“Who am I supposed to go after?”

George Steinbrenner, Owner, New York Yankees
(In response to criticism from his rivals for annually pursuing the best major league baseball free agents available)

Orthopaedic Surgery has become an exceedingly popular career choice among present-day medical students. The UTMB Department of Orthopaedic Surgery (DOSR) usually receives an overwhelming number of applications for its five accredited residency slots. The challenge for our program is a formidable one…who should we select to fill these positions?

The principal responsibility of DOSR faculty is the education and ultimate professional certification of our resident physicians. This process begins with our fundamental obligation to select the applicants with the potential to become the best orthopedic surgeons. The non-scholastic merits of these preferred candidates usually reflect strong leadership skills, unique talents, diverse backgrounds, a wide range of life experiences, and dedicated service to others. As faculty, our innate sense is the only tool we have with which to make comparative assessments based upon these virtues.

DOSR residents, past and present, can certainly impact the selection process. Residents create the appeal of the program by the nature and intensity of their effort during training and their success after its completion. They lack a formal vote; but they do provide faculty with a unique perspective on how the more subtle attributes of an applicant might fit with the intricacies our program.

Most applicants receive the unconditional support of family, friends, and/or professional acquaintances. These advocates also offer extremely valuable personal insights into a candidate, and assist DOSR faculty in making distinctions among our top applicants. This input, alone, however, does not designate a top choice.

The most significant basis for success in the selection process is determined solely by the applicant. Superior academic performance has become the standard for any truly competitive orthopaedic surgery aspirant. Many practicing orthopaedic surgeons quietly concede that their own admission into our subspecialty would not be assured in today’s highly competitive applicant market. This, albeit harsh, is our reality.

The quality and growth of tomorrow’s musculoskeletal healthcare will be predominantly determined by the aptitude of the trainees we select today. Understandably, therefore, the basis for any meaningful resident selection methodology always begins with the comparative scholastic merits of the candidates. In the years to come, if you, we, or any of our loved ones were ever in need of their services, who would you wish we had selected?

Welcome to Ortho

The Department of Orthopaedic Surgery & Rehabilitation welcomes Katie Gwinn in the position of Business Coordinator. Katie earned her degree in Business Management from the University of Phoenix and spent 15 years at The Boeing Company prior to joining us at UTMB. She will provide administrative support for a variety of the department’s daily operations.
Congratulations to Dr. Kelly Carmichael and Dr. Ronald Lindsey for being named among this year’s Texas Super Doctors® by Texas Monthly magazine. Super Doctors acknowledges Texas physicians who have attained a high degree of peer recognition and professional achievement, and is published in the December issue of Texas Monthly.

Congratulations to David Yngve, MD who earned the Patient’s Choice Award for 2012. This honor is the result of over 200,000 patient reviews and ratings on topics such as bedside manner, appropriate follow-up, and overall opinion of the physician. Dr. Yngve also received the Patient’s Choice Award in 2010.
**Publications**


**Presentations**


In response to the challenge to submit a newsworthy tidbit about myself, I spent days racking my brain and finally came up with: "I am retiring at the end of 2013." This decision has opened a floodgate of other issues, such as, how am I, a foot and ankle guy, going to buy food? Then again, that has been an issue since I narrowed my practice back in 1985.

The local boy scouts held a fund-raising bake sale for me, so I WILL be able to come to Galveston for the Eggers-Evans meeting, where I intend to present a series of "interesting foot cases"--oxymoronic as that may sound.

Now surely someone from the old days has seen an interesting case in sports or spine or pediatrics or tumor--nah, probably not tumor--that he/she would love to present during a session dedicated to such topics (involving resident participation) during the Eggers-Evans this year. So, do it. Let us know and we'll put you down. Show some pictures, spout off some facts, teach us. The residents will love it--Ron guarantees it.

Do it for fun and because it just might help a patient down the road. Do it for Dr. Evans. Hope to see you there.

-- Charles Morley, MD, ’76

Justin Klimisch, MD, ’09 recently joined the Orthopaedic Associates of Corpus Christi. Dr. Klimisch completed a fellowship in joint replacement surgery at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, TX, and worked at the Bone and Joint Center of Seattle before returning to Texas.

Paul Rath, MD, ’10 has joined the Trinity Clinic in Tyler, TX. Dr. Rath completed foot and ankle fellowships at The University of Texas Health Science Center, Houston, TX, and The Steadman Clinic, Vail, CO.

Sean Gallagher, MD, ’11 has joined All Star Orthopaedics of Austin, TX. Dr. Gallagher completed a lower extremity reconstruction fellowship at Scripps Clinic in La Jolla, CA.

Kyle Stuart, MD, ’11 has joined the Sports Medicine Clinic of North Texas in Dallas. Dr. Stuart completed a one-year fellowship in sports medicine and arthroscopy at the Southern California Orthopedic Institute (SCOI) in Van Nuys, CA.
Distinguished Guest Lectureship Series at Victory Lakes

On December 18, 2012, our guest lecturer was Jake P. Heiney, MD, from the University of Toledo, Department of Orthopaedics, Toledo, OH. After an orthopaedic residency at Wayne State University in Detroit, MI, he completed an orthopaedic trauma fellowship at the University of California, San Diego, CA. His lecture explored complex fracture reduction methods and the merits of the novel Inflate Fx technology.

Grand Rounds

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
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
Gordon L. Klein, MD
John Knecht, DPM
Marc Labbe, MD
Glenn C. Landon, MD
Adrian LeBlanc, PhD
Bonnie Simpson Mason, MD
Vasilos 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
L. Edward Seade, MD
Jack Seaquist, MD
Jean Sibonga, PhD
Sherwin Siff, MD
Todd Siff, MD
Terry Siller, MD
James Simmons III, DO
James Simmons, Jr., MD
Roy Smith, MD
Gregory Stocks, MD
Nicholas Tsourmas, MD
Gregg Vagner, MD
William Watters III, MD
Jeffrey M. Whelan, MD
Suzanne Yandow, MD

31st Annual
GWN Eggers Lectureship
&
Inaugural Evans Award

Thursday evening, May 16, 2013
Friday morning/afternoon, May 17, 2013
Saturday morning, May 18, 2013
Galveston Island Convention Center
Galveston, Texas

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