Message from the Chair

“This is what Achilles will feel like when he is old. And then I remembered: he will never be old”

- Madeline Miller, The Song of Achilles

One of the most outstanding caregivers I’ve ever known died recently. His death was sudden, and it occurred during something he did regularly; making a last minute house call in response to someone who urgently needed his help. He was barely middle-aged, seemingly fit, and if he had a visible flaw, perhaps it was working too hard…dawn to dusk, six days a week, eager to help the next person through the door, while never even considering turning anyone away. A veritable maven in his field, he would approach all encounters, mundane or complex, with the same degree of enthusiasm and commitment, and his outcomes were exemplary. But it was his patient, calm, and always steady demeanor that made him truly successful.

Far too often, success in medicine is measured by volume. An “accomplished” physician has crowded clinics, performs a lot of procedures, or is too busy to take on new patients. Paradoxically, as the experience level and/or professional standing of some physicians soars, there is a tendency to shun the more challenging patients, in favor of the cases that involve less time or aggravation. The people who sought out the individual I mourn were usually quite demanding, yet he was never too busy, nor did he ever appear outwardly annoyed.

His name was Achilles (to this day I don’t know his last name), and he was my auto mechanic for decades. During this time he was entrusted with the care of an aging, 32 year old car that I treasure, and he always treated as if it were his own. Quietly, I’ve marveled (and benefited) from both the quality of his work, as well as the dignified manner by which he approached his job. To his legion of devotees, Achilles is truly irreplaceable. In healthcare, I wonder how many of our patients would actually think the same about us.

New DOSR Full-Time Faculty

The DOSR welcomes Elizabeth Salisbury, PhD, Assistant Professor in Orthopaedic Research. Dr. Salisbury completed her Doctorate work in Translational Biology and Molecular Medicine at Baylor College of Medicine in 2011. She was a Postdoctoral Fellow in the IRACDA Program, Center for Cell and Gene Therapy, at Baylor College of Medicine from 2011-2014. Dr. Salisbury has interest and expertise in histology, heterotopic bone formation, and molecular biology.

Fred L. Speck, III, MD has joined the DOSR as an Assistant Professor. Dr. Speck is a 2015 DOSR Residency Program graduate with expertise in General Orthopedics, Orthopaedic Trauma and Sports Medicine. Dr. Speck will also play a chief role in resident education and our Orthopaedic Residency Surgical Simulation Lab.

We also welcome Louis S. Stryker, MD, who has joined the DOSR as an Assistant Professor. Dr. Stryker received his MD from the University of Texas Medical School, Houston, TX, completed his Orthopaedic Residency at the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN, and an Adult Reconstructive Surgery Fellowship at the OrthoCarololina Hip and Knee Center, Charlotte, NC. Dr. Stryker’s expertise is in Adult Joint Reconstruction.
**Publications**


Davis EL, Salisbury EA, Olmsted-Davis E, Davis AR. Anaplerotic accumulation of tricarboxylic acid cycle intermediates as well as changes in other key metabolites during heterotopic ossification. J Cell Biochem, Epub ahead of print, Dec 2 2015.


Presentations

Brett M. Hall, MD, Susan M. Odum, PhD, Thomas K. Fehring, MD, Louis S. Stryker, MD. “Differences in Billing for Total Joint Arthroplasty Based on Hospital Profit Status.” American Association of Hip and Knee Surgeons Annual Meeting, Dallas, TX, November 5-8, 2015.


Gordon L. Klein, MD, “The Effect of Burns on Calcium Metabolism,” course on Burn Nutrition, Shriners Hospital, Galveston, TX, November 12, 2015.


Presentations Continued

**Lattisha Rowe, MD**, "The Road to Orthopaedic Surgery," Morehouse School of Medicine, October, 2015.


**Louis S. Stryker, MD.** The Vagaries of TJA Charges and Payments: Cui Bono? UTMB Department of Orthopaedic Surgery Grand Rounds, Galveston, TX, November, 2015.

**50th Annual Meeting of the Riordan Hand Society in conjunction with the Texas Orthopaedic Association, Tremont Hotel, Galveston, TX, October 15-17, 2015.**


**James Bennett, MD,** “Elbow Salvage Procedure.”

**Kevin Leffers, MD,** Glenn M. Garcia, MD, **John W. Kosty, MD,** Daniel Jupiter, PhD, Matthew Ditzler, MD, Jorge A. Lee-Diaz, MD, Stephen Dryden, MD, **Zbigniew Gugala, MD, PhD, Ronald W. Lindsey, MD,** “Low Dose Radiation Computed Tomography for Detection of Doral Penetrating Screw after Distal Radius Volar Plating.”

**Daniel Torres, MD,** “Proximal Median Nerve Entrapment.”

Grand Rounds

October 14, 2015: **John P. Dormans, MD,** Chief, Pediatric Orthopedic Surgery, Texas Children’s Hospital, Houston, TX. Dr. Dormans’ lecture was entitled “Musculoskeletal Tumors in Children: 2015.”

October 28, 2015: **Omer Ilahi, MD,** founding partner, South West Orthopedic Group, LLP, Houston, TX. Dr. Ilahi’s lecture was entitled “Practicing Real World Orthopaedics.”
Honors, Awards, and Acknowledgements

Zbigniew Gugala, MD, PhD and Ronald W. Lindsey, MD, were recognized by the Association of Bone and Joint Surgeons Clinical Orthopaedics and Related Research Board of Trustees as “Top Reviewers” for their contributions to the journal and to orthopaedic science. DOSR is the only orthopaedic department in the nation to have this distinction for more than one faculty member.

Caroline W. Stegink-Jansen, PhD, was the winner of the Natalie Barr Lectureship Award by the American Society of Hand Therapists. This award is among ASHT’s highest honors, recognizing significant achievements and contributions to the profession of hand therapy and rehabilitation.

Gordon L. Klein, MD was selected for the inaugural editorial board of Osteoporosis and Sarcopenia: Journal of the Asian Federation of Osteoporosis Societies.

Elizabeth Salisbury, PhD received a Young Investigator Award from the American Society of Bone and Mineral Research. This award recognizes young investigators who submit top-ranking abstracts to an ASBMR Meeting.

DOSR had five surgeons named to Texas Monthly Magazine’s list of Texas Super Doctors® for 2015. The rigorous selection process identifies physicians who have attained a high degree of peer recognition and professional achievement. Congratulations to Kelly D. Carmichael, MD, Ronald W. Lindsey, MD, (both selected for the 9th year in a row), and Vinod K. Panchbhavi, MD. Congratulations to Niki L. Carayannopoulos, DO and Louis S. Stryker, MD for being selected as Texas Rising Stars.

The publication by Dorothy Y. Harris, MD and Ronald W. Lindsey, MD, “Variability in Fluoroscopic Image Acquisition During Operative Fixation of Ankle Fractures,” was selected as one of the "Editor’s Picks" in the October 2015 issue of Orthopedics (vol. 38, no. 10. pp. e864-e868).
The DOSR welcomes a new Physician’s Assistant, **Andrew Goldstein, MPAS, PA-C**. Andrew received his Master’s degree in Physician Assistant Studies at The University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston, and will be working with orthopaedic patients on the island.

**Eugene Stautberg III, MD, (PGY 4)** had an article featured in the October edition of the AAOS Now Newsletter about the National Orthopaedic Leadership Conference entitled “My first NOLC!”

**Kenneth Brooks, MD** has contributed his expertise to two videos featured on UTMB’s YouTube channel: *The Dangers of Concussion in Youth Athletics* and *Youth Safety in Athletics*.

Congratulations to **Nick Vance, MD** (PGY5) and **William K. Wilson, MD** (PGY3) who both welcomed baby girls this quarter.

**Kelly Carmichael, MD** placed 1st in his age/gender group in the D’Feet Breast Cancer 5K, October 24, 2015, Galveston, TX.

The **DOSR Trauma Program** was approved last quarter as an AO Trauma Fellowship Host Center. We will be hosting two clinical fellows next fall which will bolster our training program and patient care.

**Surgical Procedures Workshop**

On December 8, 2015, the DOSR held a 3-hour cadaver workshop on total hip arthroplasty and total knee arthroplasty. The event was directed by our new faculty member **Louis Stryker, MD**, and sponsored by Stryker Orthopaedics. This was the first full-scale workshop held in our expanding Resident Anatomy Lab, and we plan to host several training workshops throughout each year going forward.
The New Jennie Sealy Hospital

The new Jennie Sealy Hospital at the University of Texas Medical Branch is nearing completion and scheduled to open on April 9, 2016.

The state-of-the-art hospital complex will house 310 beds, 20 operating rooms, intraoperative MRI, day surgery, and vital connections to the Clinical Services Wing and future modernization of the John Sealy Hospital.

To learn more about this exciting new facility, please visit The New Jennie Sealy Hospital site at UTMB Health.

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