John F. Connolly, M.D. 1936-2007

Dr. John F. Connolly, respected orthopaedic surgeon and educator, died unexpectedly at his home in Orlando, FL, on July 20, 2007, at the age of 71. He is remembered as a born educator and leader endowed with conviction and compassion, a mentor, friend, and healer.

Born in Teaneck, NJ, on January 22, 1936, Connolly was a 1953 graduate of Regis High School in New York City. He graduated cum laude in 1957 from St. Peter’s College in Jersey City, NJ, and earned his medical degree with AOA honors at the New Jersey College of Medicine (formerly Seton Hall) in 1961. He then completed surgical training in Seattle, New York and the University of Miami Jackson Memorial Hospital. After two years service as a captain in the United States Air Force, he took a faculty position at Vanderbilt University (1968-1973), followed by a position at the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC) where he conducted the bulk of his research career.

When asked why they initially made the move to Omaha, Connolly’s wife, Anne, stated, “John felt that he had the opportunity to build something there. He wanted to challenge himself.” And that he did.

Connolly’s role at UNMC was pivotal in the development of what is now a prominent residency program. In 1974 he joined the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and Rehabilitation as its first full-time chairman and built a nationally recognized orthopedic residency training program. In 1985, he oversaw the development of the joint venture orthopaedics program of Creighton University-University of Nebraska, which he chaired until 1990.

“Until then, there had been a working relationship between Creighton and the University,” said Walter Huurman, professor emeritus at UNMC’s Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, and longtime friend and colleague of Connolly. “John recognized the deficits in each program and combined them to make a single, stronger program.” Creighton was lacking in basic science and orthopaedic research, and the University program was lacking in trauma. The residency review committee (RRC) was pushing for a combined program. It was a good fit.

Under Connolly’s direction the combined program was soon able to attract residents from a much wider region. He began aggressively recruiting progressively qualified individuals for the residency program, as well as several new faculty members. During his term as chairman a total of 43 residents graduated from the program. Connolly also recruited several faculty members including Robert Cochran, II, M.D., Walter Huurman, M.D., Louis Lippiello, Ph.D., Dennis Chakkalakal, Ph.D., W. Michael Walsh, M.D., Paul Esposito, M.D., David Brown, M.D., Michael McGuire, M.D., and current department Chairman, Kevin Garvin, M.D.

Although Dr. Connolly had broad academic interests, much of his research focused on the healing process of difficult fractures. He did pioneering work on bone marrow stem cells, including stimulating the bone marrow through biologic and electrical techniques to promote healing of cartilage and bone. It was this work that allowed him extensive teaching and travel experiences, including as a senior Fulbright scholar at the University of Western Australia and as a trauma consultant in the Russian-Afghan war in 1986. During his successful career as an orthopaedic surgeon, Connolly authored more than two-hundred research articles and chapters and wrote seven medical textbooks, including the Third Edition of DePalma’s Management of Fractures and Dislocations: an Atlas which became a standard-bearer on the topic internationally. In addition, he was an oral examiner for the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery for 20 years.

In 1990, Connolly left UNMC to become the academic chairman and program director of the Orthopedics Residency Program at Orlando Regional Medical Center (ORMC) and guided its development for the next 15 years. He raised the level of that orthopedic residency program from a relatively small community program to one of the most recognized in the nation.

Throughout the years, Connolly continued to show his support for UNMC’s Department of Orthopaedic Surgery. In 2004, a donation by Connolly established The Connolly Orthopaedic Surgery and Rehabilitation Fund to support ongoing research activities.

“I believe the old saying ‘you make a living by what you get; and you make a life by what you give,’” Connolly had said at the time. “Research was fulfilling in my life, and this fund will be used to help residents and others conduct research and solve problems, which in turn benefits our entire field.”

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A Message From the Chair

Fall is here, the holidays are fast approaching, and once again we find ourselves reflecting on the events of the past few months. In July of this year we were shocked and deeply saddened to hear of the unexpected passing of Dr. John Connolly, chair of our department from 1974-1990, and pioneer of the University of Nebraska-Creighton University joint residency program. If you have not already, I invite you to peruse the article on page one about our friend, his dedication and commitment to the development of our program, to the field of orthopaedics, and to his family. He will be greatly missed.

In the spring 2006 issue of Breaking News we reported on Ruth and Bill Scott’s generous donation that made the Nebraska Arthritis Outcomes Research Center a reality. I invite you to read more about this fantastic center and the research opportunities it brings, putting Nebraska at the forefront of arthritis research (see page 3).

In this issue you will be introduced to our newest faculty member, Dr. Mark Dietrich, who most of you are probably familiar with as an alumnus of the residency program. Dr. Dietrich joined the department in August as our newest full-time faculty member, specializing in sports medicine and general orthopaedics (article on page 5).

In every fall issue of Breaking News we include an Honor Roll of Contributors to recognize everyone who has donated to the department during the fiscal year (see page 13). This is one small way we like to show how much your support means to the department. Thank you for your support!

I hope to see you all at the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons 75th Annual Meeting in San Francisco, CA, March 5-9, 2008. Make sure to stop by the Nebraska Orthopaedic Alumni Reception at the Marines Memorial Club (Heritage Room) in San Francisco March 7, 2008. Watch for a formal invitation to arrive in the next few months!

Thank you to all who have gone before us, who made the road we walk today a more enlightened one.

In recent years the department has suffered the loss of several physicians who each played a tremendous hand in the shaping of our orthopaedic residency program. Since the residency program’s official induction in 1969, under the direction of Dr. L. Thomas Hood, the department has experienced the leadership of five chairs, including our current Chairman, Dr. Kevin L. Garvin. From 2003 to 2007, the department has sadly suffered the loss of four of these outstanding individuals, as well as a highly respected educator, and we would like to take this opportunity to list below, their names, their term as chair, and the date of their passing. Note: Although Dr. Jackson Bence did not serve as chair of the department, we include him because of his never-ending enthusiasm and dedication to the teaching of dozens of orthopaedic residents over the course of 31 years as a volunteer professor.

Dr. L. Thomas Hood
(chair, 1968-1974), August 2003

Dr. Jackson Bence

Dr. O. Max Jardon
(acting chair, 1982), August 2004

Dr. John Connolly
(chair, 1974-1990), July 2007

Dr. James Neff
(chair, 1991-2000), July 2005
Scotts’ Support Makes New Arthritis Center a Reality

by Vicky Cerino and Tom O’Connor, UNMC public affairs

Great Scott ... they are at it again. Two of UNMC’s biggest supporters, Ruth and Bill Scott, were on campus in July to participate in a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Nebraska Arthritis Outcomes Research Center located on the third floor of Poynter Hall. The center, made possible by a major donation by the Scotts, was established to conduct studies, which will provide a better understanding of arthritis through detailed analysis of the many determinants used to predict outcomes for arthritis sufferers.

“Information is powerful,” said Ruth Scott, “and that’s what this new center is all about — finding answers to how we can better manage arthritis and come up with the best possible outcomes. Bill and I have seen three generations of our families suffer from arthritis. We believe this new center has the potential to truly make a difference for future generations. We are honored to be associated with it.”

“We are thrilled to add the Nebraska Arthritis Outcomes Research Center to our ever-growing research arsenal. I’m confident that it will produce world-class research that will benefit countless individuals with arthritis,” said Harold M. Maurer, M.D., UNMC chancellor. “Ruth and Bill Scott are true heroes for making it possible. We can’t thank them enough for their generous support.”

The center marks the third major gift the Scotts have made to the medical center. In 2003, their contribution to the Durham Research Center established the Ruth and Bill Scott Neuroscience Research Laboratories located on the third floor. In 2006, they made the largest gift to the University of Nebraska Scott, in support of the Michael F. Sorrell Center for Health Science Education. Construction of the Sorrell Center, which will serve as home to the UNMC College of Medicine, will be completed in 2008.

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“The Scotts’ generous gift solidifies the ongoing collaborative efforts between rheumatology and orthopaedics,” Dr. O’Dell said. “By working together and combining our expertise, we think we will be able to make a huge impact in the care of arthritis sufferers.”

“The Scotts are truly visionary people,” Dr. Garvin said. “They understand the value of research, and they realize that it can produce major dividends over the course of time. We can’t thank them enough for giving us this wonderful opportunity.”

The center is using the national database to determine those arthritis patients who are the best candidates for joint replacement. One of their top projects is investigating surgical outcomes in arthritis patients undergoing total joint replacements. Total joint replacement of the knee and hip are increasingly used treatments for patients with end stage joint disease secondary to arthritis. Each year, approximately 120,000 patients undergo total hip replacement and an additional 270,000 undergo total knee replacement in the U.S.

Using a large national database of 30,000 patients from the National Surgical Quality Improvement Program database and through the Veterans Affairs hospitals, the researchers will explore determinants of poor surgical outcomes among U.S. veterans with arthritis undergoing joint replacement. Findings from this study will guide the development of future interventions aimed at improving surgical outcomes in arthritis sufferers, Dr. Garvin said.

Since being recruited to the Nebraska Arthritis Outcomes Research Center five months ago, Dr. Michaud has helped author or co-author five different papers for research journals and submitted 15 abstracts for scientific meetings.

“We are working with people all over the world,” said Dr. Michaud, a physicist who earned his Ph.D. from Stanford University and worked for several years with Fred Wolfe, M.D., of Wichita, Kan., one of the leading rheumatologists in the country. “The research opportunities are endless. One of our key roles is to figure out what studies make the most sense and what papers need to be written.

“Our center is interested in studying drug safety and trying to determine which drugs will be most beneficial to patients with the fewest side effects. There are six new biological drugs with five more ready to be launched as treatments for rheumatoid arthritis, but their average cost is $15,000 per year. So understanding their true effect or benefit becomes even more important for the patient and the paying society.”

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Graduating Residents Honored at June Ceremonies

In June of this year, the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and Rehabilitation held their annual graduation ceremonies to celebrate the accomplishments of four chief residents as they moved on to the next phase of their careers. On Friday, June 22nd the chief residents gave their final presentations as orthopaedic residents at the Durham Research Center. Drs. David C. Buck, Beau S. Konigsberg, Scott A. Swanson and Kimberly A. Turman have chosen the following practice or fellowship opportunities:

- **David C. Buck, M.D.**
  Practice: Heartland Orthopaedics & Sports Medicine, Fremont, NE

- **Beau S. Konigsberg, M.D.**
  Rush University Medical Center/Central DuPage Adult Joint Reconstruction Fellowship, Chicago, IL

- **Scott A. Swanson, M.D.**
  Florida Orthopaedic Institute, Foot and Ankle Surgery, and Lower Extremity Reconstruction Fellowship, Tampa, FL

- **Kimberly A. Turman, M.D.**
  University of Virginia Health System, Sports Medicine Fellowship, Charlottesville, VA

Dr. Roy W. Sanders of the Florida Orthopaedic Institute in Tampa, FL, was the guest speaker during the graduation activities. Dr. Roy W. Sanders is a renowned orthopaedic surgeon who specializes in trauma and post-traumatic reconstruction, as well as foot and ankle surgery. He is the President of Florida Orthopaedic Institute, a group he helped found, and the Director of the Orthopaedic Trauma Service. He is also Chief of the Department of Orthopaedics, as well as Director of the Orthopaedic Trauma Fellowship at Tampa General Hospital, and past President of the Orthopaedic Trauma Association.

In addition to resident presentations on Friday, Dr. Sanders gave a talk entitled “Treatment of Proximal Femur Fractures.” Also on Friday, a research presentation entitled, “Mechanical Testing and Standards for Pre-clinical Evaluation of Total Ankle Replacement Systems” was given by Dr. Hani Haider, director of the orthopaedic department’s Biomechanical Engineering Laboratory.

A Foot and Ankle Symposium was held on Saturday, featuring lectures and case presentations involving Ankle and Hindfoot Trauma, as well as Salvage and Post-traumatic Reconstruction. Dr. Sanders gave the final presentation of the day regarding “Calcaneus Fractures.”

Saturday evening featured a banquet at the Joslyn Art Museum. During the banquet, Dr. Beau Konigsberg was awarded the Frank P. Stone, M.D., Award for Academic Excellence. The Award for Faculty Excellence in Teaching was given to Dr. Timothy Fitzgibbons, volunteer associate professor.

Graduation is an important event that allows the department the opportunity to recognize our graduating residents and the accomplishments they have made. Contributions made by alumni to the department’s development fund help to sponsor various activities throughout the year, including graduation.

Lawrence D. Dorr, M.D. Award

The Third Annual Lawrence D. Dorr, M.D. Award for most outstanding paper in surgical techniques and technologies will be awarded to Dr. William Macaulay during the 17th annual meeting of the American Association of Hip and Knee Surgeons (AAHKS) November 2-4, 2007, in Dallas, TX.

All orthopaedic department faculty contributed patients to the study, which generated an award winning paper entitled, “Prospective Randomized Clinical Trial Comparing Hemiarthroplasty to Total Hip Arthroplasty in the Treatment of Displaced Femoral Neck Fractures: Outcomes at Two Years.” The paper will be presented at this year’s AAHKS annual meeting.

In 2005, the AAHKS established the award in honor of Lawrence D. Dorr, M.D., who was a founding member and past president of the organization. The purpose of the award is to instill a continuing interest in surgical innovation and new technologies within reconstructive surgery.

Dr. Dorr, a world leader in his and joint replacement surgery, has local ties. Born in Storm Lake, Iowa, Dr. Dorr attended high school in Des Moines, and received his undergraduate degree from Cornell College in Mount Vernon, IA. He received his M.S. and M.D. degrees from the University of Iowa. He has earned a national reputation as one of the top surgeons and researchers in his field.
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The center will be exploring both osteoarthritis, the most common form of arthritis which affects up to 30 percent or more of the population, and rheumatoid arthritis, which is found in about 1 percent of people. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimate that arthritis impacts the daily lives of more than 40 million Americans, including more than 500,000 Nebraskans. The annual cost of treating arthritis in the U.S. is nearly $64 billion. For Nebraska, this translates into annual costs of more than $320 million.

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Nebraska Sports Medicine Network

Orthopaedic surgeons from UNMC, along with other local practices associated with the Nebraska Orthopaedic Hospital, are working together to offer a great Sports Medicine Program for area athletes. In the coming weeks, details of the program and services that will be offered will be come available. In the meantime, we would like to pass on information about the Direct Referral Line.

We realize that athletes have many options when it comes to orthopaedic care in Omaha. We also realize that prompt and direct access is vital for an athlete’s recovery and outcome. Therefore, we have developed a Direct Referral Line to make this happen.

TRAINERs, aTLeTEs, pARENTS, cOACHES aND reFERRing PHYSICIANS CAN cALL aNYTIME TO: (402) 552-6767.

Athletes will be seen the day of your call or as soon as possible. You will be directed to the desired group, physician, or to a fellowship trained sports medicine physician and they will be ready to care for the injury at hand.

Our Direct Referral Line is designed to get your athlete into the right hands immediately. This is the beginning of great sports medicine service which will be provided through the Nebraska Sports Medicine Network.

For questions or more information about this program, please contact: Cory Warner, MPT, CSCS, Nebraska Medical Center @ (402) 559-5116.

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Bulking up the Sports Medicine Program; Meet Dr. Mark Dietrich

The sports medicine program at UNMC’s Department of Orthopaedic Surgery just got a little bit bigger. Dr. Mark Dietrich, assistant professor, joined the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and Rehabilitation in August of this year. His speciality is sports medicine and general orthopaedics.

Born and raised in Omaha, Nebraska, Dr. Dietrich is right at home in the Midwest. He received his medical degree at the University of Nebraska College of Medicine in 2001, and graduated from residency training at the University of Nebraska/Creighton University Health Foundation in 2006. He went on to complete an orthopaedic sports medicine fellowship at Minnesota Sports Medicine in Minneapolis, Minnesota, in 2007. He is a candidate member of the American Orthopaedic Society for Sports Medicine. Dr. Dietrich’s areas of focus include sports-related injuries, arthroscopic knee and shoulder reconstruction, and general orthopaedics.

Dr. Dietrich joins Dr. Miguel Daccarett, instructor, who we introduced to you in the Fall 2006 issue of Breaking News. Dr. Daccarett specializes in sports medicine and orthopaedic traumatology. Together, in cooperation with UNMC’s Department of Physical Therapy, Drs. Dietrich and Daccarett offer a comprehensive sports medicine treatment program at the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery.

More information about this cooperative program will be featured in a newsletter to be published three times per year, which we invite you to view online at http://www.unmc.edu/orthosurgery. Look for it in November 2007!
Clinic Manager Takes on New Role

After a four year stint as clinic nurse manager in the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, Sherri Burkle embarked on a new journey in September of this year, as manager of the Neurological Sciences Center. The new center will be staffed by physicians from the departments of neurology, neurosurgery and pain management, and offer a combination of services. The clinic is slated to open in January of 2008 and will be located on the 6th floor of the Clarkson Doctors Building, North Tower. In the interim, Burkle is the taking on the role of manager of the neurology clinic, which will eventually merge with the new center.

In 2003, when Burkle arrived in the orthopaedic clinic, there was roughly one half of the full-time faculty and clinical staff we have today. With a steady increase in new faculty, clinical staff also grew and changes needed to be implemented. Burkle was responsible for several positive changes in the department, including raising employee satisfaction rates and lowering employee turnover. In recent years the clinic has scored high in leadership and teamwork categories, according to Robin Stoupa, director of ambulatory care at UNMC Physicians. In addition, Burkle implemented a system where clinic staff members are dedicated to a specific faculty member(s), which in turn has increased physician satisfaction regarding the efficient manner in which their clinics are run.

“It’s not always the immediate solution, but getting people the skills they need to reach goals over the long-term,” said Stoupa, “and Sherri was effective at achieving this with her staff.”

Patient satisfaction was another area of great improvement, not only within the orthopaedic clinic, but also in comparison with other clinics throughout UNMC Physicians. Patient visits have nearly doubled since 2003. Based on patient satisfaction surveys collected from 2005-2007, the orthopaedic clinic rated very close to, or above the goals set by UNMC Physicians, and very high in comparison with other clinics. Another reason for increased patient satisfaction stemmed from a pilot program between radiology and orthopaedics, where the primary focus was making sure orders were entered by clinic staff and signed by physicians in a timely manner. This, in turn, decreased patient waiting times and made clinics run more smoothly.

“Sherri made a positive impact on the orthopaedic clinic and leaves it a better place than when she arrived. Her skills and leadership will be missed,” said Clinic Medical Director, Dr. Matthew Mormino.

In the absence of a full-time manager, Kerby Selmer, RN, MSN, has been named as interim manager of the orthopaedic clinic. Kerby is a 16 year veteran of the department, and is currently the full-time clinical support for Dr. Sean McGarry and his adult orthopaedic oncology patients. We wish both Sherri and Kerby the best of luck in their new endeavors!

Homeward Bound

Connie Feschuk, clinical research coordinator, joined the department in 2002 and in July of this year made the decision to return to her home country of Canada. It was Feschuk’s dedication to the department, and tireless efforts to help advance and oversee the department’s research activities, that generated a steep increase in the number of active departmental research activities over the last five years. Recently, Connie had been honored with a five year service award from UNMC.

Feschuk worked simultaneously with several faculty members and residents on multiple projects. She assisted the residents with all of their research opportunities, making sure all guidelines were followed to ensure valid results. In addition she wrote, edited and submitted most grant applications, IRB applications, and worked with the department administrator to ensure budgets and applications conform to all University guidelines. Feschuk was also in charge of locating a database services provider capable of handling the abundant amount of information generated by these projects, and oversaw the gathering and inputting of information, as well as generation of reports.

Born and raised in Winnipeg, Feschuk returned home to spend time with her three grown children and granddaughter who also reside in Canada. We wish her the best of luck in her new job, and extend a very sincere thank you for the great work she did while at the orthopaedic department.
Faculty Presentations, Seminars, and Publications

Department faculty members present many lectures, seminars, and courses locally, regionally and nationally. They also serve in leadership positions and offices for local, state, national and international organizations. Here are some of our faculty and staff’s presentations and publications, awards and achievements, offices held, and other professional activities from June – October 2007.

Publications:

Book Chapters and Reviews:

Awards & Achievements:
Congratulations to Dr. Kevin Garvin who was co-investigator on a paper that recently received the Lawrence D. Dorr, M.D. Award, for the most outstanding paper in surgical techniques and technologies, given by the American Association of Hip and Knee Surgeons. The paper was entitled “Prospective Randomized Clinical Trial Comparing Hemiarthroplasty to Total Hip Arthroplasty in the Treatment of Displaced Femoral Neck Fractures: Outcomes at Two Years.” (See article on page 4 for more information about this award.)

Eight department faculty members were named to the 2007-2008 Best Doctors in America list in September of 2007. Congratulations to Drs. Paul Esposito, Edward Fehringer, Kevin Garvin, Glen Ginsburg, Brian Hasley, Matthew Mormino, N. Ake Nyström, and Susan Scherl. In addition, Dr. Kevin Garvin was selected as one of America’s Top Doctors, published by Castle Connolly (7th Edition.)

In September of 2007, Drs. Michael Carlson and Michael Dee were recipients of a Synthes Educational Grant Award to attend the AO Basic Principles & Techniques of Operative Fracture Management Course January 31 - February 3, 2008, in Jacksonville, FL.

Congratulations to Dr. Hani Haider and Research Associate Andres Barrera who were both recipients of the 2007 Research Innovation Award, honoring individuals who have advanced the UNMC research program through their new inventions, patents and commercial licenses during the 2006-2007 academic year. The award, given by The University of Nebraska Medical Center and UNeMed Corporation, was presented during a ceremony on August 23, 2007.

Dr. Matthew Mormino was honored with a 10 Years of Service award from both the University of Nebraska Medical Center and The Nebraska Medical Center in August 2007.

Congratulations to Dr. Edward Fehringer who was promoted to Associate Professor of the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and Rehabilitation on June 1, 2007.

Congratulations also go to Dr. Horatio Plotkin who was promoted to Associate Professor of the Department of Pediatrics and Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and Rehabilitation (courtesy) on June 1, 2007.

In June of 2007, Dr. Curtis Hartman received an AO North America resident research grant for trauma research.

In April of 2007, the following faculty members were recognized by the University of Nebraska Medical Center with Years of Service Awards: Dr. Paul Esposito (20 years); Dr. Glen Ginsburg (10 years); Dr. Fereydoon Namavar (5 years); and Dr. N. Ake Nyström (5 Years). Congratulations!

Memberships and Offices Held:
On September 9, 2007, Dr. Glen Ginsburg was appointed Chairman of the Prevalence and Natural History Committee for the Scoliosis Research Society, 2007-2009.

Dr. Kevin Garvin is President of the Resident Leadership Forum for the American Orthopaedic Association, 2007-2008. Also in 2007, Dr. Garvin was elected Member at Large on the Board of Directors for the Hip Society.

Kudos to Dr. Lori Reed who became a faculty member of the AO North America in August of 2007.

Congratulations to Dr. Matthew Mormino who was approved for membership in the American Orthopaedic Association on June 13, 2007.

Dr. Glen Ginsburg was appointed by Dr. Harold Maurer to the Search Committee for a new Director of Munroe Meyer Institute for Genetics and Rehabilitation in June of 2007.

Recent Grants Received:

Co-investigator.

Presentations, International and National:

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Conference Presentations, Seminars and Publications
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Presentations, Regional and Local:

McGarry, S.: Soft Tissue Tumors. Grand Rounds, University of Nebraska Medical Center, Department of Rheumatology, Veterans Affairs Medical Center, September 14, 2007.


Silver U Award

The Chancellor’s Silver U Award is a UNMC program that “recognizes strong consistent performers, whose daily contributions or special achievements help meet UNMC’s mission.”

Silver U, April 2007
Susan Siebler, Business Associate, Two-time Silver U Recipient

Susan Siebler has worn a variety of hats in the department since she started in 1989. Not only that, but she has worn each of them with integrity, professionalism, and a smile. Although she did leave the department for one short year (1994-95), all told, Siebler has been a key member of our orthopaedic team for 17 years.

In April 2007, Siebler received the Silver U Award for her tireless efforts to make the department run smoothly. Even more impressive, she is a two-time Silver U winner, having previously received the award in May of 2000.

Siebler’s main focus is supporting Dr. Kevin Garvin, chair of the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, which entails numerous responsibilities. Representing Dr. Garvin often means acting as a liaison for the department, requiring Siebler to interact with many individuals, which she does with the utmost professionalism.

“Susan manifests a great deal of what is good about the department and University Hospital,” said Department Administrator, David Staiert.

On a daily basis Siebler organizes meetings, prepares talks and power point presentations, edits articles, and assists the department administrator with various issues. She deals with vendors, equipment representatives, journal editors, and many others to coordinate a variety of events, meetings, journal submissions, and handle countless other issues.

Aside from her duties as administrative support to Dr. Garvin, Siebler also supports another busy faculty member. Until recently, she also oversaw the day-to-day management of all support staff, a very time consuming feat. She trained and managed all support staff including the academic staff, transcription and medical records staff, as well as her replacement as Residency Program Coordinator, a title which Siebler held for many years. She saw the residency program through several successful Residency Review Committee (RRC) reviews.

A great ambassador for the department and the University, Siebler is an invaluable asset to our orthopaedic team.

Congratulations on a well-deserved honor!
Welcome to our New Residents

We extend a warm welcome to the newest group of residents who joined the department in July of this year. The 2007 incoming residents are listed below, with a little history about each of them.

Class of 2012

**Nick Aberle, II**

B.S., Biology and Chemistry for Health Sciences, University of North Dakota, 2003

M.D., University of North Dakota School of Medicine, 2007

Born in Bismark, North Dakota, Nick Aberle spent a lot of time helping out on the family farm. He has carried with him many of the traits he learned during those years to help him in his pursuit of becoming an orthopaedic surgeon. “Dedication, preparation” and a “team effort” were taught to him at an early age, said Aberle, as he helped with many building and renovating projects. These values helped transcend Aberle into a superb student and team player throughout medical school and now into his orthopaedic residency. Aberle received his undergraduate degree in Biology and Chemistry for Health Sciences from the University of North Dakota in 2003, and his M.D. from the University of North Dakota School of Medicine in 2007. During medical school he was a member of several groups including the Emergency Medicine Interest Group, the Christian Medical Association, and Doctors Ought to Care. He realized the need for a Surgery Interest Group, which he took the initiative to both found and act as the group’s first Chair. In addition, Aberle was selected for an American College of Physicians Summer Externship, during which he spent a month in the ICU and outpatient internal medicine clinic. He is currently a member of the American Medical Student Association. Although he is only beginning his residency, Aberle has already co-authored 15 publications in refereed journals, and is the first author of five of these articles. He enjoys going to the gym and biking in his spare time.

**Lucas Burton**

Bach., Biomedical Engineering, Vanderbilt University, 2003

M.D., Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine, 2007

Lucas Burton was born in Bedford, Indiana. He received his undergraduate degree in Biomedical Engineering from Vanderbilt University in 2003, and his M.D. from Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine (CWRU) in 2007.

It was after spending a summer studying cartilage tissue engineering at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) as an undergraduate that Burton first entertained the idea of pursuing a career as an orthopaedic surgeon. During that summer Burton also got his first glimpse inside an operating room and was “impressed by the way in which orthopaedic surgery incorporated engineering principles, instrumentation, and surgical techniques to repair individuals within a time span of only hours or minutes.” Burton returned to Vanderbilt after his summer at NIH and embarked on a senior engineering design project where he gained extensive research experience and was the primary inventor of two complex devices for cardiac surgery, which garnered multiple awards.

During his undergraduate training, Burton received the Thomas G. Arnold Prize for Biomedical Engineering Systems Design, as well as the National Biomedical Engineering Society Undergraduate Student Award for outstanding biomedical engineering design project. While attending medical school at CWRU, Burton received a Crile Fellowship for medical student research. He completed a research project entitled “FGF Enhancement of Marrow Derived Stem Cells Chondrogenesis” and presented this award winning work at several venues. Burton was the recipient of several awards during medical school including the Cleveland Clinic Innovator Award, the Alpha Omega Alpha award for medical student research, and the Association for the Advancement of Medical Instrumentation Young Investigator Award for best original work on medical device research. He has 11 publications in refereed journals, and is the first author on eight of these articles. Burton is a member of the American Medical Student Association, as well as the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE). In his spare time he enjoys playing basketball and golf.

**Ryan Hess**

B.A., Biology, Concordia College, 2002

M.D., Medical College of Wisconsin, 2007

Ryan Hess was born in Staples, Minnesota and grew up about 11 miles away on a dairy farm in Verndale, Minnesota. Growing up on the farm instilled an inquisitive nature and dependable work ethic that Hess maintains today.

Hess completed his undergraduate studies in biology at Concordia College in Moorhead, MN, during which time he spent a six week rotation shadowing local orthopaedist Dr. Howard Berglund in surgery and clinic. He attended medical school at the Medical College of Wisconsin, in Milwaukee. During medical school Hess was involved in several volunteering projects including serving as co-director of the Medical Mentoring Program for children of low income families through Physicians for Social Responsibility, for which he was nominated for a “Standing Ovation Award.” During medical school, Hess also completed extensive research on deep vein thrombosis prophylaxis, and as a result of his work has two upcoming publications.

In his spare time Hess enjoys participating in several sports including softball, flag football, basketball, volleyball and wake boarding. He enjoys reading and is learning to play the guitar.

**Brian Vernon**

B.S., Microbiology, Brigham Young University, 2002

M.D. Medical College of Wisconsin, 2007

The eighth of 10 (yes 10!) children, Brian Vernon grew up in a never boring household in Wheat Ridge, Colorado. In retrospect, he surmises that his mother may have involved him in the boy scouts in an effort to get him out of the house. However, his experiences in the scouts, as well as growing up in a large family, aided Vernon in developing a sense of...
Dr. Stanley Bach, Pediatric Legend

On Thursday, Aug. 23, 2007, Children’s Hospital and its medical staff paid tribute to physicians who have dedicated their lives to delivering extraordinary health care to children. Dr. Stanley Bach was amongst four physicians honored as Pediatric Legends whose work continues to impact the lives of children even though they themselves are gone. The physicians honored were Stanley M. Bach, M.D.; John Leon Gedgoud, M.D.; Jerald Rudolph Schenken, M.D.; and Hobart Edmund Wiltse, M.D.

Dr. Stanley Bach died on December 30, 2004. He was 88 years old. Dr. Bach was a tireless supporter of Children’s Hospital and UNMC’s Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, retiring from active clinical practice in 1998, fifty years to the day that he opened his orthopaedic practice in Omaha.

Dr. Bach attended Dana College in Blair, Neb., and graduated from the University of Nebraska College of Medicine. He completed an internship at University Hospital in 1941 and subsequently served in the army. In January of 1946 he began a preceptor-type of orthopaedic residency training program which concluded in December 1948. Shortly thereafter, Dr. Bach entered private practice and was appointed to the voluntary clinical faculty of both Orthopaedic Surgery and Anatomy. In 1955, Dr. Bach was advanced to assistant professor of Orthopaedics, and associate professor of Anatomy and Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. Dr. Bach recognized both the potential and the need for pediatric orthopaedic medicine. His multidisciplinary approach became the standard for treatment of the most fragile of children.

Dr. Stanley Bach demonstrates the gentle demeanor he was known for, while removing the cast off a pediatric patient’s arm.

His true orthopaedic ‘Baptism under Fire’ occurred in the early 1950’s when Omaha was hit, as was a great part of this nation, by a devastating Poliomyelitis epidemic. The newly constructed Children’s Hospital was located on the UNMC campus in the building which was converted in 1980 to the present Swanson Hall. So great was the epidemic that the hallways were lined with ‘Iron Lung’ respirators containing polio victims. It was not uncommon for Dr. Bach, other attending physicians and volunteering Omaha Firefighters to be called upon to spend the night and be ready to provide manual operation of the large, awkward respirators when a power failure interrupted the mechanical breathing of the patients. Dr. Bach was the primary orthopaedic surgeon for most of the children suffering from the paralytic residuals of the disease. His practice was busy for many years directing the orthopaedic care of these individuals.

When the formal orthopaedic residency was formed at the University Hospital, this devoted surgeon served as an attending at the Omaha Veterans Affairs Medical Center, accepted trainees into his office as well as serving the anatomy students with expert prosection guidance. His involvement educating past graduates of the program and sharing his expertise was ongoing. Dr. Bach’s gentle guidance and wisdom is dearly missed among current Pediatric Orthopaedic staff, residents, and students.

Excerpt from the February 2005 issue of Children’s Hospital newsletter, by Dr. Paul Esposito

Like many members of his generation, he did not like to talk about his many accomplishments, service to his country as a medical officer with Patton’s 3rd army in Europe, long hours of work, many times for free, but rather the many people he felt privileged to have helped over his many years of practice. Dr. Bach always spoke of the children and families he felt privileged to have helped. Although he also did general orthopaedics as most orthopaedists did at that time, his true love was the care of children. When children would come to his office, they would run to him for a hug, and he never seemed to be threatening to them. His gentle demeanor and quiet voice could calm any child.

Dr. Bach was a gentle man who was a mentor to many students and residents over many years. Although he may not have written extensively, or done amazing research, he was a caring example to all who had the privilege to work with him, talk with him or be cared for by him. He was a tireless champion for children and Children’s Hospital and is sorely missed.

Welcome to our New Residents

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imagination and responsibility, a desire for learning, and an understanding of the value of a job well done. Vernon demonstrated commitment to reaching a goal at an early age, and over the years advanced through the ranks of scouting to eventually become an Eagle Scout.

Vernon completed his undergraduate degree at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, during which time he assisted with a summer research project at the Mayo Clinic, contributing data to a poster that was presented at the 2002 National American Association of Cancer Research Meeting. Vernon spent two years as a Venezuelan missionary, learned to speak fluent Spanish, studied Venezuelan history, painted schools, built houses, and taught English classes.

In 2005, Vernon received his medical degree from the Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW), and received the MCW Pasteur Award in Microbiology. He volunteered as a student interviewer. Vernon also began volunteering with the Boy Scouts of America as a committee chairman and assistant scoutmaster; as well as with Big Brothers and Big Sisters as a big brother, commitments which he continues today. He is a member of Alpha Omega Alpha. In his spare time he enjoys indoor and outdoor soccer, mountain biking, and is a certified scuba diver.
Visiting Speakers Expand Resident Education

Providing a well-rounded education for our residents means bringing in visiting speakers who can share their expertise and experience on a variety of topics. Annual contributions to the department’s Development Fund allow us continue to bring guest speakers who offer new and innovative ideas in surgical techniques, research topics, and patient care. Below is a list of visiting speakers that presented in the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery from April to October 2007.

### April

26        Dr. James Benjamin  
University of Arizona  
Tuscon, AZ  
“Total Knee Arthroplasty”

### May

16        Dr. Robert Hart  
Oregon Health & Science University  
Portland, OR  
“Spine”

21        Dr. David Inda  
Gross Iwersen Kratchovil & Klein  
Omaha, NE  
“Achilles Tendon Reconstruction”

25        Dr. Mark Labbe  
Baylor University  
Waco, TX  
“Rotator Cuff Repair”

### June

1        Dr. Thomas Thornhill  
Brigham & Women’s Hospital  
Boston, MA  
“Mobile Bearing TKA: Indications, Techniques & Pitfalls”

8        Dr. Armodios Hatzidakis  
Western Orthopaedics  
Denver, CO  
“Reverse Shoulder Arthroplasty”

22-23 Graduation Guest Speaker  
Dr. Roy Sanders  
Florida Orthopaedic Institute  
Tampa, FL  
“Treatment of Proximal Femur Fractures”  
“Calcaneus Fractures”

### August

7        Richard Komistek, Ph.D.  
Center for Musculoskeletal Research  
University of Tennessee  
Knoxville, TN  
“Scientific Advancements in Total Knee Replacement”

### September

7        Dr. Steve Haddad  
Northwestern University  
Chicago, IL  
“Total Ankle Arthroplasty”

26        Dr. Cynthia Ferris  
Children’s Hospital  
Omaha, NE  
“Conscious Sedation”

### October

17        Dr. Michael Ain  
Johns Hopkins Hospital  
Baltimore, MD  
“Achondroplasia”

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Dr. Pellegrini to be Guest Speaker at 2nd Annual Resident Research Forum

Vincent D. Pellegrini Jr., M.D., of the University of Maryland Medical Center (UMMC), will be our guest speaker for the upcoming 2nd annual Fall Resident Research Forum on Friday morning, November 16, 2007. Dr. Pellegrini is the James Lawrence Kernan Professor and Chair of the Department of Orthopaedics at UMMC in Baltimore, M.D.

Dr. Pellegrini received his M.D. from Dartmouth Medical School and a B.A. from Dartmouth College. He did his residency in surgery at the Hartford Hospital and a residency in orthopaedics at the University of Rochester Strong Memorial Hospital. Dr. Pellegrini also completed a fellowship in surgery of the hand and upper extremity at the University of Rochester and the Mayo Clinic. He is a member of the Orthopaedic Research Society, the Osteoarthritis Research Society, Hip Society, Knee Society, and the American Society for Surgery of the Hand. He has received numerous awards, including the John Charnley Award from the Hip Society and the Sterling Bunnell Traveling Fellowship from the American Society for Surgery of the Hand. In addition he is currently editor-in-chief of *Current Opinion in Orthopaedics* and deputy editor for the *Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery*. His clinical interests and expertise includes adult reconstructive/joint replacement surgery of the hip and knee and hand/upper extremity surgery. His research interests include thromboembolic disease, the control of heterotopic ossification, osteonecrosis, and causative factors in osteoarthritis.

In 2006, the late Dr. John Connolly (chair 1974-1990) was the featured speaker for the 1st annual Fall Resident Research Forum. Dr. Connolly was heavily involved in research during his years at UNMC, and continued to support various department research projects through a generous donation in 2005 that established the Connolly Orthopaedic Surgery and Rehabilitation Fund. The 2006 forum was such a success the department decided to make it an annual event.

The forum is designed to help residents plan their research project and keep them on track through their senior year. Drs. Lori Reed, Edward Fehringer, Anthony Lauder and Hani Haider have been named resident research advisors, along with Clinical Research Coordinator, Dana Schwarz.

Anyone interested in attending the event is encouraged to call 559-4533 for more information regarding a specific time and location.
From Transplant to Orthopaedic Surgery, Welcome Dana Schwarz

Schwarz joined UNMC in 1998 as an outpatient clinic manager, and then coordinator of Anticoagulation Services, in the Department of Internal Medicine, cardiology section. She has spent the last six years as the clinical nurse transplant coordinator in the Department of Surgery, liver/small bowel transplantation. Prior to joining UNMC, Schwarz worked as a clinical research study coordinator at the Nebraska Medical Research Institute, and therefore brings an impressive history of overseeing research studies to her new position.

“I am very excited to be here,” said Schwarz. “I have been able to find my direction relatively easy as everyone has gone out of their way to offer assistance and support and I really appreciate that. It’s a great department to be in, there is a lot of research taking place, I think it will be a good fit. I know though, that in replacing Connie, I have very big shoes to fill.”

In her new role, Schwarz will oversee all of the department’s research activities, work with orthopaedic faculty and residents on various research projects, as well as research potential future studies that may apply to our program. In addition she will write, edit and submit most grant applications, IRB applications, and work with the department administrator to ensure budgets and applications conform to all University guidelines. Schwarz will also oversee the outcomes database which houses all the information collected from the studies.

Schwarz has been the primary author on one publication and two abstracts, and has given several presentations locally. For three years (94-97) she served as a 2nd Lieutenant in the United States Army Nurse Corps (Individual Ready Reserve). Schwarz is a member of The National Anticoagulation Forum and the North American Transplant Coordinators Organization, and has served on several committees and advisory boards. She is also involved in fundraising for The Polycystic Kidney Foundation and The American Heart Association.

Employee Awards

Years of Service Awards

Congratulations on your recent years of service awards!

Rita Haverman, CPC, Billing Representative II
10 years of service at UNMC

Tami Jenson, Grants/Project Associate
5 years of service at UNMC
The Nebraska Medical Center Recognized On ‘100 Top Hospitals’ List

The Nebraska Medical Center is among a select few in the nation to receive recognition among the Thomson 100 Top Hospitals®: Performance Improvement Leaders. The national list, released August 6, 2007, identifies those U.S. hospitals which are improving the fastest and most consistently in clinical quality and efficiency.

The Nebraska Medical Center is one of only 15 hospitals and medical centers to gain recognition in the “Major Teaching Hospitals” category. In all, Thomson Healthcare examined the performance of 2,897 hospitals in a variety of clinical, financial and operational areas. 100 hospitals that showed the most improvement from 2001 through 2005 were recognized as winners of the Performance Improvement Leaders award.

The study rated hospitals on eight factors: patient mortality, medical complications, patient safety, length of stay, expenses, profitability, cash-to-debt ratio and growth in patient volume. The Nebraska Medical Center achieved significant progress with a composite score in the 98th percentile. It scored particularly well in the area of patient safety, performing better than other major teaching hospitals and surpassing the national benchmark for the category.
Continuing Education and Grand Rounds

All UNMC orthopaedic alumni are welcome to attend the following continuing education seminars and Grand Rounds presented by department faculty, current residents, and guest speakers. Please call the department at (402) 559-4533 to check on possible updates to this schedule.

**November 2007**
- 5 Femoroacetabular Impingement (Dr. Dietrich)
- 12 TBA
- 19 TBA
- 26 Posterolateral Corner Injury (Dr. Daccarett)

**December 2007**
- 3 Pelvis Fractures (Dr. Mormino)
- 10 Pain Management (Dr. Johnston)
- 17 Alternative Bearings in Arthroplasty (Dr. Hartman)
- 24 No Conference: Holiday
- 31 No Conference: New Year’s Eve

**January 2008**
- 7 Morbidity & Mortality
- 14 Osteosarcoma (Dr. McGarry)
- 21 Flexor Tendon Injuries (Dr. Lauder)
- 28 AVN Hip (Dr. Erik Otterberg)

**February 2008**
- 4 Surgical Clearance (Dr. Chad Yokoun)
- 11 TBA (Dr. Kibuule)
- 18 TBA (Dr. Burns)
- 25 Complex Regional Pain Syndrome (Dr. Johnston)

**March 2008**
- 3 Ballistic Injuries (Dr. Kleiber)
- 5-9 AAOS Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA
- 10 No Conference
- 17 Ankle Fractures (Dr. Hawks)
- 24 TBA (Dr. Johnson)
- 31 Exertional Compartment Syndrome (Dr. Dietrich)

**April 2008**
- 7 Morbidity & Mortality
- 14 Mid-America Presentations

**May 2008**
- 5 Scoliosis (Dr. Hasley)
- 12 Scapula Fractures (Dr. Ivan Tarkin)
- 19 TBA
- 26 No Conference: Memorial Day

**June 2008**
- 2 TBA (Dr. Burns)
- 9 TBA
- 16 TBA
- 23 Morbidity & Mortality
- 27-28 Graduation Ceremonies

UNMC Physicians Orthopaedic Clinic Offers Satellite Locations

The Clarkson West Medical Center is located at 2727 S. 144th Street in the Oak View Mall area.

**To schedule an appointment:** call 559-8000 and tell the receptionist you would like to make an appointment for UNMC PHYSICIANS WEST ORTHOPAEDICS.

UNMC Physicians Summit Plaza Orthopaedics

If you live in the Bellevue area, we also offer an orthopaedic clinic on Friday mornings at Summit Plaza for your convenience.

**To schedule an appointment:** call 559-8000 and tell the receptionist you would like to make an appointment for UNMC PHYSICIANS SUMMIT PLAZA ORTHOPAEDICS.
Big brother Cayden beams with pride as he holds his new baby sister, born on June 13, 2007. Kaia is the daughter of proud parents, Dr. and Mrs. Anthony Lauder. Dr. Lauder is an assistant professor in the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and Rehabilitation.
What’s new with you?
We want to hear from you! Drop us a line so we can share your news of professional activities and honors with friends and colleagues. Fax us at (402) 559-5511 or E-mail: dmeyer@unmc.edu

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Department faculty, residents, alumni and staff gather during the graduation celebration of 2007.

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Meet the Orthopaedic Surgeons of The University of Nebraska Medical Center

The Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and Rehabilitation at the University of Nebraska Medical Center is a dynamic team of medical professionals who take pride in providing the best in patient care, orthopaedic training, and expanding cutting-edge research. Physicians throughout the region look to award-winning faculty at the University of Nebraska Medical Center for patient referrals, professional consultation, and continuing education and training. The Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and Rehabilitation has earned a strong national reputation and enjoys enthusiastic support from our graduates, patients, community, and the entire region. Over the past few years several physicians have joined our team. You can read about each of our physicians and their specialties below.

Kevin L. Garvin, M.D., Chairman
Adult Reconstructive Surgery
Dr. Garvin is professor and chairperson of the University of Nebraska College of Medicine’s Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and Rehabilitation, as well as the L. Thomas Hood, M.D., Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery and Rehabilitation. His special interests include hip and knee arthroplasty and musculoskeletal infections.

Miguel S. Daccarett, M.D.
Sports Medicine and Orthopaedic Traumatology
Dr. Daccarett is an instructor in the University of Nebraska College of Medicine’s Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and Rehabilitation. His special interests include limb salvage surgery, the arthroscopic assessment of peri-articular fractures, and sports-related injuries, particularly in the pediatric and adolescent age groups.

Mark E. Dietrich, M.D.
Sports Medicine and General Orthopaedics
Dr. Dietrich is an assistant professor in the University of Nebraska College of Medicine’s Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and Rehabilitation. Dr. Dietrich’s specialty interests include sports-related injuries and arthroscopic knee and shoulder reconstruction.

Paul W. Esposito, M.D.
Pediatric Orthopaedic Surgery
Dr. Esposito is a professor of Orthopaedic Surgery and Pediatrics at the University of Nebraska College of Medicine. Dr. Esposito’s special interests are in children’s extremity deformities, osteogenesis imperfecta, congenital and developmental disorders, and cerebral palsy.

Edward V. Fehringer, M.D.
Shoulder and Elbow Surgery
Dr. Fehringer is an associate professor at the University of Nebraska College of Medicine’s Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and Rehabilitation. His clinical interests include shoulder and elbow arthritis, dislocations, fractures and tendon tears. His research interests include rotator cuff tears and their association with aging, and shoulder socket reconstruction in shoulders with arthritis.

Glen M. Ginsburg, M.D.
Pediatric Orthopaedic and Spine Surgery
Dr. Ginsburg is an associate professor at the University of Nebraska College of Medicine’s Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and Rehabilitation. He is also Medical Director of the Munroe-Meyer Motion Analysis Lab and of the Pediatric Botox Clinic. His areas of focus include pediatric spine and gait disorders.

Brian P. Hasley, M.D.
Pediatric Orthopaedic and Spine Surgery
Dr. Hasley is an assistant professor of the University of Nebraska College of Medicine’s Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and Rehabilitation. His areas of focus are pediatric orthopaedic and pediatric spine surgery.
Anthony J. Lauder, M.D.
Hand and Upper Extremity
Dr. Lauder is an assistant professor at the University of Nebraska College of Medicine’s Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and Rehabilitation, with a joint appointment in the Department of Surgery, section of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery. Dr. Lauder specializes in hand and upper extremity surgery and has special interests in traumatic and degenerative conditions related to the wrist.

Matthew A. Mormino, M.D.
Resident Program Director
Orthopaedic Traumatology and Lower Extremity
Dr. Mormino is an associate professor and Residency Program director, as well as the Herman Frank Johnson, M.D., Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery and Rehabilitation at the University of Nebraska College of Medicine. Dr. Mormino’s special concentrations include pelvic fractures, malunions and nonunions, foot and ankle trauma, and periarticular fractures.

Lori K. Reed, M.D.
Foot & Ankle and General Orthopaedic Surgery
Dr. Reed is an assistant professor at the University of Nebraska College of Medicine’s Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and Rehabilitation. Dr. Reed specializes in foot and ankle disorders, lower extremity post-traumatic reconstruction, and general orthopaedics.

N. Åke Nyström, M.D., Ph.D.
Upper Extremity and Microvascular Surgery
Dr. Nyström is an associate professor at the University of Nebraska Medical Center’s Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and Rehabilitation, with a joint appointment in the Department of Surgery, section of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery. His research interests focus on cold intolerance after hand trauma, microvascular surgery, and surgical treatment of chronic pain in the head and neck after whiplash.

Sean V. McGarry, M.D.
Musculoskeletal Oncology
Dr. McGarry is an assistant professor at the University of Nebraska College of Medicine’s Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and Rehabilitation. He specializes in Orthopaedic Oncology with a focus on limb salvage.

Susan A. Scherl, M.D.
Pediatric Orthopaedic Surgery
Dr. Scherl is an associate professor at the University of Nebraska College of Medicine’s Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and Rehabilitation. Her areas of focus are pediatric orthopaedic trauma and management of orthopaedic aspects of cerebral palsy.