Criticism

“We have spent so much time criticizing what others have created that we have created very little ourselves.”  
—Chuck Palahniuk, novelist/journalist

The challenges confronting academic medicine in the 21st century are enormous, and I believe criticism offers one of the most effective ways for any organization to recognize alternative perspectives and/or concerns within a group. Due to our diverse individual interests and inspirations, it is understandable that we may share the same basic objectives, but differ in our views on how to achieve our goals. Criticism is guaranteed to generate consideration of the different aspects of any issue, and prompt the most reticent among us to at least have an opinion.

Furthermore, regardless of the nature or size of the group, it seems meetings in and out of the DOSR are never more animated than when there is something to criticize. However, criticism without seeking or implementing change is really just a complaint. Worse yet, a complaint without constructive consequences may only serve to disparage the circumstances or individuals we actually intended to improve.

Meaningful criticism should not simply convey disagreement, but must be a stimulus for change. We seem, too often, to be much more adept at detecting a problem than we are at finding a solution. We seem, too often, to be far more eager to assign fault, than we are willing to provide help. We seem, too often, to be much more decisive about what others should do than we are enthusiastic about what we could do ourselves.

It is always important that we voice our disapproval, but it is also important that we appreciate our motivation for doing so. Do we just want to complain? Are we just habitually discontent? Do we just expect more from others than we expect from ourselves? Ideally, criticism should signal that one is prepared to join in and make a difference by their actions, not by simply by their disgruntlement.

Criticism certainly has a place. However, we should never confuse the mere recognition of a problem with actually doing something about it.
New 2017 DOSR Residents

New DOSR Faculty

John C Hagedorn II, MD joined the DOSR as an Assistant Professor in January 2017. After finishing his Orthopaedic Surgery residency at the West Virginia University School of Medicine in Morgantown, West Virginia in 2015, Dr. Hagedorn completed an Orthopaedic Trauma Fellowship at the University of Texas Health Science Center in Houston, TX. Dr. Hagedorn’s clinical expertise includes Orthopaedic trauma, pelvis fractures, acetabulum fractures, and non-unions.

New DOSR Postdoctoral Research Associate

Annalisa Na, PhD, PT, DPT, OCS, joined the DOSR as a Postdoctoral Research Associate in February 2017. Dr. Na received her DPT from Duke University, Durham, NC in 2009 and completed her PhD in Biomechanics and Movement Sciences at the University of Delaware, Newark, DE. Dr. Na has a joint appointment in the DOSR and the UTMB School of Health Professionals, Division of Rehabilitation Sciences. Her primary research interest is in biomechanics and movement efficiency in patients with orthopaedic conditions, and she also serves as a member of the DOSR’s Resident Research Committee.

Visiting AO Trauma Fellow

Last quarter the DOSR was proud to host another participant in the AO Trauma Fellowship Program, Yousef Asad Abuodeh, MD, MBBS, Fellowship of Orthopedic Trauma Surgery, Hamad Medical Corporation, Doha-Qatar.

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


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Klein GL. Project planning session and brief presentation of “Phosphate Metabolism in Burns,” for laboratory of Marie DeMay, Division of Endocrinology, Massachusetts General Hospital and Harvard Medical School, Boston, 14 April 2017.


Ahsan ZS, Somerson JS, Matsen FA 3rd. “Characterizing the Propionibacterium Load in Revision Shoulder Arthroplasty: A Study of 137 Culture-Positive Cases.” Podium presentation.


Kriel H (right), Yngve DA, Richburg K. “Multimodal Pain Control Following Scoliosis Surgery.” Podium presentation.

Panchbhavi VK. “Management of Most Common Foot and Ankle Pathologies.” Faculty: AAOS Instructional Course Lecture (ICL), Instructional Courses: 286.

Kriel H, Lindsey RW, Gugala Z, Igbiniigie M. “Are Molecular Diagnostics as Sensitive as Intraoperative Cultures to Detect the Presence of Infection in Recurrent Total Joint Arthroplasty?” Poster presentation.


Wu LQ (right), Lindsey RW, Gugala Z. “Intraoperatively Acquired Infection versus Case Order in Primary Joint Arthroplasty.” Poster presentation.

Wu LQ, Isidro T, Yngve DA. Impact of Selective Percutaneous Myofascial Lengthening (SPML) on Quality of Life in Children with Cerebral Palsy.” Poster presentation.
Congratulations to **Kelly D. Carmichael, MD** for his appointment as the inaugural holder of the *E. Burke Evans Emergency Room Distinguished Professorship in Orthopaedics*, effective March 1, 2017 through February 28, 2019.

Congratulations to **Brian A. Smith, MD**, for his appointment as the inaugural holder of the *E. Burke Evans MD Memorial Distinguished Chair in Orthopaedic Surgery and Rehabilitation*, effective March 1, 2017 through February 28, 2019.

**Jeremy S. Somerson, MD** has accepted an invitation to become a Reviewer of shoulder/elbow manuscripts for the Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery, effective March 2017. The DOSR congratulates Dr. Somerson for this distinguished appointment.

**Rogelio A. Coronado, PhD** was selected to participate in US Bone and Joint/Bone and Joint Canada Young Investigators Initiative (YII) Grant Mentoring and Career Development Program. Dr. Coronado was also selected to participate in the Seventeenth Annual NIH OBSSR/ODP/NHLBI Summer Institute on Randomized Behavioral Clinical Trials, July 9-20, 2017.

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**Save the Date**

**Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and Rehabilitation**

**Resident Graduation 2017**

**Distinguished Guest Lecturer:**

**Michael F. Schafer, MD**  
Former Chairman, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, Northwestern Feinberg School of Medicine, Chicago, IL  
AAOS Board of Directors  
Recipient of the AAOS William W. Tipton Jr., MD Leadership Award

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**Thursday June 29, 2017**  
San Luis Resort Ballroom  
5222 Seawall Blvd  
Galveston, TX
January 25, 2017: Richard E Hughes, PhD, Associate Professor, Dept. of Orthopaedic Surgery, Associate Professor, Dept. of Biomedical Engineering, Associate Professor, Dept. of Industrial & Operations Engineering, Director, Laboratory for Optimization & Computation in Orthopaedic Surgery, Co-Director, Michigan Arthroplasty Registry Collaborative Quality Initiative (MARCQI), University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI. Dr. Hughes’ lecture was entitled “Registry-driven Collaborative Quality Improvement in Hip and Knee Arthroplasty.”

February 22, 2017: Muthu B. J. Wijesundara, PhD, Principle Research Scientist, University of Texas at Arlington Research Institute (UTARI), Fort Worth, TX. Dr. Wijesundara’s lecture was entitled “Rehabilitation and Negative Pressure Wound Therapy Glove Systems.”

February 15, 2017: Jeffrey S. Farroni, PhD, JD, Director, Ethics Consultation Service, University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston, TX. Dr. Farroni’s lecture was entitled “Medical Rashomon at the Intersection of the Patient’s Autonomy and Their Best Interests.”

March 1, 2017: Brent L. Norris, MD, Orthopaedic & Trauma Service of Oklahoma, PC, Tulsa, OK. Dr. Norris’ lecture was entitled “Proximal Femur Fractures: What happened to the Sliding Hip Screw?” and sponsored by Emergency Room Lectureship in Orthopaedics.

March 22, 2017: Fred H. Olin, MD, retired, private practice, San Antonio, TX. Dr. Olin’s lecture was entitled “Orthopaedic History.”

March 29, 2017: Christopher H. Perkins, MD, Assistant Professor, Orthopedic Trauma Medical Student Clerkship Director, Joseph Barnhart Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX. Dr. Perkins’ lecture was entitled “Hip Fractures.”
In February, 2017, UTMB DOSR faculty member **Kelly Carmichael, MD** and PGY-4 resident **Sawyer Croley, MD**, travelled to San Pedro Sula, Honduras as part of a medical mission sponsored by the non-profit organization **Operation Rainbow**, which provides orthopaedic care to indigent children and young adults in developing countries. The volunteer team examined over 60 patients in clinic, and performed over 30 specialized surgical procedures over a four-day period.

**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  
Nikoletta L. Carayannopoulos, DO  
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  
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James Simmons, Jr., MD  
Roy Smith, MD  
Fred L. Speck III, MD  
Gregory Stocks, MD  
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Gregg Vagner, MD  
William Watters III, MD  
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Suzanne Yandow, MD

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