Criticism: Is It Really Better to Give Than to Receive?

“Honest criticism is hard to take—especially when it comes from a relative, an acquaintance, or a stranger”

Franklin P. Jones

Criticism, considered by some as the expected consequence of modern human interaction, is certainly rampant in medicine. Whether one is having a patient care catastrophe presented at M&M conference, making difficult administrative/leadership decisions, pushing colleagues/trainees/staff to be the best that they can be, or, merely trying to do what is believed to be right…criticism will surely follow. It is one of the few things in life that others will always freely (and repeatedly) offer to you, requested or not. In fact, people are more apt to direct their criticisms of others to an extent, or intensity, that they would never even consider directing toward themselves.

Although it may be gratis, criticism is seldom welcomed, frequently disquieting, usually met with resistance, and rarely accepted outright. Even when it is meant to be constructive, the recipient normally feels more like a target than a beneficiary.

Criticism, occasionally, can be a true agent for meaningful change. Too often, however, it simply reflects someone’s biased, personal agenda. In this latter instance, perhaps it’s more important to understand why certain opinions are being championed than what these sentiments actually espouse.

I believe criticism, in any form, should be welcomed…from anyone, at any time. Censure prompts us to pause and, at very least, acknowledge alternate positions. In doing so, we may more fully understand the basis for and validity of our judgments, as well as the views of others. The challenge will always be determining which has more merit.

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Wednesday
March 12, 2014
@ 6:00 PM
Ritz-Carlton Hotel
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New Orleans, LA


Klein GL. Should we give vitamin D to severe burns patients? The conundrum. Burns. 2013 Sep 5. [Epub ahead of print]


Publications


Presentations


Lindsey RW. “Modern Indications for Anterior Pelvic External Fixation,” The 57th Annual Edward T. Smith Orthopaedic Lectureship, Houston, TX, November, 2013.


Panchbhavi VK. "Geriatric Module," Faculty at the Comprehensive Fracture Course for Residents, 29th Annual Meeting of the Orthopedic Trauma Association, Phoenix, Arizona, October 9-12, 2013.

Yngve DA. Selective Percutaneous Myofascial Lengthening (SPML). 3-hour course. 1. Introduction to SPML. 2. Rehabilitation following SPML. 3. Research Results of SPML. Upper Extremity and Spine Surgery in Children with Cerebral Palsy. At Reach Therapy Center, Houston, TX, November 8, 2013.

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Italics - DOSR Student/Fellow/Staff
Honors and Awards

Congratulations to Kelly D. Carmichael, MD, Ronald W. Lindsey, MD and Vinod K. Panchbhavi, MD, for their selection among the Texas Super Doctors® featured in a special advertising section in the December 2013 issue of Texas Monthly.

Vinod K. Panchbhavi, MD was invited to participate as Foot & Ankle Faculty at the 2nd Annual VuMedi – The Event, held at the Westin St. Francis in Union Square, San Francisco, CA, November 22-24, 2013. Touted as the “YouTube for surgeons,” VuMedi has over 50,000 registered physicians internationally, and sponsors discussion conferences with renowned faculty members on cases, complications, and current controversies in Orthopaedics.

Alumni News

Congratulations to two DOSR Alumni for their selection as Top Doctors by Houstonian Magazine for September 2013:

Stefan W. Kreuzer, MD, ’00, UT Physicians Memorial Westside Clinic, Houston, TX.

Frank A. Schroeder, MD, ’07, Memorial Hermann IRONMAN Sports Medicine Institute, Houston, TX.

Martin Hilton, MD, ’07, has an established practice at the Diagnostic Clinic of Longview in Longview, TX, specializing in Orthopaedics and Podiatry. He is a fellow of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons and a member of the Texas Orthopaedic Association.
On October 30, 2013, René Haag, PhD, Director, Plate & Screw Technologies, DePuy Synthes. The lecture was entitled “Biomechanics and Engineering Principles of Plates & Screws.”

On November 13, 2013, David Randall, MD, East Houston Orthopaedics and Sports Medicine, Houston, TX, Assistant Clinical Professor, UTMB, and DOSR Alumni ’96. The lecture was entitled “Cemented Total Hip Arthroplasty - A Lost Art?”

On November 20, 2013, Gehard Maale, MD, Clinical Associate Professor, Department of Orthopedic Surgery, University of Texas Southwestern Medical School, Dallas, TX. The lecture was entitled “Biofilm, Its’ Significance in Orthopedic Infections, Difficulties in Diagnosis and New Regimen for Treatment of Biofilm Related Orthopedic Infections.”

On December 11, 2013, Thomas Blackwell, MD, Professor, Division of General Medicine, Department of Internal Medicine, Designated Institutional Official (DIO), Edna S. and William C. Levin Professorship in Internal Medicine, UTMB. The lecture was entitled “The Impact of Training Environment on Future Practice Patterns.”

On December 18, 2013, Blake B. Rasmussen, PhD, Professor, Department of Physical Therapy, UTMB. The lecture was entitled “The Role of Nutrition in Sports Medicine, Surgery and Rehabilitation.”
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Distinguished Guest Lecturer Edward Akelman, MD, Professor/Vice Chairman, University Orthopaedics, Brown University.

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