Message from the Chair

“You’d be surprised how much it costs to look this cheap”

Dolly Parton

Several years ago, with the deadline for the national residency match rankings rapidly approaching, a very accomplished medical student I mentored was reluctant to even rank an internal medicine training program at one of the country’s most competitive and highly regarded medical schools. To my dismay, his major (in fact only) aversion to this universally revered institution was the dated nature of its physical facilities.

He was candid about the basis for his “old facility’ apprehension. His childhood was spent in one of the nation’s finest havens of contemporary suburban expansion, and all of his scholarly experiences involved sleek, recently built, architecturally imposing buildings. In this world, new always meant better…achievement was always synonymous with visual appeal…and success could always be claimed by the institution with the greatest physical presence.

The only interaction I’ve ever had with this renowned, albeit apparently decrepit, bastion of medical education has been my admiration from afar. In its world, everyone, young and old, strives to be better…achievement is an action, not a structure…and success is a designation assigned to you by others, not an accolade you bestow on yourself.

Extravagant, modern healthcare facilities may reflect an institution’s fiscal success, and understandable appeal to prospective patients, employees, trainees, and even physicians (yours truly included!). But far too often these trappings, alone, are offered as signs of professional superiority. In medicine, however, as with any science, true excellence still requires what it always has…a passion for knowledge, innovative thinking, an unbridled commitment to progress, individual tenacity, professional fortitude, and, most of all, hard work. Within our profession we should never misconstrue the quality of a facility’s campus (which can be purchased) from the quality of its people (which must be earned).

I am not really a fan of Dolly Parton, but I am a fervent admirer. The “costs” to which she refers are undoubtedly the same professional efforts and personal sacrifices that are necessary to achieve excellence in medicine. In a multifaceted career that has spanned over five decades, she earned nominations for or was the recipient of every major award in the field of entertainment and the arts…multiple times! All of this while still remaining the same self-effacing person who grew up “dirt poor” with eleven siblings in a one room log cabin in the backwoods of eastern Tennessee.

OREF/ORS Resident Research Forum Awards

At the 2014 OREF/ORS Western Gulf Coast Region Resident Research Symposium held in October at Baylor College of Medicine, Andrew Patton, MD, PGY1, was awarded Third Place for his presentation entitled “Accuracy of Fluoroscopy vs. Computer-Assisted Navigation for the Placement of Anterior Cervical Pedicle Screws.”

Fred Speck, MD, PGY5, was awarded Honorable Mention for his presentation entitled “Effect of Plates in Proximity to Empty External Fixation Pin Sites on Long Bone Torsional Strength.”


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Gordon L. Klein, MD. “Pamidronate Attenuates Muscle Loss Following Pediatric Burn Injury.” Presented at the 7th International Conference on Osteoporosis and Bone Research (ICOBR), Xiamen, China, Oct. 16-19, 2014.


Vinod K. Panchbhavi, MD. Moderator Faculty on Indian Foot & Ankle Society’s IFAS-VuMedi Webinar on Ankle Fractures: Controversies & Challenges, international telecast, Oct. 21, 2014.


Vinod K. Panchbhavi, MD. (1) “MIS in Foot & Ankle,” (2) “Peroneal Tendon Tears.” Invited Faculty talks via Web link on International Foot and Ankle Course organized by the Indian Foot & Ankle Society at Mylapore, Chennai, India, Nov. 16, 2014.


**OREF/ORS Western Gulf Coast Region Resident Research Symposium**

The Orthopaedic Research and Education Foundation (OREF) and the Orthopaedic Research Society (ORS) sponsor annual symposia providing residents across the US the opportunity to present research papers to panels of experienced investigators and clinicians. On October 3, 2014, six DOSR residents presented research projects at the OREF/ORS Western Gulf Coast Region Research Symposium, held at Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX.

**Andrew G. Patton, MD**, “Accuracy of Fluoroscopy vs. Computer-Assisted Navigation for the Placement of Anterior Cervical Pedicle Screws.” **Third Place Award Recipient:**

**Fred L. Speck III, MD**, “Effect of Plates in Proximity to Empty External Fixation Pin Sites on Long Bone Torsional Strength.” **Honorable Mention Award Recipient**

**Jamie J. Alexander, MD**, “Visualization of Experimental Bone Defects by Computed Tomography at Reduced Radiation Doses.”

**Grayson A. Moore, MD**, “Revision Total Hip and Knee Arthroplasty Following Documented Deep Infection: The Utility of Frozen Sections.”

**Aaron D. Schrayer, MD**, “Biomechanical Comparison of Conventional versus Cable Pin Fixation for Transverse Patellar Fractures.”

**Christopher L. Sheu, MD**, “Sex Differences in Knee Flexion Angle During a Rapid Change of Direction While Running.”

**UTMB 18th Annual Forum on Aging**

The Sealy Center on Aging and the Department of Research Services hosted the 18th Annual Forum on Aging at UTMB on Tuesday, December 2, 2014. The forum is designed to inform gerontology researchers and the UTMB community of current aging research at UTMB, as well as the resources available from the Sealy Center on Aging.

**Caroline W. S. Jansen, PhD**, Rebecca V. Galloway, PhD, **William L. Buford, Jr., PhD**, Daniel H. Freeman, PhD, “Age, Gender, Race/Ethnicity as Predictors of Cutaneous Sensation in the Hand.”

**Zbigniew Gugala, MD, PhD, Sean T. Burns, MD**, Carlos J. Jimenez, MD, William J. Mileski, MD, **Ronald W. Lindsey, MD**, “Epidemiology and Patterns of Musculoskeletal Motorcycle Injuries in the United States: A Perspective in Elderly Patients.”

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Honors and Awards

This year, 44 UTMB Health physicians were named Texas Super Doctors© in Texas Monthly magazine. These doctors were selected through a rigorous process designed by MSP Communications to identify physicians who have attained a high degree of peer recognition and professional achievement. Congratulations to Kelly D. Carmichael, MD, Ronald W. Lindsey, MD and Vinod K. Panchbhavi, MD, of DOSR for their selections.

Congratulations to David A. Yngve, MD, awarded Castle Connolly’s Top Doctor Award in November, 2014. Physicians are nominated by their peers to receive the Top Doctor award, and this is the 5th year that Dr. Yngve has won this honor.

SAVE THE DATE
33rd Annual GWN Eggers Lectureship

Distinguished Guest Lecturer Stephen F. Gunther, MD, Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery, George Washington University, MedStar Washington Hospital Center, Washington, DC.

April 10-11, 2015
Galveston Island Convention Center
November 12, 2014, Robert H. Quinn, MD, Professor and Chairman, Residency Program Director, Orthopaedic Oncology, University of Texas Health Science Center San Antonio, Center San Antonio, TX. Dr. Quinn’s lecture was entitled “Contemporary Treatment of Metastatic Disease,” and sponsored by Emergency Room Lectureship.

November 19, 2014, Hussein A. Elkousy MD, Fondren Orthopedic Group, LLP, Houston, TX. Dr. Elkousy’s lecture was entitled “Ultrasound Evaluation of the Shoulder Joint.”

December 10, 2014, Rabih O. Darouiche MD, Professor, Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, Baylor College of Medicine, Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center, Houston, TX. Dr. Darouiche’s lecture was entitled “Topic: Sterility in the OR.”

December 17, 2014, Elizabeth A. Salisbury, PhD, Center for Cell & Gene Therapy, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX. Dr. Salisbury’s lecture was entitled “Heterotopic Ossification: New Insights into Old Problem.”

Special Guest Speaker:

On October 29, 2014, Jason Hardcastle, MS, Senior Laboratory Biosafety Training Specialist, UTMB, presented “National Biocontainment Training Center, Galveston National Laboratory, and its Global Contributions to Infectious Disease Research.”
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