Message from the Chair

“Say ‘hello’ to my little friend”
- Al Pacino, Scarface

I get bored easily. Recently, I was suffering through an extended airport delay when I overheard two kids playing a game to fill the time. One would cite a famous movie quote; the other would come up with a school related situation, event, experience, or person that best fit the citation. These little friends really helped the time pass! Unbeknownst to them, I started to quietly formulate my own “work” related responses, and I’ve listed some of them below. I’ll let you figure out the movie, and character, that made these lines so memorable (the other part of their game).

“May the force be with you”…every year another chief resident class graduates
“You talkin’ to me?”…whenever I receive a call from Patient Services
“What we’ve got here is failure to communicate”…most patient complaints
“I’m going to make him an offer he can’t refuse”…recruiting new faculty
“I’ve got a feeling we’re not in Kansas anymore”…UTMB Specialty Care Center at Victory Lakes
“Go ahead, make my day”…someone threatens to cancel my OR case
“Show me the money”…grants, endowments, system benefactors
“You can’t handle the truth”…persistent medical sales reps
“I’ll be back”…very difficult and/or non-compliant patients who do poorly
“You had me at hello”…truly grateful and/or compliant patients who do well
“Greed, for lack of a better word, is good”…the new incentive-based faculty compensation plan
“I feel the need__ the need for speed”…heading home after a long business trip
“Whatever comes out of these gates, we’ve got a better chance of survival if we work together. Do you understand? If we stay together, we survive”…UTMB

US News and World Report: Best Hospitals

The US News and World Report has recognized The University of Texas Medical Branch and the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and Rehabilitation (DOSR) as one of the High-Performing Orthopaedic Surgery Services in the Houston, Texas region (along with MD Anderson, Texas Orthopedic Hospital, and St. Luke’s Episcopal Hospital, among others). The DOSR is one of three UTMB clinical services (along with ENT and Nephrology) to receive this honor.


**Presentations**


Presentations - Continued


Panchbhavi VK. Faculty on Vumedi webinar on ‘Advanced Techniques for Calcaneus Fractures’ telecast internationally, Feb 4th 2014 http://www.vumedi.com/video/fractures-of-the-calcaneus/?list=a4ec9d1f-d190-47fb-b044-54d2a9882cf8

Grand Rounds

January 22, 2014, Thomas R. Hunt, III, MD, Professor and Chair of Orthopedic Surgery, Baylor College of Medicine; the lecture was entitled “Wrist Instabilities in Athletes.”

February 12, 2014, Michael H. Huo, MD, UT Southwestern Medical Center; the lecture was entitled “Total Hip Replacement Management of Acetabular Bone Deficiency,” and sponsored by Emergency Room Lectureship in Orthopaedics.

February 19, 2014, Michael Sun, MD, Assistant Professor, Department of Orthopedic Surgery, SUNY Upstate Medical University, The Upstate Bone and Joint Center, East Syracuse, NY; the lecture was entitled “Spine Health Care Economics 101,” and sponsored by Emergency Room Lectureship in Orthopaedics.

February 26, 2014, Harry K. Wallfisch, MD, Professor, Director of Rebecca Sealy Hospital; the lecture was entitled “Risk Management.”
Niki Carayannopoulous, DO was honored with a 2014 Houston’s Top Doctor Nomination. She was also a guest speaker at the UTMB Women’s Surgical Society on February 26th, and the UTMB Orthopaedic Student Society on March 3rd.

She also recently attended the 23rd Annual Essentials in Internal Medicine Meeting and served as faculty at this year’s AO North America Basic Principles and Techniques of Operative Fracture Management, March 20-23, LaJolla, CA.

Dr. Carayannopoulous and her husband George Carayannopoulos, MD are also expecting their first baby girl on June 23rd!

Alumni News

Jason Norcross, MD ’06 completed an accredited Joint Arthroplasty Fellowship at the Concord Repatriation Hospital in Sydney, Australia, and is currently part of the OrthoCarolina group, with the Hickory Orthopaedic Center, Hickory, NC where he specializes in hip and knee replacement surgery.

Catherine Shin, MD ’06 is an orthopaedic surgeon specializing in hand, upper extremity, and fracture repair at Columbia Memorial Hospital, Hudson, NY.

Nicholas R. Goucher, MD ’05 completed a Foot and Ankle Surgery Fellowship with Idaho Foot & Ankle, Boise, ID and is a member of the Intermountain Medical Group, and the Calton/Harrison Orthopedic Clinic, Ogden, UT where he specializes in complex foot and ankle reconstruction.
We would like to welcome three new Business Coordinators to the department:

Belia Chacon has been with UTMB since 2000, primarily working in the South Shore Harbour and Victory Lakes clinics as a Patient Service Specialist. She will be providing administrative support and surgical scheduling for the Pediatric Orthopaedics service, as well as front desk reception. Belia is also a certified Spanish translator.

Genetria Olivier also comes to us from UTMB, and most recently, the University of Texas Health Science Center. She will be providing administrative support for Orthopaedics Research faculty, as well as purchasing, invoicing, travel and expense reimbursements, inventory management and records retention.

Carolyn Woodward has been with UTMB since 1999 and has worked in both the DOSR and South Shore Harbour clinic as a Patient Service Specialist. She will provide administrative support for the General Orthopaedics and Sports Medicine services.
Operation Rainbow

In March, 2014, Kelly Carmichael, MD, Kelly Stephenson, MD, and Brandon Perez, MD visited San Santa Teresa Regional Hospital, Comayagua Honduras as part of a mission by the non-profit organization Operation Rainbow to help provide orthopaedic care to indigent children and young adults in developing countries. The volunteer team evaluated over 200 clinic patients and performed 45 specialized surgical procedures over a four-day period, which included clubfoot repair, Selective Percutaneous Myofascial Lengthening (SPML), and fracture care.

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
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