Message from the Chair

Thank You

*Winning isn’t everything…wanting to win is.* — Vince Lombardi

UTMB Orthopedic Surgery recently received full ACGME accreditation following its first post-Ike site visit. This is truly a remarkable department accomplishment in light of the havoc Ike inflicted upon our residency program in 2008. A number of individuals/instutitions share in this triumph, and deserve our utmost gratitude.

The Ortho departments at UT Southwestern, UT Houston, UT San Antonio, Scott and White, and the University of Alabama were quick to provide a temporary home for some of our trainees. LSU, Tulane, and UT Lubbock, among others, immediately offered support. Thank you.

Many local hospitals/medical facilities eagerly accommodated our displaced faculty and patients. Mainland, St. John’s, Bay Area Surgicare Center, Mainland Surgery Center, and Southeast Memorial Hermann all opened their doors and resources to us…many others also offered to do so. Thank you as well.

Going forward, our program was able not only to thrive, but also to successfully re-invent itself essentially because of the contributions of our regional friends at MD Anderson, Houston Bone and Joint/St. Luke’s Episcopal Hospital, and Texas Orthopedic Hospital. Val Lewis, Sherwin Siff, Jim Bennett, and their colleagues continue to be integral in our ability to maintain a comprehensive clinical experience for our trainees. Our most sincere thanks go out to you all.

No one individual/institution did more to sustain the integrity of our educational programs than Adrian LeBlanc and his colleagues at the USRA NASA affiliate. The DOSR held its formal weekly didactic sessions (Grand Rounds, case conferences, journal clubs, M & M, resident/faculty meeting, lectures, and research committee sessions) at their beautiful Clear Lake facility for almost 18 months…gratis. The DOSR’s gratitude to this facility and its scientists extends well beyond simply thank you.

But our greatest appreciation should be reserved for the UTMB DOSR faculty, alumni, residents, administration, and staff (especially Kathy Flesher!!!). When we really needed each other to sacrifice, persevere, stay flexible, be selfless, and remain steadfast…everyone did. So let’s thank ourselves too.

Finally, the UTMB DOSR residency training program has been fully accredited since its inception. Perhaps more important than our recent ability to uphold this tradition has been our determination to do so.

Honors and Awards

**Back-to-Back**

Congratulations to PGY4 resident Dr. Kyle Stuart (left) and PGY5 resident Dr. David Merriman (right), winners of the Quiz Bowl competition at the Texas Orthopaedic Association Conference, April 22-24, at the Great Wolf Lodge in Grapevine, TX.

All of the orthopaedic surgery training programs in Texas compete in this contest, and the UTMB program has won five of the last six years. Drs. Merriman and Stuart have won back-to-back titles as a team.
**Publications**


Dr. Vinod K. Panchbhavi was guest editor of the June 2010 issue of Techniques in Foot & Ankle Surgery, (Volume 9, Number 2). See his editorial on page 37 of the issue.

**Presentations**


Lindsey RW. Subtrochanteric Fractures: Reduction Techniques. 5th Annual San Francisco Orthopaedic Trauma Course, San Francisco, California, April 22, 2010.

Lindsey RW. Diaphyseal Defects. 5th Annual San Francisco Orthopaedic Trauma Course, San Francisco, California, April 22, 2010.

Lindsey RW. rhBMP2: Basics and Clinical Applications. 5th Annual San Francisco Orthopaedic Trauma Course, San Francisco, California, April 22, 2010.

Congratulations and best wishes to our graduating residents!

From left to right, the graduates and their future plans:

**Clint Johnson, MD** - Private practice, Woodlands, TX.

**Paul Rath, MD** - Sports Medicine Fellowships, UT Houston and Steadman/Hawkins Clinic, Vail CO.

**David Merriman, MD** - Trauma Fellowship, Washington University, St. Louis, MO.

**Niki Leontaritis, DO** - Trauma Fellowship, Duke University, Durham, NC.

**Toribio Natividad, MD** - Sports Medicine Fellowship, Albuquerque, NM.
**Grand Rounds**

**Distinguished Guest Lectureship Series at Victory Lakes**

On Tuesday April 13, 2010, Dr. Massimo Morandi, MD, Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit MI, presented “Intramedullary Nailing of Proximal Tibial Fractures.”

On May 11, 2010, Dr. John Knecht, DPM, FACFAS, Gulf Coast Podiatry, gave a presentation titled “Toenail Problems: Case Reports.”

On May 25, 2010, Dr. William A. Phillips, MD, Chief, Section of Orthopedic Surgery and Scoliosis, Texas Children’s Hospital, presented “Scoliosis in the 21st Century.”

**Ortho in the News**

**Savannah’s Success Story:**  
Dr. David Yngve is one of the few surgeons in the US who performs a minimally invasive procedure called Selective Percutaneous Myofascial Lengthening (SPML, also called PERCS). The little-known outpatient surgery helps relieve tightening of the leg muscles, providing children with cerebral palsy greater range of motion and even the ability to walk again. Savannah Spencer is a patient of Dr. Yngve’s, and has had great success with SPML. Her story was featured in a Houston ABC News story.

**Clinic Week:**  
For the week of May 6-12, The DOSR Clinics observed “Clinic Week” coinciding with Nurses & Hospitals Week, an annual UTMB event that features poster exhibits, continuing education, fitness walk and other social events to help promote awareness and appreciation for nurses and clinic staff. The theme of Clinic Week was “Survivor”, and the staff at South Shore Harbor Orthopaedic Clinic got into the tribal spirit by outfitting their clinic manager, Kathy Robbins, in the appropriate attire.
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Voluntary Faculty

Jeffrey Baker, Ph.D.
James Bennett, M.D.
James Bocell, M.D.
Mark Brinker, M.D.
Taylor Brown, 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.
Joseph Gugenheim, 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.
Gordon L. Klein, MD
John Knecht, DPM
Marc Labbe, M.D.
Adrian LeBlanc, Ph.D
Vasilos Mathews, M.D.
Anita Mercado, M.D.
Anthony Muffoletto, M.D.
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David Randall, M.D.
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L. Edward Seade, M.D.
Jack Seaquist, M.D.
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Todd Siff, M.D.
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