 Opera House.

Dr. Evans remains an inspirational and important member of the DOSR, and we are grateful for his wisdom, experience, professionalism, and community spirit.

Honors and Awards

Congratulations to then PGY4 resident Dr. David Merriman and then PGY3 resident Dr. Kyle Stewart, winners of the Quiz Bowl competition at the Texas Orthopaedic Association Conference, April 23-25, at the Sheraton Hotel in Austin. All of the orthopaedic surgery training programs in Texas compete in this contest, and the UTMB program has won four of the last five years.

Drs. Merriman (left) and Stewart (right) accept the Quiz Bowl award from David Teuscher, MD, Legislative Committee Chair for TOA (center).
Ronald W. Lindsey, M.D.
Department Chair
The John Sealy Distinguished Centennial Chair in Rehabilitation Sciences

Foot & Ankle and Infections & Wound Care
Maria T. Guidry, M.D.
Vinod K. Panchbhavi, M.D.

Joint Arthroplasty & General Orthopaedics
Stanley D. Allen, M.D.
E. Burke Evans, M.D.
John W. Kosty, M.D.
Kelly W. Stephenson, M.D.

Orthopaedic Research
William L. Buford, Jr., Ph.D.
Zbigniew Gugala, M.D., Ph.D.

Orthopaedic Trauma
Stanley D. Allen, M.D.
Ronald W. Lindsey, M.D.

Pediatric Orthopaedics & Scoliosis Surgery
Kelly D. Carmichael, M.D.
David A. Yngve, M.D.

Spine Surgery & Rehabilitation
Mabel E. Caban, M.D.
Ronald W. Lindsey, M.D.

Sports Medicine and Knee & Shoulder Surgery
Frank M. Ivey, Jr., M.D.
Brian A. Smith, MD

Grand Rounds

Distinguished Guest Lectureship Series at USRA/NASA

On April 24, David C. Wells, M.D., Program Director, Musculoskeletal Radiology Fellowship, St. Luke’s Episcopcal Hospital, Houston, Adjunct Clinical Assistant Professor of Radiology, MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, gave a lecture entitled "Current Concepts in Knee and Shoulder MRI."

On May 19, Robert Glenn Smith, M.D., Ph.D., Professor of Neurology, Interim Chairman, Department of Neurology, University of Texas Medical Branch presented and demonstrated “Neurologic Examination,” specifically for the practicing orthopaedic surgeon.

For June 30, Michael Grecula, M.D., Associate Professor, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, University of Texas Health Science Center, Lyndon B. Johnson Hospital, Houston, presented a lecture on “Hip Resurfacing.”

Austin Visiting Professor Lectureship

On April 22, 2009 our Austin Distinguished Visiting Professor, Professor Pedro Guillen Garcia, Clinica Cemtro, Madrid, Spain, gave a lecture entitled "ACI: The European Experience".
It is my pleasure to announce that the Inaugural Austin Orthopaedic Symposium was a great success. I would like to thank the organizing committee, symposium faculty, all participants, and attendees. I look forward to seeing you all next year.

--R. W. Lindsey, M.D., Professor and Chair, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and Rehabilitation, Symposium Chair

Symposium Homepage: [www.austinorthosymposium.org](http://www.austinorthosymposium.org)

To find out more about the symposium program visit the following link: [Orthopaedic Symposium Program](http://www.austinorthosymposium.org)

The Inaugural Austin Orthopaedic Symposium was a wonderful opportunity for orthopaedic surgeons, residents, students, nurses, therapists and physicians with interest in clinical orthopaedics to gather and discuss ongoing challenges in the field.

Topics included Joint Arthroplasty, Shoulder, Sports Medicine, Pediatric Injuries and Gender Issues, Spine and Trauma. Each session featured notable presentations from regarded specialists in orthopaedics, concluding with lively panel discussions.

Hands-on techniques and specialty topics were also available through several Workshop and Case Presentation sessions.

The E. Burke Evans Keynote Presentation on Friday, May 29, was given by Dr. Frank C. Wilson. His topic was “Science And Service: The Pillars Of Professionalism. A Tribute To E. Burke Evans, M.D.”

Frank C. Wilson, M.D.

Hands-on education for new orthopaedic techniques and devices.

Joseph S. Torg, M.D., J. Kenneth Burkus, M.D., Ronald L. Lindsey, M.D., and Ben W. Kibler, M.D.

Stephen Norwood, M.D., Joseph S. Torg, M.D., Frederic Laude, M.D., Marlene Demaio, M.D., and Wayne Leadbetter, M.D.
Resident Graduation

Congratulations and best wishes to our graduating residents!

Dr. Conner is doing a Sports Medicine Fellowship at Southern California Orthopaedic Institute in Van Nuys, CA.

Dr. Moulton is staying at UTMB for a Trauma Fellowship with Dr. Lindsey in Orthopaedic Surgery.

Dr. Klimisch is at Baylor in Houston for an Adult Reconstruction Fellowship.

Dr. Tanous is doing an Adult Reconstruction Fellowship at the Scripps Clinic in LaJolla, CA.

Dr. Edmund Y. S. Chao, Ph.D. was the E. Burke Evans Distinguished Lecturer and Visiting Professor for our Resident Graduation ceremonies. Dr. Chao is currently Emeritus Professor at the Mayo Clinic and Mayo School of Medicine, Rochester, MN, Emeritus Professor at the Johns Hopkins University, Clinical Professor at the University of California, Irvine, CA, and President of BJED Consulting, Corona, CA. Dr. Chao’s presentation was titled "Biomechanics of Complex Limb Reconstruction Surgical Techniques."

Voluntary Faculty

Jeffrey Baker, Ph.D
James Bocelli, M.D.
George Cox, M.D.
Marc Dehart, M.D.
Andrew Ebert, M.D.
Bradley Edwards, M.D.
Daniel Eidman, M.D.
Gary Gartsman, M.D.
Stanley Gertzbein, M.D.
Tyler Goldberg, M.D.
William Granberry, M.D.
Thomas Greider, M.D.
Alexander Hadjipavlou, M.D.
Eric Heinrich, M.D.
Omer Ilahi, M.D.
Don Johnson, M.D.

Robert Josey III, M.D.
Anand Joshi, M.D.
John Knecht, DPM
Marc Labbe, M.D.
Adrian LeBlanc, Ph.D
Anita Mercado, M.D.
Anthony Muffoletto, M.D.
Haring Nauta, M.D.
Okay Onan, M.D.
Daniel O’Neill, M.D.
Manish Patel, M.D.
Rita Patterson, Ph.D
Michael Putney, M.D.
J. Clark Race, M.D.
David Randall, M.D.
Hyman Roosth, M.D.

R. Eric Santos, M.D.
Walter Sassard, M.D.
L. Edward Seade, M.D.
Jack Seaquist, M.D.
Jean Sibonga, Ph.D
Sherwin Siff, M.D.
Todd Siff, M.D.
Terry Siller, M.D.
James Simmons, III, D.O.
James Simmons, Jr., M.D.
Roy Smith, M.D.
Gregory Stocks, M.D.
Nicholas Tsourmas, M.D.
Gregg Vager, M.D.
William Watters, III, M.D.
Suzanne Yandow, M.D.

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