Message from the Chair

“It is the task of a good man to help those in misfortune.”
—Sophocles

Recently I had to expound upon the impact of the Texas Department of Corrections (TDC) and Hospital Galveston upon the UTMB Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and Rehabilitation (DOSR), and I welcomed the opportunity.

Like many in medicine, I had never been in a jail prior to my arrival at UTMB over a decade ago. Convincing free world patients to make reasonable decisions or comply with simple therapeutic recommendations can be somewhat demanding. Understandably, I was very apprehensive about the DOSR’s (or my) ability to truly make a difference in the lives of the incarcerated…or TDC’s ability to have a meaningful effect on Orthopaedics (or me). But I was wrong.

The obvious TDC impact upon the DOSR is the enormous musculoskeletal clinical volume generated at Hospital Galveston. Our vast array of musculoskeletal specialty services provide more TDC care than any other UTMB clinical department or service (accounting for approximately 16% of all TDC outpatients, and almost 23% of all TDC surgery). Yet clinical volume, alone, does not fully reflect all of the benefits of the DOSR’s TDC professional experience.

For DOSR faculty, TDC patients often represent the most challenging (and gratifying) surgical cases. The unique obstacles that frequently arise while providing even the most straightforward care habitually demand faculty patience and ingenuity.

Regarding DOSR resident training, the depth and breadth of this same experience provides unparalleled educational possibilities. TDC has not only sustained the size and envisioned growth of our residency program, it has been integral in establishing the DOSR as a highly preferred training program.

I believe, however, that Hospital Galveston’s greatest impact upon the DOSR (and me) may be a bit more obscure. TDC patients may be inmates, but they are also people…and, likely, someone’s spouse, son or daughter, sibling, or parent. In so many ways, TDC serves as a daily DOSR reminder of the very basic healthcare principle that should reside at the core of everything we do. All patients, regardless of their circumstances, deserve the same thoughtful and compassionate medical care.

New Faculty Member

On October 24, 2016, Jeremy Somerson, MD joined the DOSR as Assistant Professor. After finishing his residency in Orthopaedic Surgery at the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio, TX, Dr. Somerson completed a fellowship in shoulder and elbow surgery at the University of Washington Medical Center in Seattle, WA. Dr. Somerson’s clinical expertise includes arthroscopic treatment of shoulder and elbow injuries, shoulder arthritis and replacement, rotator cuff repair, and elbow reconstruction and arthroplasty.
Publications


Casagrande DJ, Morris RP, Carayannopoulos NL, Buford WL. Relationship between ulnar variance, cortical bone density, and load to failure in the distal radius at the typical site of fracture initiation. J Hand Surg Am. 2016 Dec;41(12):e461-e468.


Presentations


Lindsey RW. “Titanium Cages: How We Can Enhance Their Success.” Annual Meeting of the Orthopaedic Trauma Association, Oct 5, 2016, National Harbor, MD.

Wu LQ (right), Isidro T (left), Yngve DA. “Impact of Selective Percutaneous Myofascial Lengthening (SPML) on Quality of Life.” American Association of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation (AAPM&R), Oct 20-23, 2016 New Orleans, LA. Best Pediatric Rehabilitation Poster Presentation (Top 5).

Wu LQ, Jupiter JC, Mileski WJ, Gugala Z. “Bicycle Injuries Revisited: National versus Local Injury Database Analyses.” Southwest Trauma & Acute Care Symposium (STACS), Nov 10-11, 2016, Scottsdale, AZ.
Honors, Awards, Acknowledgements, and News

Congratulations to Drs. Zbigniew Gugala (left) and Ronald W. Lindsey, who were both named Top Reviewers for 2016 by the Clinical Orthopaedics and Related Research (CORR) Board of Trustees. Reviewers on this list comprise less than 5% of all CORR, with an average review score of “excellent.” The UTMB DOSR is the only department to have two Top Reviewers recognized by CORR, exceptionally so for two years in a row.

Dr. Eugene Stautberg (right) and wife Jessica wrote an article featured in AAOS Now! Entitled “Developing a Unified Advocacy Front.”

In November, Drs. Zbigniew Gugala and Elizabeth Salisbury were granted Scientific Staff Appointments by the Shriners Hospitals for Children.

DOSR had five surgeons named to Texas Monthly Magazine’s list of Texas Super Doctors® for 2016. 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 10th 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.

New Advanced Practice Providers and Staff

The DOSR would like to welcome new additions to our clinical provider staff and research staff.

Riley Brooks, FNP-C, MSN, is a Nurse Practitioner who will be working with general orthopaedics in Galveston and League City Campus. Riley has over 6 years experience as an RN at St. Luke’s Episcopal Hospital, Houston, TX and most recently at Memorial Herman Hospital, Houston, TX.

Shibi Kunjumon, RN, BSN, MSN, is a Nurse Practitioner who will be working in the Bone Health Clinic at the League City Campus. Shibi has over 16 years of ICU patient experience, the majority of that time here at UTMB.

Safee Ahmed, BS, CRC, is a Clinical Research Coordinator who will be managing new sponsored clinical research programs. Safee has over 3 years experience as a coordinator, most recently at Southwestern...
November 16, 2016: Rogelio (Roy) A. Coronado, PT, PhD, Assistant Professor, Department of Physical Therapy, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and Rehabilitation. Dr. Coronado’s lecture was entitled “Psychosocial Considerations for Improving Outcomes in Patients after Orthopaedic Surgery.”

November 30, 2016: Marjorie Chelly, MD, Assistant Professor, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, Louisiana State University Health Science Center, Shreveport, LA. Dr. Chelly’s lecture was entitled “Peripheral Nerve Injuries in Upper Extremities,” and sponsored by the Emergency Room Lectureship.

December 7, 2016: John C. Hagedorn II, MD, Orthopaedic Trauma Fellow, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, University of Texas Health Science Center, Houston, TX, presented a lecture entitled “Infected Non-unions.” Dr. Hagedorn will also become a new faculty member of the DOSR in January 2017.

Visiting AO Trauma Fellows

Last quarter the DOSR was proud to host two participants in the AO Trauma Fellowship Program: Iain McGraw, MBChB, FRCS, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde, UK (left), and Wang Hu, MD, Xi’an Honghui Hospital, China, (right).

The AO Foundation, a non-profit organization based in Davos, Switzerland, is a world renowned leader in orthopaedic surgery education, training, and research.

Surgical Procedure Workshops

This quarter the DOSR held three different cadaver workshops in our Resident Anatomy Laboratory. The first event, held on November 9, 2016 and directed by faculty member Daniel Torres, MD, featured shoulder and wrist joint restoration, sponsored by Arthrosurface.

The next event was held on November 29, 2016, and also directed by Dr. Torres. This lab was sponsored by Stryker and featured finger joint arthroplasty.

The final event, held on December 08, 2016, was directed by Jeremy Somerson, MD and Dr. Torres and sponsored by DJO, Skeletal Dynamics, and Smith and Nephew. The procedures covered that evening were total shoulder arthroplasty and internal fixation for elbow stabilization.
The 35th Annual GWN Eggers Lectureship and the 3rd Annual DOSR Mock Oral Board Examination will be held on April 28th, 2017 at the San Luis Hotel. The Mock Oral Examination, held in the AM, will provide recent DOSR graduates with an opportunity to present their clinical cases to a panel of DOSR faculty and residents examiners to simulate the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery Part II Oral Examination. The Eggers Lectureship, which commences with a midday luncheon, will serve as an afternoon scientific forum for our residents and students to present their original research.

Our Distinguished Guest Lecturer will be Thomas A. DeCoste, MD, Chief, Division of Trauma, The University of New Mexico, Department of Orthopaedics and Rehabilitation.

Volunteer Faculty

- Oladapo A. Alade, MD
- Charlotte B. Alexander, MD
- Jeffrey Baker, PhD
- James Bennett, MD
- James Bocell, MD
- Joseph Borrelli, MD
- Mark Brinker, MD
- Taylor Brown, MD
- William L. Buford, Jr., PhD
- George Cox, MD
- Marc DeHart, MD
- Allen Deutsch, MD
- Andrew Ebert, MD
- T. 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
- Caroline W. S. Jansen, PhD
- Don Johnson, MD
- Robert Josey III, MD
- Anand Joshi, MD
- John Knecht, DPM
- Marc Labbe, MD
- Glenn C. Landon, MD
- Loren Latta, PhD
- Adrian LeBlanc, PhD
- Bonnie Simpson Mason, MD
- Vasilios 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
- J. Clark Race, MD
- Roy Smith, MD
- Gregory Stocks, MD
- Nicholas Tsourmas, MD
- Gregg Vagner, MD
- William Watters III, MD
- Jeffrey M. Whelan, MD

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