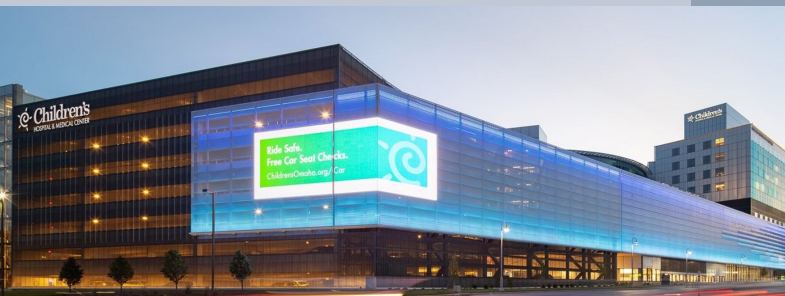
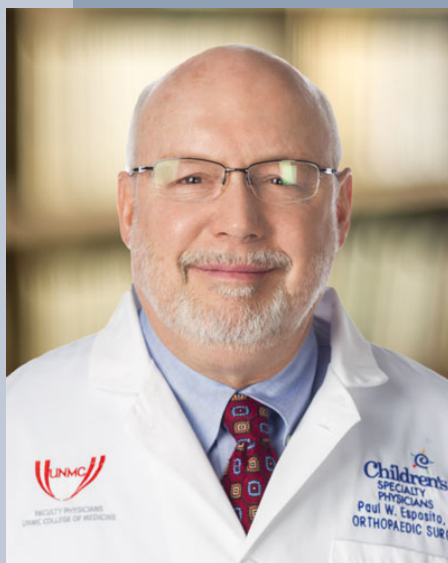


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The Ending of the Esposito Era



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Dear all,

We've reached the end of an era, Paul Esposito, MD retired this fall. Dr. Esposito first joined the Department in 1987. We will miss Dr. Esposito but know his legacy will be felt through out our department and at Children's, especially in the Osteogenesis Imperfecta Clinic. Dr. Esposito was bestowed the title of professor emeritus upon his retirement. It has been a pleasure to learn and work alongside Dr. Esposito all these years. We wish Paul and Bernadette a joyful retirement.

As our department continues to grow, we are excited to see the expansion of our hospital partner, Nebraska Medicine, at Bellevue Medical Center and Village Pointe. The Hand Clinic at Village Pointe, led by Dr. Daniel Firestone, will create a dedicated space for our community's needs.

With the 2021-2022 academic year coming to an end, we watched five of our residents graduate and move onto fellowships. Congratulations to Drs. Zachary Bailey, David Brown, Jace Heiden, Gordon Roedel, and Matt Tingle. We wish them all the best as they continue to grow.

As the 2022-2023 year began, five new residents joined our residency program. A very warm welcome to Drs. Timothy Lackner, Annemarie Leonard, Cole Ohnoutka, Sarah Powell and Joshua Vander Maten. We are excited to guide these surgeons in their residency education throughout the next five years.

Congratulations are in order for four of our faculty members. Drs. Curtis Hartman, Beau Konigsberg, Justin Siebler earned promotion to professor, and Dr. Matthew Tao earned promotion to associate professor. Three new faculty members have also joined our department, Drs. Christopher Deans and Justin Greiner's academic offices are in the Lortzen Outpatient Center and Dr. Vivek Dutt, MBBS, will hold his academic office at Children's Hospital and Medical Center.

Every staff member on our team works incredibly hard to accomplish our goals, support our department and push the field of orthopaedics further. This includes two of our staff members receiving recognition by the University through the Silver 'U' Awards. Thank you for your hard work, Jolene Krueger and Tina Young, these awards are well deserved.

I hope you enjoy this edition of Breaking News. Your continued support as alumni and friends of the program is invaluable.

Sincerely,

Kevin L. Garvin, MD
Professor and Chair
L. Thomas Hood, MD, Professorship





From left to right: Zachary Bailey, MD; Matt Tingle, MD; Gordon Roedel, MD; Jace Heiden, MD; David Brown, MD

CLASS of 2022

The Class of 2022 celebrated their graduation with a two day symposium in June. Each graduating resident presented and listened to talks by orthopaedic surgeon, Dr. John G. Anderson based in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The Harold and Marian Andersen Lectureship speaker was University of Nebraska - Lincoln's head volleyball Coach John Cook.

After five years in Omaha, the graduates will spread across the nation to each participate in their chosen fellowships. The fellowships are:

ZACHARY BAILEY, MD - University of Washington, Harborview Medical Center - Seattle, Washington

MATT TINGLE, MD - San Diego Arthroscopy & Sports Medicine - San Diego, California

GORDON ROEDEL, MD - West Virginia University - Adult Reconstruction - Morgantown, West Virginia

Jace Heiden, MD - University of Wisconsin - Sports Medicine - Madison, Wisconsin

David Brown, MD - Baylor Orthopedic Sport Medicine - Houston, Texas



CLASS of 2027

Since beginning its residency program over five decades ago, our department has educated some of the best and brightest surgeons in the field. This summer, five more residents joined our department following in the footsteps of over 200 who have studied before them.

TIMOTHY LACKNER, MD

Hometown: Omaha, Nebraska

Medical School: University of Nebraska Medical Center

What inspired your interest in orthopaedic surgery?

I started shadowing in the operating room and exploring different surgical subspecialties at a young age and quickly realized that orthopaedics is the best out there.

What are three things people don't know about you?

- I have two Border Collies, Stella & Onyx.
- One of my favorite hobbies is off-roading my FJ Cruiser in places like Utah and Colorado.
- In high school I grew my hair out for more than 3 years and ended up with a massive afro.



ANNEMARIE LEONARD, MD

Hometown: Orland Park, Illinois

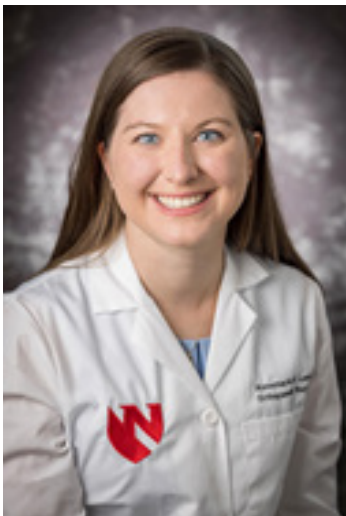
Medical School: Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine

What inspired your interest in orthopaedic surgery?

The impact that successful orthopaedic care had on my own life, in combination with my research endeavors and clinical experiences, motivated me to pursue orthopaedic surgery. I was an idiopathic toe walker, who was non-operatively managed with serial casting. Essentially, my casts not only fixed my congenital abnormalities; they were my foot in the door to a career in orthopaedic surgery.

What are three things people don't know about you?

- I come from a rather large Irish family; I have 27 first-cousins. So, there is no such thing as a small, quiet party in my family.
- I have multiple nicknames. My grandparents call me Annie. My friends and colleagues call me Annemarie, Leonard, AML, or Leuk. And last but not least, my 6'3" younger brother calls me Dr. Too Little, which is an upgrade from my medical school nickname of "the little one". I respond to any of the above, except my brother's!
- I love to run. In fact, I ran 20 miles to celebrate my 20th birthday.



COLE OHNOUTKA, MD

Hometown: Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Medical School: University of Missouri - Columbia School of Medicine

What inspired your interest in orthopaedic surgery?

Growing up I was fascinated by the mechanics of how things worked. My father and I spent many nights in our garage tinkering with anything and everything. Throughout my education, I discovered how complex the human anatomy is and how it all comes together to function as one. The best way to combine both my passions for mechanics and the human body was to become an Orthopaedic Surgeon. During medical school, the challenging procedures in orthopaedics and the ability to treat patients of all ages confirmed my interest.

What are three things people don't know about you?

- I have a rare exotic tortoise I have had for 22 years, and his name is Buddy.
- I lived in Madrid, Spain for a semester in college.
- I like classic cars and have helped restore my father's 1971 Chevy Chevelle that he had in high school.





SARAH POWELL, MD

Hometown: Anchorage, Alaska

Medical School: Georgetown University School of Medicine

What inspired your interest in orthopaedic surgery?

My interest in orthopedics was piqued early on when I saw how much satisfaction and joy orthopaedic surgeries could bring patients through restoring mobility and function. And as I learned more about the specialty, I found that orthopedics was the ideal combination of working with my hands, challenging outcomes, and enjoyable surgeries for me, and above all, was an excellent fit for my personality.

What are three things people don't know about you?

- I did bottlenose dolphin research during college.
- I have my private pilot's license and love flying whenever I have time.
- I am fluent in German.

JOSHUA VANDER MATEN, MD

Hometown: Boyden, Iowa

Medical School: The University of Toledo - College of Medicine and Life Sciences

What inspired your interest in orthopaedic surgery?

I have always been interested in orthopedics because it is highly tangible, provides a daily challenge, and often yields immediate results for the patient. This, combined with my sports background and working with my hands on my family farm, makes orthopedics a natural fit.

What are three things people don't know about you?

- I grew up on a century family farm in Iowa and still work there any chance I get.
- I played college football at the University of South Dakota. Go yotes!
- One of my greatest joys in life is being Dad to my daughter and my next child, who will join our family this fall.





A partner in excellence - on and off the pitch

Historical – one word that Union Omaha’s current captain and midfielder, Conor Doyle said about the soccer team’s 2022 season. Union Omaha had a run in the U.S. Open Cup in April 2022 making it to round of 32 and into their season where they have 10 wins, 10 draws, and just 3 losses. They are currently ranked first in the U.S. League One’s standings.

“There’s no question that their success on the field stems primarily from the players and the coaching by Jay Mims and his team,” said Dr. Matthew Tao, associate professor with a specialization in Sports Medicine. The University of Nebraska Medical Center, Nebraska Medicine and Union Omaha have a shared vision of excellence. At Union Soccer, excellence is the expectation on the field and in the training room.

At the core of the Nebraska Medicine Sports Medicine team is Justin Annin, Athletic Trainer and team Athletic Trainer for Union Omaha. “Justin Annin is the focal piece of our medical team and does a tremendous job. He coordinates everything for these guys, and he interfaces with the organization in terms of coaching and management,” said Dr. Tao.

Justin Annin is there for it all, practices, before and after training, home games, away games. He’s on the sidelines anticipating injuries and preparing to assist. Annin understands the importance of the partnership between Union and the Sports Medicine team.

“When we first learned that there was going to be a USL League One soccer team coming to Omaha there was immediate interest from our Sports Medicine team,” said Justin Annin, “Honestly, getting to see the impact the Sport Medicine team has with the Union players year after year has been the most impactful. During the first two seasons Union Omaha led the USL League One league with the fewest days missed due to injury. Having a full roster available game after game provides the coaching staff with several options when planning each match. This advantage helped Union Omaha reach the league Championship game each of the last two seasons. The success of the soccer team on the field is a direct reflection of how the Sports Medicine team can manage sport-related injuries,” said Justin.

The players appreciate having UNMC and Nebraska Medicine’s Sports Medicine present. “Having Justin in the training room with us, you don’t get that too often in these leagues. To have a guy with that much experience and that much education is huge,” said Doyle.

“Seeing Justin every day is special. Having a trainer that is one, a genius, and two, really, really cool is special... Dr. Tao has done at least one surgery of our guys, but he also actually did my brother’s ACL surgery and he helped me with a bone spur that we figured out over two years. I have the utmost respect for Dr. Tao. He’s professional and friendly, and such a great guy and does everything the right way. The relationship between our team and Nebraska

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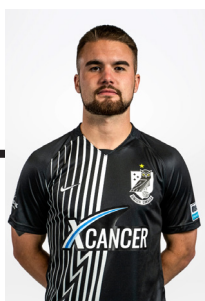
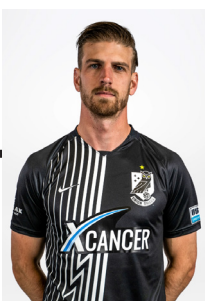
Coach Jay Mims

Conor Doyle

Eddie Gordon

Justin Annin

Matthew Tao, MD



DR. ESPOSITO RETIRES AFTER 35 YEARS

As the Isaac Newton quote goes, "If I have seen further, it is by standing on the shoulders of giants," Dr. Paul Esposito is one of those giants for the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and Rehabilitation at the University of Nebraska Medical Center and Children's Hospital and Medical Center.

In 1987, Dr. Esposito joined the department as only the 4th faculty member, joining other departmental giants including Max Jardon and Walter Huurman, Michael Walsh led by then chairman Dr. John Connolly. One year later, Drs. Kevin Garvin and David Brown joined the department, followed by Drs. Hani Haider and Nanovar. "The department was small but committed to making sure our residents and students had a broad exposure, excellent teaching and to the best of our ability were treated as colleagues in the making. I believe we were successful based on the outstanding faculty within our department who trusted us with their education," said Dr. Esposito.



Dr. Walter Huurman, Dr. Stanley Bach, Dr. Esposito



For much of his career, Dr. Esposito was based at Children's Hospital & Medical Center as his subspecialty was pediatric orthopaedic surgery through the development of the Children's Specialty Physicians. The Children's Specialty Physicians is a partnership between pediatric physicians at UNMC, Creighton, Children's, and other community pediatric physicians. Dr. Esposito has spent many years working in the osteogenesis imperfecta clinic at Children's. The clinic team involves specialists from many different areas and disciplines who focus on treating the whole child, not just their bone disease.

"I am also proud that I have been able to help bring new colleagues, new techniques not only to our region but in some ways to have an impact on the quality of care for

kids around the world. For me this is most evident in our work in osteogenesis imperfecta (OI), but also in many other areas through the work of my partners. Dr. Wallace has taken our work in OI far further than I could in terms of research and international education. Dr. Scherl in areas such as trauma and trauma prevention as well as being a pioneer female surgeon, and Dr. Hasley in his outstanding work and leadership in pediatric spine deformity, again has set the standard for our region. Our division continues to grow, especially in research and publications.

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*Back row from left: James Hill, David Thull, Jeffrey Davick.
Middle row from left: Jeffrey Tiedeman, Robert Tait, Roy Guse, Scott McMullen, Thomas Walsh, Teri Formanek, Ted Yee, Todd Kile, Mark Goebel.
Front row from left: Deepak Chavda, Dennis Chakkalakal, Kevin O'Malley, Paul Esposito, John Connolly, O. Max Jardon, Kevin Garvin, Louis Lippiello, Brett Miller.*

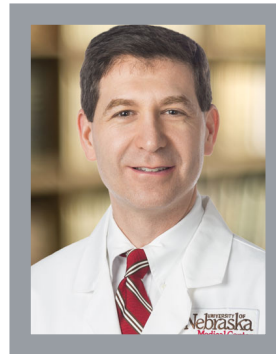
FACULTY PROMOTIONS

We are pleased to announce the promotions of four of our faculty in July.



CURTIS HARTMAN, MD
PROFESSOR

With his residency studies at UNMC, Dr. Hartman returned to UNMC after a fellowship in Chicago, IL in 2009 as faculty. Dr. Hartman specializes in comprehensive care for adult patients with hip and knee arthritis. Dr. Hartman is also the Fellowship Program Director. Dr. Hartman was promoted to Professor.



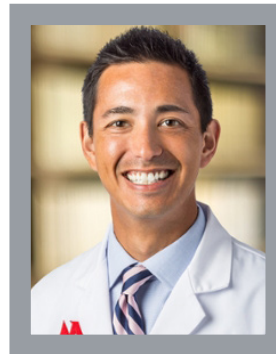
BEAU KONIGSBERG, MD
PROFESSOR

Dr. Konigsberg was promoted to Professor. Dr. Konigsberg joined the department in 2008 after attending medical school and residency studies at UNMC and a fellowship at Rush in Chicago, IL. Dr. Konigsberg specializes in comprehensive care for adult patients with hip and knee arthritis.



JUSTIN SIEBLER, MD
PROFESSOR

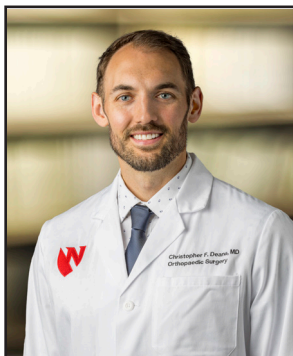
Dr. Siebler, a UNMC College of Medicine alumnus, joined the department as faculty in 2014. Dr. Siebler is Chief of Orthopaedic Trauma. Dr. Siebler's clinical expertise is in orthopaedic fractures, injury and trauma and was promoted to Professor.



MATTHEW TAO, MD
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR

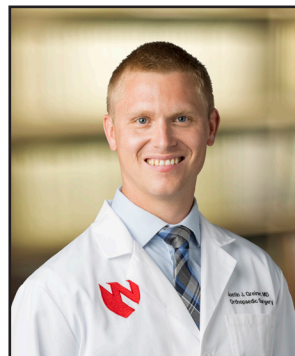
Dr. Tao was promoted to Associate Professor in July. Dr. Tao joined the department in 2017. Dr. Tao's specialization is in Sports Medicine. Dr. Tao focuses in athletic knee issues including ACL tears, multi-ligament knee injuries, complex cartilage defects and malalignment.

NEW FACULTY



CHRISTOPHER DEANS, MD

Dr. Deans joined our department this August from Indiana University where he completed a fellowship in complex hip and knee reconstruction. Dr. Deans attended medical school and completed residency at UNMC. Dr. Deans will specialize in adult reconstructive arthroplasty.



JUSTIN GREINER, MD

Dr. Greiner joined our department in September from the University of Pittsburg where he completed a fellowship in Sports Medicine Orthopedic Surgery. Dr. Greiner completed residency at the University of Wisconsin and medical school at the University of Iowa - Carver College of Medicine. Dr. Greiner will specialize in adult reconstructive arthroplasty and Sports Medicine.



VIVEK DUTT, MD

Dr. Dutt joined our department in September. Dr. Dutt's academic office is at Children's Hospital & Medical Center - Department of Orthopaedic Surgery. Dr. Dutt completed fellowships at the University of Minnesota, Georgetown University and Harvard University. Dr. Dutt completed medical school and residency education at Christian Medical College and Hospital. Dr. Dutt's specializes in all pediatric orthopaedic conditions.

August 2022: Silver U Award



Residency Coordinator, Jolene Krueger was awarded the Chancellor's Council's Silver U Award for her continued commitment to excellence. Dr. Matthew Mormino, Jolene's nominator said, "Jolene is the ultimate team member. She seeks input from others and values their perspective as we make decisions for the residency... Her skills as a coordinator have made her a go to person for the GMEC community at UNMC. When given an assignment Jolene is tireless in fulfilling the requirement ahead of schedule and without error." This is Krueger's second Silver U Award, previously awarded to her in September 2012. Krueger said "I'm very honored to have been awarded the Silver U. The kind words by the nominators is a reflection of working with a great team in my department and within the GME community here at UNMC." Vicki Hamm, Director of Graduate Medical Education said Krueger is "a consummate team player 100% of the time!"



September 2022: Silver U Award

Tina Young's nominator, Julie Zetterman, said as the Office and Medical Records Associate has really stepped up to the plate. "She's streamlined her duties to enable her to take on additional responsibilities including Arthroplastic Fellowship Coordinator and help with grand rounds. Her team work and 'whatever I can do to help' attitude is not only noticed, but also appreciated." Young was awarded the Chancellor's Council's Silver U Award for the month of September. This is Young's first Silver U over her 5 years of service in the department.

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Nebraska Medicine ranked #1 for 11 straight years

U.S. News & World Reports ranks our partner, Nebraska Medical Center as the top hospital in Nebraska with four specialties listed as high performing, including the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and Rehabilitation. Our department is again ranked #1 for orthopaedics in Nebraska. Being listed in U.S. News & World Report Best Hospitals is an honor and

highlights the expertise of our faculty and staff who provide advanced care and innovative research. Board-certified physicians in one of the 15 adult specialties ranked by U.S. News & World Report and who are registered as Doximity users are eligible to vote. As a registered Doximity user, you can vote for our department through the online survey that is released in February.

Hand Surgery is Growing and Now Officially to Open at Village Point

Dr. Daniel Firestone has been passionate about developing a hand center over many years of his career, and those goals are being achieved. Dr. Firestone, Dr. Kai Yang, Dr. James Willcockson will expand the hand practice to Village Pointe. Dr. Firestone has been named the Director of Hand Surgery at the Village Pointe Clinic. "The new hand clinic at Village Pointe is such a unique opportunity for our department to collaborate with the Plastic, Cosmetic and Reconstructive Surgery department," said Dr. Firestone. The Village Pointe location is an essential location in West Omaha. The hand clinic will help patients find hand care without navigating through multiple specialties. Dr. Joseph Morgan will continue to operate at the Lauritzen Outpatient Center on UNMC's main campus. Dedicated clinics similar to the new Village Pointe clinic are typically found in larger cities, but this will help build Omaha's specialty clinics available to the community.

DANIEL FIRESTONE, MD
OPERATES AT VP



JOSEPH MORGAN MD
OPERATES AT LOC



JAMES WILLCOCKSON, MD



KAI YANG, MD



The clinic does currently have appointments available while under construction and hopes to be completed in June. Dr. Yang, Assistant Professor in the Department of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, says "It'll be exciting to have a formal hand clinic where we can offer comprehensive hand and upper extremity care for patients every day of the week. We will also be next to the therapy gym and having the hand therapist intimately involved in patient rehab, this will help improve outcomes following surgeries." Dr. Willcockson, Assistant Professor in the Department of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, said he is excited for the collaboration between departments, "It allows us to marry our two specialties' strengths and provide high quality care."



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Medicine, it's as seamless as you can imagine. It's a top partnership in my opinion," said midfielder and Omaha native, Eddie Gordon.

On playing in his hometown, Gordon said, "It's unreal. It's hard to put into words, honestly. I've grown up here, born and raised, and now that there's this team here and to play for Jay again. It's an opportunity I never thought I would have. Now that I am in it, I try to live as appreciatively as possible."

Coach Jay Mims said, "Nebraska Medicine has been such a special part of our club here, and we're excited to have the relationship and the amazing support we get from them, from their doctors at all of our games, from their sports medicine staff at our trainings, to the athletic trainer who works with us daily – it's been such a needed and great relationship."

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It has been a privilege to work with such fine physicians whom I respect and love so much."

As a pediatric orthopaedic surgeon with many years of experience, Dr. Esposito has enjoyed being able to make an impact on a child's life and on through adulthood. "I have also greatly appreciated practicing in one area and being able to follow my patients from childhood into adulthood, and frequently seeing their children also. There is no greater trust than to have a mother, whom I had cared for as a child, bring her own child to me and trust me with their care," said Dr. Esposito.

Dr. Esposito's colleague, Dr. Maegen Wallace, said "I have had the unique opportunity to join UNMC/Children's Hospital and Medical Center and work closely with Dr. Esposito as he transitioned his OI practice over to me. He has been a great mentor and sponsor for me and has navigated the transition of his practice to me in a way that has set me up for success with the patients and with research. I learned that listening to patients and their families is so important, and I

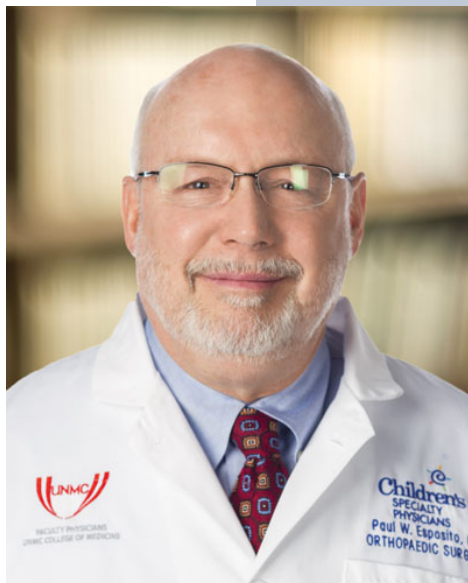
had the privilege of seeing him do this with ease and compassion. I also have learned many tips and tricks from him in the OR that I continue to use each time I operate. I will be forever grateful for his mentorship and friendship."

Over the years, Dr. Esposito has been a flagship in orthopaedics. He has worked with hundreds of nurses, advanced practice providers, and medical professionals to care for patients. He has had a hand in shaping over 200 residents that have gone through our department. Dr. Garvin, Chairman and long-time colleague of Dr. Esposito proudly said, "Dr. Esposito has just retired from an exceptionally busy, productive, and exciting career at Children's Hospital. He has been a true leader in every sense of the word at Children's Hospital and in the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery at the University. For example, he pioneered the Osteogenesis Imperfecta program and raised it to an internationally ranked level of expert care and research. He is loved by his patients and is asked for his consultation on a regular basis because of his vast knowledge and compassion. Dr. Esposito will be missed by all of us, and we wish him many years of

enjoyment in his next phase of life. Thank you, Paul!"

Regardless of where a physician is in their career, Dr. Esposito emphasizes that it is important to listen to your patient's staff and colleagues regarding what is important to their health to maintain the highest standards of medical care. "This career we have been blessed with is an incredible gift, but also comes with grave stressors, and we must be there for each other to stay healthy. This is a marathon with many ups and downs, and we must keep our own physical, psychological, and spiritual health first," said Dr. Esposito.

Looking forward, Dr. Esposito hopes to continue to give back to the community, "I have been stimulated by my partners, students, and residents to never be satisfied with the status quo and always be improving, learning, and developing new techniques and treatments. I would like to be able to support our younger colleagues in whatever manner they may need as I have learned a great deal about dealing with the stresses and challenges, we all face in our careers."



Dr. Esposito working with patients who have brittle bone disease in 2015



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