Orthopaedic Surgery and Rehabilitation

Breaking News

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Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and Rehabilitation

ACHIEVING GROWTH AND ADVANCEMENT DURING TURBULENT TIMES

As part of a world-class medical center, and Nebraska’s only public academic health sciences center, the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and Rehabilitation is dedicated to providing outstanding patient care, superior resident education, and remaining at the forefront of orthopaedic research and technology. This has been our department’s mission since it began, and will remain our vision despite any challenges that may arise.

In recent years, we have been faced with some of our most demanding obstacles to date, and are proud to report that the department has not only persevered, but continues to thrive.

The University of Nebraska educational system (including UNMC) has been subject to several changes in recent years, many of which filtered down to our department. State-wide, budget cuts required us to take a hard look at our fiscal situation and determine where it was feasible to cut costs and where we just were not willing to compromise. However, despite an overall reduction in our operating budget, the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and Rehabilitation is experiencing a period of growth and advancement in many areas.

On the clinical front, we worked diligently to maintain the same excellent care of a large volume of patients, despite a recent reduction in faculty. The clinical practices of our newer physicians continue to grow steadily, and we are excited to announce the recent addition of two new physicians to our practice. Dr. Chris Cornett is fellowship-trained and specializes in adult spine surgery, and Dr. M. Layne Jenson is fellowship-trained and specializes in pediatric orthopaedic and spine surgery (learn more about Drs. Cornett and Jenson on page 5).

To provide support for our expanding clinical practices we recently created three physician assistant positions.

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Visit our new website! www.unmc.edu/orthosurgery

NEW ORTHOPAEDIC WEBSITE UNVEILED

We are excited to announce the launch of our newly redesigned website, a transformation intended to reinforce our commitment to excellence as a vital member of the UNMC community!

We want to hear from you! E-mail your feedback to: dmeyer@unmc.edu.
Message from the chair

Bringing it home

Last year at about this same time, the Operation Walk - Nebraska crew was gearing up to embark on our first official mission trip to Antigua, Guatemala. What an amazing experience it was... eye-opening, humbling, and simply amazing!

The team was extremely grateful for the opportunity to help some very deserving individuals, who otherwise may have faced a lifetime of disabling pain. Operation Walk-Nebraska is excited to announce that we will be returning to Antigua in November, and we will be sure to bring you news of that trip in our spring newsletter.

Being able to see first-hand what a difference a mission trip like this can make got us thinking. How can we bring this effort home and help individuals who are in similar need on a local level?

Apparently we weren’t the only ones. Operation Walk USA is slated to take place this December. Thirty-five surgeons from fourteen states will provide pro bono total joint replacement surgeries to patients across the United States who would otherwise be unable to receive appropriate and much needed surgical care due to financial circumstances. Our team is proud to announce that we will be participating right here in Omaha, Nebraska.

You can be part of this movement too. Your donation will help someone walk again who, without our help, could suffer a lifetime of debilitating joint disease. Please consider joining our team.

If you are interested in making a donation in support of Operation Walk-Nebraska or Operation Walk USA, please contact Meg Johnson with the University of Nebraska Foundation at (402) 502-4107 or via email at mjohnson@nufoundation.org.

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As promised, we will continue to show our progress in each subsequent issue of Breaking News, until the goal has been reached.

If you are interested in making a donation or pledge to the John F. Connolly Resident Excellence Fund, please contact Meg Johnson at the University of Nebraska Foundation at (402) 502-4107 or mjohnson@nufoundation.org.
Angela Hill now helps support our pediatric orthopaedic surgeons, Ramona Zephier supports the adult reconstructive surgery team, and we are currently in the process of hiring someone in support of the spine surgery team. In June, we also welcomed Dawn Meisinger, our new orthopaedic clinic manager (learn more about Dawn on page 11).

In addition, we are constantly looking for new opportunities for clinical advancement and different avenues through which we can gain patient awareness about who we are and what we can offer them. In recent years, several of our faculty began practicing at the Clarkson West Medical Center, and a few are currently doing surgical cases at the Nebraska Orthopaedic Hospital (NOH). During the 2011-2012 academic year, we anticipate that several of our physicians will be expanding their practices to NOH, offering our patients in West Omaha greater convenience and increasing the patient base we draw from that area.

In the fall of last year, Dr. Edward Fehringer also established an outreach clinic in Columbus, Nebraska, as part of a pilot study to gauge the success of outreach clinics in rural Nebraska communities. This was a low cost study that proved to be cost-effective, provided an increase in patient awareness, and fostered positive relations with community physicians. As a result of the success of this partnership, Dr. Fehringer plans to continue this clinic on an ongoing basis.

As a teaching facility, research is important for many reasons. We not only use research as an educational tool to produce the best and brightest residents, but also so that we can offer the latest techniques and most advanced diagnosis and treatment to our patients. We are proud that year after year the research we are doing in our clinics and orthopaedic laboratories continues to be accepted for presentation at various national and international orthopaedic meetings.

The cutting-edge research being done in our orthopaedic laboratories at the Scott Technology Center has garnered national attention over the past few years, and continues to gain wide-spread interest in the orthopaedic community and beyond. From 2009 - 2011 the department has received over $5 million in grant support for numerous projects (industry and federal combined).

A generous portion of the recent funding received was from the United States Navy and the Naval Health Research Center (NHRC) involving a two-year study regarding ‘simplified orthopaedic surgery’ (SOS). SOS is a concept that was created in our laboratory that reduces the need for bulky alignment instruments (jigs), and uses ‘GPS style navigation technology’ to help guide the hands of a surgeon during surgery.

Dr. Hani Haider and his team are currently transitioning this technology out of the experimental pilot phase into an advanced prototype viable for use in clinical trials. This exciting research, being done right here in the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, could potentially one day revolutionize orthopaedic surgery.

We believe our commitment to developing exciting new technology through research and maintaining superior education for our residents, both of which ultimately translate into improved patient care, serves as the catalyst that empowers our department to achieve continued success, no matter what challenges the future may bring.
New orthopaedic faculty expand spine and pediatric subspecialties

MEET CHRIS A. CORNETT, M.D.

Dr. Chris Cornett specializes in all aspects of adult spine surgery including cervical, thoracic, and lumbar. His clinical interests include degenerative conditions/arthritis, spinal stenosis, myelopathy, spondylolisthesis, disc herniations, spine instability, scoliosis, spine tumors, and spine trauma. Dr. Cornett is originally from Cambridge, Nebraska.

**Fellowship:** Spine Surgery Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, Pittsburg, PA, 2011
**Residency:** Orthopaedic Surgery Residency, University of Wisconsin Hospital and Clinics, Madison, WI, 2010
**Internship:** Orthopaedic Surgery Internship, University of Wisconsin Hospital and Clinics, Madison, WI, 2006
**Medical School:** University of Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha, NE, 2005
**Masters Degree:** Physical Therapy, University of Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha, NE, 2001

Clinic locations:
Durham Outpatient Center
Clarkson West Medical Center
For appointments or referrals, call: 402-559-8000

MEET M. LAYNE JENSON, M.D.

Dr. M. Layne Jenson specializes in pediatric orthopaedic and spine surgery. His clinical interests include scoliosis, hip dysplasia, pediatric and adolescent sports injuries, limb deformity, and trauma. Dr. Jenson is originally from Lubbock, Texas.

**Fellowship:** Ryerson Fellowship in Pediatric Orthopaedic Surgery, Northwestern School of Medicine, Children’s Memorial Hospital, Chicago, IL, 2011
**Residency:** Orthopaedic Surgery Residency, Texas Tech University Health Science Center, Lubbock, TX, 2010
**Medical School:** Texas Tech University SOM, Lubbock, TX, 2005
**Masters Degree:** Business Administration, Concentration in Health Organization Management, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX, 2005

Clinic locations:
Durham Outpatient Center - For appointments or referrals, call: 402-559-8000
Children’s Specialty Pediatric Clinic (SPC) - For appointments or referrals, call: 402-955-6300
Visiting speakers expand resident education

Providing a well-rounded educational experience for our residents means bringing in visiting speakers who can share their expertise on a variety of topics. Annual contributions to the department’s Development Fund allow us to continue to bring guest speakers who offer new and innovative ideas in surgical techniques, research topics, and patient care.

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2011 Resident Research Forum

The 2011 Resident Research Forum will be held Friday, November 18th, in the Michael F. Sorrell Center for Health Science Education, Room 1005, from 7:30 to 11:00 a.m.

William M. Mihalko, M.D., Ph.D., associate professor of the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery at the University of Tennessee Campbell Clinic in Memphis, Tennessee, will be this year’s featured speaker. Dr. Mihalko specializes in adult reconstructive surgery. His research interests include knee implant design, wear analysis, and outcomes.

Dr. Mihalko received his medical degree, as well as a doctorate in biomedical engineering, from the Medical College of Virginia at the Virginia Commonwealth University. He then completed a one year orthopaedic research fellowship, followed by his orthopaedic surgery residency training, at the State University of New York at Buffalo. Dr. Mihalko also completed an adult reconstructive fellowship in orthopaedic surgery at the Missouri Bone and Joint Center, at the Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri.

Dr. Mihalko is a member of various orthopaedic societies including the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, the American Association of Hip and Knee Surgeons, the Orthopaedic Research Society, the American Orthopaedic Association, and is an elected member of The Knee Society. Additionally, he is a member of the International ASTM committee for computer-assisted orthopaedic surgical technique standards, chair of the AAOS Biomedical Engineering Committee, and is on the editorial board of The Journal of Arthroplasty. Dr. Mihalko is a recipient of the Knee Society Ranawat Award, an AOA ABC Traveling Fellowship Award, and ASTM’s Joseph S. Barr Award.
Meet our new residents

PAUL HONG, M.D.
Hometown: Naperville, IL

Education:
• Medical: M.D., University of Illinois College of Medicine - Peoria, IL, 2011
• Graduate: M.A., Mathematics, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN, 2007
• Undergraduate: B.A., Mathematics, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL, 2005

Hobbies: Classical and contemporary piano, hiking, backpacking, cooking ethnic foods, and technology blogs

Why Paul chose orthopaedic surgery: Paul Hong likes problem solving. Prior to attending medical school, Paul was focused on a career in mathematics, which allowed him to use critical analysis and logic to think through any problem. However, Paul realized that he wanted to solve different types of problems – ones that were more tangible than those he had focused on in mathematics. He sought these puzzles in medical school.

Paul was struck by the intellectual challenges inherent to orthopaedics both from a mechanical and medical standpoint. He was also touched by the substantial difference orthopaedists could make in patients’ lives. Thus, orthopaedic surgery offered Paul the academic and personal fulfillment he had been searching for.

As a resident, Paul hopes to learn orthopaedic surgery and cultivate his skills in patient care while forging strong relationships with his colleagues. He looks forward to being part of the Nebraska family.

PAUL NIELSEN, M.D.
Hometown: Columbia, MO

Education:
• Medical: M.D., University of Missouri-Columbia, Columbia, MO, 2011
• Undergraduate: B.S., Biochemistry, University of Missouri-Columbia, Columbia, MO, 2007

Hobbies: Outdoor activities (camping, fishing, boating, hunting, bicycling), recreational sports (golf, football, basketball, tennis), military history

Why Paul chose orthopaedic surgery: For Paul Nielsen, there wasn’t one specific moment that awakened his desire to become an orthopaedic surgeon; it was more of a cumulative process over time. In high school he enjoyed studying biology, anatomy and physiology, and was motivated by the demanding challenge of academics, both of which eventually led him to medical school.

During Paul’s third year surgery clerkship, the majority of his personal interaction with doctors was for musculoskeletal injuries, similar to those an orthopaedic surgeon would treat. The way orthopaedics functioned just seemed to fit his working style. He enjoyed the purposeful, specific clinical approach and the orderly and focused environment of the operating room.

Like many who choose orthopaedics, the mechanical nature of both the disease and the treatment was also a draw for Paul. Even in childhood, he had enjoyed fixing things around the house with his dad. Orthopaedics allowed him to use those same mechanical principles, but hone them to a new level of precision, and use them to help patients achieve the restoration of form and function they were looking for.

Paul’s fascination with the mechanical principles of orthopaedics has also fostered an interest orthopaedic research. He not only understands the importance of staying current on orthopaedic research topics, but also hopes to one day contribute new treatment methods discovered through his own innovative orthopaedic research.
KAITLIN NEARY, M.D.
Hometown: Tacoma, WA

Education:
• Medical: M.D., Creighton University School of Medicine, Omaha, NE, 2011
• Undergraduate: B.A., Psychology, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN, 2006

Hobbies: Running, soccer, golf, cycling, climbing, hiking, marathons/triathlons, attending sporting events, playing the guitar and violin, and cooking

Why Kaitlin chose orthopaedic surgery: Kaitlin Neary has always been into sports. She played collegiate soccer at the University of Minnesota, and even went on to play one year semi-professionally. She vividly remembers the day she heard the tell-tale “pop” of her best friend and teammate’s ACL tearing for the third time, and the expression of despair on her friend’s face as she realized her career might be over. But she also witnessed something else in that moment - something almost more powerful - the beginning of a relationship between her friend and the team orthopaedic surgeon who would help her friend restore something she had lost... mobility.

Mobility is a powerful thing. It provides people the freedom to do the things they love and is directly related to a person’s quality of life. As a lifelong athlete, Kaitlin understands how important mobility is, and how devastating it can be to lose it. Being able to drastically change someone’s quality of life through the restoration of this vital function and return them to a level of activity that gives them a greater purpose in life, is at the core of what draws Kaitlin to the field of orthopaedic surgery. For Kaitlin, there is nothing more rewarding.

Kaitlin feels that her experiences as an athlete and the high value she has placed on leading an active lifestyle has fostered within her an ability to form truly empathetic relationships with the orthopaedic patients she sees. That, along with determination, teamwork, leadership, technical precision, and tenacity in the face of adversity, are all qualities she has learned through her athletic career, which she carries with her into her career as an orthopaedic surgeon.

SCOTT VINCENT, M.D.
Hometown: York, NE

Education:
• Medical: M.D., University of Nebraska College of Medicine, Omaha, NE, 2011
• Undergraduate: B.S., Chemistry, University of Nebraska at Kearney, Kearney, NE, 2007

Hobbies: Attending, watching and playing sports; working out and running; listening to and playing music (previously played trumpet in some jazz/rock ensembles in college); cooking, spending time outdoors, and traveling with his wife

Why Scott chose orthopaedic surgery: When Scott Vincent was a sophomore in high school, he experienced what some might refer to as a ‘blessing in disguise.’ Scott was a devoted athlete. During a soccer game in the fall of that year, he received a devastating blow to his right knee. The orthopaedic surgeon who examined him discovered more than a torn MCL. He also noticed a significant valgus deformity of Scott’s right knee, which was believed to be due to a possible malignancy originating from the distal femur. Suddenly, Scott was facing a possible diagnosis of cancer.

Fortunately, Scott did not have cancer. However, it was the positive interactions he had with various orthopaedists during what was a very stressful situation, which sparked Scott’s interest in choosing orthopaedic surgery as a career.

As Scott got farther along in his education, he realized there were some unique traits of orthopaedic care that he enjoyed. For instance, in orthopaedics the provider has the opportunity to follow the patient through all aspects of their care - from presentation, through diagnosis and treatment, and finally to rehabilitation and resolution - playing a different role at each stage of the process. The opportunity to promote wellness through physical activity is also very gratifying, as physical wellbeing plays a very important role in his personal life. For Scott, being able to connect with patients on various levels, and provide quality care based on fundamental principles that parallel his own lifestyle and personal beliefs, makes a career in orthopaedic surgery an ideal match.
Honor roll of contributors 2010-2011

Some people choose to support the department’s annual Development Fund that is used primarily for resident education. Others choose to put their contribution towards specific funds for scholarships, research, library resources, or laboratory equipment, for example.

The following honor roll alphabetically lists the names of individuals and organizations that supported the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and Rehabilitation between July 1, 2010, and June 30, 2011.

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Gifts from orthopaedic alumni, friends, faculty, foundations and corporations support the department’s mission by providing vital resources for resident education, scientific research and equipment, and much more.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!
Dawn Meisinger, R.N., embarked on a new role as manager of the orthopaedic surgery clinic in June of this year, but it certainly is not her first experience working at UNMC Physicians (UNMCP). In fact, she has accumulated an impressive work history with both UNMCP and UNMC in the past 20 years, and brings an extensive background in nursing that includes oncology and internal medicine as well as clinic management. Before coming to UNMC her experience included emergency room care, intensive/ coronary care and orthopaedics.

Prior to joining our team, Dawn was most recently employed as a staff nurse in the UNMCP Internal Medicine clinic. Her professional background at UNMC/UNMCP also includes: specialty nurse case manager at Personal Service Medical Practice (UNMC-P) and at Bessmer-Schwab, PC; lymphoma stem cell case manager with the Department of Oncology and Hematology (UNMC) and clinic manager of the Plattsmouth Clinic (University Medical Associates, now UNMCP). She has also been employed at the American Red Cross, Midlands Community Hospital and Immanuel Medical Center.

Dawn graduated from Midland Lutheran College in Fremont, Nebraska, with a Bachelor of Science in nursing and a minor in biology (1980). She has a daughter, Katelyn, who is a senior at Plattsmouth High School.

SILVER ‘U’ AWARD • EILEEN ROONEY, ACCOUNTING/OFFICE ASSOCIATE • MAY 2011

Eileen Rooney (pictured left) joined the department in September of 2008. Shortly thereafter, state mandated budget cuts required the department to do some reallocation of essential job functions and Eileen’s responsibilities dramatically increased. Faced with learning many new and time consuming tasks, including overseeing the department’s Human Resources coordination and various accounting roles (as well as maintaining her existing duties), Eileen rose to the challenge. In addition, she took on the support of two busy research professors at our Scott Technology Center (STC) laboratory, and adjusted to dividing her time between two separate offices.

“Eileen stepped into a very tough situation and performed admirably. We would be sunk if not for her efforts,” said nominator David Staiert, department administrator. Other nominators described Eileen as “friendly,” having an “upbeat attitude,” and being an “efficient, meticulous and hardworking person.”

Dr. Hani Haider, a research professor at the STC lab, said, “Eileen never stops trying to help. Her verbal manner is excellent and her written communications approach that of an executive. She is a true asset to our department.”

Dr. Miguel Daccarett, for whom Eileen also serves as academic support, commented that, “Eileen has contributed greatly to our department, always providing outstanding service, while keeping and supporting the mission and vision of UNMC.”

Kudos to Eileen for all of her hard work and receiving a well-deserved honor!

SPIRIT OF SERVICE AWARD • DAWN MEISINGER, ORTHOPAEDIC CLINIC MANAGER • SEPTEMBER 2011

Dawn Meisinger (pictured above, left) had only been with the department for 2-1/2 months when she was nominated for a Spirit of Service Award by Department Administrator David Staiert, who witnessed her “going out of her way to help a patient or visitor on multiple occasions.” Once it was for something as simple as stopping to help a confused patient with directions. However, the second time was “above and beyond the call,” said Staiert. Dawn went out of her way to help a recently released surgical patient who had no family and was having trouble picking up his prescriptions. She personally drove the prescriptions to the pharmacy and arranged for a home health care company to deliver them to the patient’s home. Kudos on leading by example and embracing the “Patient First” policy!

Kudos to Eileen for all of her hard work and receiving a well-deserved honor!
The department’s 2011 graduation ceremonies were held June 17th and 18th at the Michael F. Sorrell Center for Health Science Education. The schedule of events was as follows:

**FRIDAY JUNE 17, 2011**

**SESSION I: GRADUATING RESIDENTS PRESENTATIONS**


Daniel Firestone, M.D.: “Two-year Follow-up of Shoulder Hemiarthroplasty with a CTA Head for Cuff Tear Arthroplasty”

Michael Dee, M.D.: “Popliteal Artery Injury with Locked Lateral Plating of the Tibial Plateau”

Michael Carlson, M.D.: “Rotator Cuff Tear Repair in Patients 65 and Older: Healed Cuff Repairs Impart Normal Function”

Alumni updates: Class of 2001 & Class of 1991

**SESSION II: VISITING PROFESSOR**

C. Parker Gibbs, M.D. (University of Florida, Department of Orthopaedics and Rehabilitation): “Allograft Reconstruction in Musculoskeletal Oncology”

Lee Simmons, D.V.M. (Henry Doorly Zoo): “Field Work in Russia and at the Moscow Zoo”

**SATURDAY JUNE 18, 2011**

**SESSION I: CASE PRESENTATIONS & DISCUSSIONS**

Moderators: Sean McGarry, M.D. & C. Parker Gibbs, M.D.

Panel: Khalid Azzam, M.D., David Minges, M.D., Nolan May, M.D., & Kevin Lindgren, M.D.

Ask the Professor: Michael McGuire, M.D.

**SESSION II: FACULTY PRESENTATION**

Curtis Hartman, M.D.: “Operation Walk: Nebraska”

**SESSION III: VISITING PROFESSOR**

C. Parker Gibbs, M.D.: “Intra-tumoral Heterogeneity in Osteosarcoma: Implications for Tumorigenicity and Malignant Reversion”

Following Friday’s presentations, the annual golf outing took place at The Players Club at Deer Creek. On Saturday evening, a formal banquet was held at the Omaha Country Club, featuring the annual awards ceremony (listed right).
Continuing education and Grand Rounds

The following continuing education seminars and Grand Rounds presentations by department faculty, current residents, and guest speakers are open to any interested participants.

Orthopaedic Grand Rounds are now held in Room 1005 of the Sorrell Center.

NOVEMBER 2011
7 Hip Resurfacing Arthroplasty (Dr. Burton)
14 Tibial Plateau Fractures (Dr. Bergmann, Creighton University, Orthopaedic Surgery)
21 Shoulder Instability (Dr. Fehringer)
28 Stiffness after Total Knee Arthroplasty (Dr. Hartman)

DECEMBER 2011
5 Saw Injuries to the Hand (Dr. Toomey)
12 Definitive Management of Pelvic Ring Injuries (Dr. Siebler, Creighton University, Orthopaedic Surgery)
19 Managing Bone Loss in Joint Arthroplasty (Dr. Konigsberg)
26 No Conference: Holiday

JANUARY 2012
2 No Conference: Holiday
9 Morbidity and Mortality Fall Quarter
16 Current Controversies in Rotator Cuff Surgery (Dr. Samuelson)
23 History of Limb Reconstruction with Megaprostheses after Tumor Resection (Dr. McGarry)
30 Distal Biceps Injuries and Treatment (Dr. Hess)

FEBRUARY 2012
6 AAOS Presentations
7-11 AAOS Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA
13 No Conference
20 ACL Reconstruction in the Skeletally Immature Patient (Dr. Dietrich)
27 Degenerative Cervical Stenosis (Dr. Cornett)

MARCH 2012
5 Talus Fractures (Dr. Knierim)
12 Surgical Considerations in Patellofemoral Instability (Dr. Daccarett)
19 Patella Fractures (Dr. Bergmann, Creighton University, Orthopaedic Surgery)
26 Drill Bits, Wire and Pin Tips in Orthopaedic Surgery (Dr. May)

APRIL 2012
2 Morbidity and Mortality Winter Quarter
9 Minimally Invasive Spine Surgery (Dr. Vernon)
16 MAOA Presentations
18-22 MAOA Annual Meeting, Bonita Springs, FL
23 No Conference

MAY 2012
7 Hip Abductor Tendon Pathology and Treatment (Dr. Aberle)
14 Radial Head Fractures (Dr. Knierim)
21 Crystalline Arthropathy (Dr. Ted Mikuls, UNMC, Internal Medicine Rheumatology)
28 No Conference

JUNE 2012
4 TBA
11 TBA
15-16 Graduation Ceremonies
18 No Conference
25 Morbidity and Mortality Spring Quarter

REMINDER! Orthopaedic Grand Rounds are now CME accredited!

UNMC Orthopaedic Grand Rounds are now certified by the Center for Continuing Education as being CME accredited.

For information on how to obtain CME credits for attending, or to obtain an updated schedule, please contact Geri Miller at (402) 559-2258 or gmiller@unmc.edu.
Congratulations to Dr. Brian Hasley, his wife Katie, and big brother Luke, who celebrated the birth of Margaret “Maggie” Lucille Hasley on August 4th, 2011. Dr. Hasley is an assistant professor in the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and Rehabilitation.

Drs. Paul Esposito, Susan Scherl, Glen Ginsburg, Brian Hasley, Walter Huurman, and Kevin Garvin at the retirement celebration of Dr. Glen Ginsburg, held at the The Thompson Center at UNO on May 4, 2011. Dr. Ginsburg retired to volunteer associate professor status on March 15, 2011.

Susan Siebler
Business Associate
25 Years of Service
UNMC
June 2011

Dana Meyer, B.J.
Communications Specialist
10 Years of Service
UNMC
June 2011

Kerby Selmer, R.N., M.S.N.
Clinical Nurse Specialist
25 Years of Service
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July 2011
Drs. N. Ake Nystrom and Curtis Hartman, recipients of the Award for Faculty Excellence in Teaching during the 2011 Nebraska Orthopaedic Surgery Residency Graduation banquet at the Omaha Country Club.

Drs. Ryan Hess (HO V), Lucas Burton (HO V), Brian Vernon (HO V), and Annie Knierim (HO IV) during the 2011 Nebraska Orthopaedic Surgery Residency Graduation golf outing held at The Players Club at Deer Creek.

Department faculty, residents, alumni and staff gather for a group photo during the graduation celebration of 2011.
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The department reports on positive outcomes, growth and advancement amidst turbulent economic times.

U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT 2011-2012 BEST HOSPITALS
The Nebraska Medical Center and Children’s Hospital & Medical Center were both honored by U.S. News & World Report, ranking for orthopaedics and pediatric orthopaedics, respectively.

2011 RESIDENT RESEARCH FORUM
This year’s Resident Research Forum is scheduled for Friday, November 18th, with William M. Mihalik, M.D., Ph.D., of the University of Tennessee Campbell Clinic as the featured speaker.
Publications, Presentations and Honors

Department faculty members present many lectures, seminars, and courses at local and regional, as well as national and international meetings. 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 2011.

PUBLICATIONS (peer-reviewed):


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Principle Course and Techniques of Operative Management Course for Residents. Chicago, IL, August 4-7, 2011.