AOA-ASG Traveling Fellowship: Q&A with Dr. Susan Scherl

In April of this year, Dr. Susan Scherl, professor of orthopaedic surgery, boarded an overseas flight to begin her AOA-ASG Exchange Traveling Fellowship, for which she was chosen by the American Orthopaedic Association. Here’s a little Q&A about the four weeks she spent touring, learning, and speaking at orthopaedic institutions throughout Austria, Switzerland and Germany.

Q: Being chosen as an AOA-ASG Traveling Fellow is a pretty big honor. What was it about this specific opportunity that inspired you to apply? A: I love to travel and really enjoy the give-and-take of teaching and learning, so I’ve always wanted to go on a traveling fellowship. The AOA offers several different ones. Interestingly, there are upper age limits on all of them. I actually unsuccessfully applied to the American-British-Canadian fellowship three times before I aged out, and this was my third time applying to the ASG, so it paid to be persistent. The ABC fellowship is better known, but secretly I wanted the ASG, because I am of Austrian Jewish descent, I speak German, and I love the food and culture of Austria and Germany.

Q: Which orthopaedic institute stands out in your memory, medically-speaking? A: We toured many incredible institutions in Austria, Switzerland, and Germany. Dr. Susan Scherl (center/front), British Fellow Dr. Raghuram Thonse (center/back) and American Fellow Dr. Scott Steinmann (right), watching Dr. Beat Hintermann (left) perform a total ankle replacement in Canton Hospital in Liestal, Switzerland.

First in Nebraska to Own the Bone™

THE UNMC DEPARTMENT OF ORTHOPAEDIC SURGERY IS THE FIRST IN NEBRASKA TO LAUNCH A NEW PROGRAM TO TRAET FRACTILITY FRACTURES

Own the Bone is a quality improvement program aimed to better identify, evaluate and treat patients that suffer from an osteoporosis or low bone density-related fragility fracture. The program, developed by the American Orthopaedic Association, brings focus to the severe health implications of fragility fractures and the multi-faceted approach hospitals or clinics can employ to ensure these patients receive the most comprehensive care.
Message from the chair

Seasons of change.

Welcome to the latest issue of Breaking News. As with each passing year, fall seems to be the impetus for not only the changing of the seasons, but for change within our department as well.

This year, we are excited to report that as of October 11th, UNMC Orthopaedic Grand Rounds are CME accredited! In the following pages, learn how you can earn CME credit for attending (and make sure to note the recent location change).

On page 1, we introduced you to a promising new program called Own the Bone, developed by the American Orthopaedic Association. Our department is excited to be the first in Nebraska to implement this program, which is designed to better identify, evaluate and treat patients who suffer from an osteoporosis or low bone density-related fragility fracture. Read more about this national program on page 6.

In July, we welcomed our newest residents, the Class of 2015. Learn more about Drs. John Frank, Todd Gaddie, Brent Hood, and Andrew Taiber on pages 8 & 9, and help us give them a warm reception into the program.

In every fall issue of Breaking News, we take the opportunity to thank all individuals and organizations that have supported our department during this fiscal year through an Honor Roll of Contributors (see page 10). Thank you for your continued support!

I hope to see you at the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeon’s annual meeting in San Diego, California, February 15-19, 2011. Mark your calendar and be sure to stop by the Nebraska Orthopaedic Alumni Reception on Thursday, February 17, 2011. Watch for a formal invitation to arrive in the next few months!

Kevin L. Garvin, M.D.
Professor and Chair
Orthopaedic Surgery and Rehabilitation

Pediatric Orthopaedic Clinic moves to new Children’s location

The Pediatric Orthopaedic Clinic, known to many as the West Office, has recently moved to the new Children’s Specialty Pediatric Center (SPC). Listed below is the address and contact information for all three of our pediatric orthopaedic clinics.

**New! Children’s Specialty Pediatric Center (SPC) clinic location:**
84th and Dodge Street
Omaha, NE 68114
For appointments call: (402) 955-6300
*Clinic parking is located under the building.

**UNMC clinic location:**
4400 Emile Street
Durham Outpatient Center, Floor 2
Omaha, NE 68198-9165
For appointments call: (402) 559-8000

**Children’s Specialty Pediatric Clinic (Lincoln location):**
4445 S. 86th St.
Lincoln, NE 68526
For appointments call: (402) 955-6300

John F. Connolly Resident Excellence Fund Update

**WITH YOUR HELP, WE ARE CREATING EXCELLENCE THROUGH EDUCATION.**

Today, we are creating orthopaedic surgeons of tomorrow. Our residents are the future of the orthopaedic community in Nebraska, and across the nation. With your help, we are creating not only superior surgeons, but leaders who will actively strive to further the field of orthopaedic surgery through the education of future residents, innovative research and improved patient care.

**CONTINUING THE LEGACY OF A LEGEND.**

As we have mentioned in previous publications, the department has established a goal to raise $150,000, to be donated to the John F. Connolly Resident Excellence Fund in honor of the late Dr. John Connolly (chair of Orthopaedic Surgery 1974-1990). The purpose of this fund is to provide financial support for resident projects during their years in training, in an effort to continue the legacy of resident research and education that Dr. Connolly fostered. With your help, the John F. Connolly Resident Excellence Fund will soon be a reality!

**PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING A PLEDGE TO THE JOHN F. CONNOLLY RESIDENT EXCELLENCE FUND IN SUPPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ORTHOPAEDIC SURGERY AND REHABILITATION.**

Yes, it’s a lofty goal . . . but we have high expectations for our residency program. Every year, we are working hard to conceive new and innovative ways to educate and inspire our residents. In order to achieve this goal, we need the help of department alumni and friends within the community who share our vision of making Nebraska the place for orthopaedic residency education.

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

We would like to thank those who have contributed for their support. All gifts to this fund will be received and managed as a permanent endowment by the University of Nebraska Foundation. If you have questions about making a donation or a pledge, please contact Betsy Berentson at the Foundation at (402) 502-4115.
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the thirteen cities we visited: Speising in Vienna, and the Orthopaedic Institute in Heidelberg, both of which have been “orthopaedics only” for over one hundred years; Chantier in Berlin, which comprises four hospitals spread across the eastern and western halves of the city; the regional Kantonspital in Basel, which runs with clockwork Swiss efficiency; and many others. But my favorite was the Allgemeine Krankenhaus (General Hospital) in Vienna. AKH is enormous...

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Professor, Orthopaedic Surgery

and then you entered an inner area and put on scrubs before entering the OR proper. The procedure was reversed on the way out. However, they are not so strict when dealing with outpatients. I never once saw a physician wash their hands between patients in clinic, and I was looking carefully for it. As of now, the countries I visited do not have the problem with MRSA that we have, and they attribute it to their careful OR technique, and to the fact that they have very much more sparing in the use of antibiotics than we are in general.

Q: For others who might be considering applying for this type of fellowship opportunity, what advice would you have for them? A: I would have brought for less with me! Previous fellows warned me that luggage even one suitcase gets old after a few days, and I thought I had things pretty pared down, but we were changing location every 3-5 days, so a few weeks’ worth of clothing would have sufficed.

Q: Is there one surgical procedure that stands out in your memory? A: There are several. We saw a Tenon’s osteotomy expertly performed by Dr. Neumann in Salzburg; we observed Dr. Hintmann implanting the total ankle joint he designed in Liestal, Switzerland; I scrubbed in with Dr. Grill, a well-known pediatric orthopaedist in Vienna, and did a varus femoral derotational osteotomy with him; I watched Drs. Winterhagen and Chori reconstruct a fibular hemimelia at AKH; I put in a pedicle screw with Dr. Kienapfel in Berlin, and scrubbed on the removal and reconstruction of an anterior cervical vertebral body tumor with Dr. Eyel in Cologne. But one of my favorite afternoons was spent in pediatric clinic with Dr. Hefti at the Children’s Hospital in Basel. He is an unbelievable clinician and teacher.

Q: How much downtime did you have, and what was your favorite leisure activity or memory? A: Overall, there was a great balance of work, socializing, sightseeing, and downtime, though it varied a bit by location. For example, the Icelandic volcano interfered with our travel plans somewhat, so we had no time to sightsee in Berlin, and literally just ran by the Reichstag, Holocaust Memorial, and Brandenburg Gate on our way to dinner one evening. Personal highlights for me included visiting Salzburg. I spent several months living there and working at the Landeskrankenhaus (Regional Hospital) when I was a general surgery resident, so it was very nostalgic to be back. I still have friends there and it was great to catch up with them. My American friend Alex lives in Heidelberg and it was fun to visit her as well. The local hosts in Cologne were so welcoming and we had so much fun there. I fulfilled a personal dream and went to the opera in Vienna. And of course I ate everything in sight: bread, pastry, potatoes, white asparagus, spezatter, schnitzel, sausage, chocolate, ice cream...it was heaven!

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 2010.

APRIL 2010

7 Dr. Adam Reinhart
Pediatric Rheumatology
Children’s Hospital & Medical Center
Omaha, NE
“Pediatric Rheumatology”

12 Dr. David Inda
GIKK
Omaha, NE
“Achilles Tendon Ruptures”

MAY 2010

3 Dr. Erik Otterberg
GIKK
Omaha, NE
“Management of Kneee Arthritis without TKA”

10 Dr. Timothy Fitzgibbons
GIKK
Omaha, NE
“Foot Injuries in the Collegiate Athlete”

JUNE 2010

18-19 Graduation Ceremonies
Dr. Brian Adams
University of Iowa
Iowa City, IA
“Evolution of Orthopaedic Implants Used in Hand Surgery”

“Wrist Arthritis - Expanding Treatment Options”

AUGUST 2010

2 Lynette Kardell
Senior Compliance Analyst
UNMC Physicians
Omaha, NE
“Billing and Compliance”

OCTOBER 2010

18 Dr. Kyle Dickson
University of Texas Medical School
Houston, TX
“Plating vs. Nailing of Proximal Tibia Fractures”

9 Special Workshop: Communication
Dr. Dwight Burney & Dr. Lowry Jones
American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons
“Clinician – Patient Communication to Enhance Health Outcomes”
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Orthopaedic Surgery to participate in one-of-a-kind staphylococcus center

A UNMC CENTER FOR STAPHYLOCOCCAL RESEARCH – THE ONLY ONE OF ITS KIND IN THE U.S. – WAS APPROVED EARLIER THIS YEAR BY THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA BOARD OF REGENTS.

The center will be the first in the nation focused solely on staph infections. Researchers and clinicians from various disciplines, including the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, will collaborate to research and develop treatments for staph infections, which kill about 100,000 Americans each year – more than HIV/AIDS.

"Staph is a big problem in our society and it’s only growing," said Ken Bayles, Ph.D., professor of pathology and microbiology and director of the new center.

This is so, Dr. Bayles said, because of the emergence of drug-resistant staph bacteria, such as community-acquired methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (CA-MRSA), which has been found in schools and other common community settings. The emergence of CA-MRSA has left relatively few therapeutic options available.

The center will foster the interactions of basic science researchers such as Dr. Bayles with clinicians such as Mark Rupp, M.D., UNMC infectious diseases specialist, and Kevin Garvin, M.D., chairman of the department of orthopaedic surgery.

“The Department of Orthopaedic Surgery is excited to be part of this innovative center and hope that through collaboration with world class researchers, we are able to successfully fight this infectious disease,” said Dr. Garvin.

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BRENT HOOD, D.O.

Hometown: Fort Collins, CO

Education:
• Medical: D.O., Des Moines University – Osteopathic Medical Center, 2010
• Undergraduate: B.S., Physician Assistant Studies, Union College, 2003, B.S., Biochemistry, University of Nebraska – Lincoln, 1997

Hobbies: Golfing, cooking, Husker football and spending time with his 5 children and wife; Sound engineer/technician for various local bands and churches

Why Brent chose orthopaedic surgery: In 2003, Brent completed his undergraduate degree in Physician Assistant Studies and landed his first job as a PA. He loved seeing patients after morning rounds and knowing they had done something to improve that patient’s quality of life. By observing their improvement in overall function, Brent established a good foundation of general orthopaedic knowledge, and also developed an interest in the potential effect pain has on early outcomes of a patient’s recovery. Brent began working with a physician on research to examine multimodal postoperative pain control in total knee arthroplasty, which furthered his interest in orthopaedics. He was selected to be a member of the Gold Humanism Honor Society by his peers and preceptors for “demonstrating excellence in clinical care, leadership, compassion and dedication to service.” In addition, during his second year of medical school, Brent was chosen by his peers to receive the “Outstanding Surgical Teaching Award,” given to teaching assistants that exemplify genuine interest in teaching while volunteering additional time with students outside of class for a surgical skills lab. Brent’s goal was to “ensure that every student I taught would be comfortable entering the operating room for their first time during their third year rotations.”

Looking to the future, Brent is motivated to make this a long-term goal, stating, “I look to pass on my knowledge and experience while teaching students and residents either in an academic setting or a private clinic practice (after residency). I look forward to being part of a team of physicians, working to improve the quality of life for patients, while continually being challenged by the ever-changing cutting edge technology present in orthopaedic surgery.”

BRENT HOOD, D.O.

JOHN FRANK, M.D.

Hometown: Monticello, AR

Education:
• Medical: M.D., University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences College of Medicine, 2010
• Graduate: M.S., Biology, University of Central Arkansas, 2004
• Undergraduate: B.A., History, University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, 2001

Hobbies: Mountain/bad skiing, white water canoe/kayak/raftering, backpacking, and hunting

Why John chose orthopaedic surgery: When John graduated high school and told his mother he wanted to go into orthopaedic surgery, she shared with him a letter. The letter was from Crippled Children Services about a young boy with a leg length discrepancy, who needed surgical treatment. That boy was John’s father, Edward Frank, who suffered a compound mid-shaft left tibia fracture while playing hockey as a young boy in Canada. Subsequent to this injury, Edward developed chronic osteomyelitis, which eventually created a leg length discrepancy that was treated surgically, and which allowed Edward Frank to walk. That letter from Crippled Children Services served as a motivating factor for John throughout his medical education.

In his residency application, John wrote that “Orthopaedic surgeons repair a patient’s foundational issue to quality of life and the repair of it has a profound impact. My father left the hospital at sixteen, able to walk the rest of his life. I hope to learn the skills that will allow me the opportunity to give such a gift to others.”

ANDREW TAIBER, M.D.

Hometown: Cedar Rapids, IA

Education:
• Medical: M.D., University of Iowa Roy J. and Lucille A. Carver College of Medicine, 2010
• Undergraduate: B.S., Exercise Science (Integrative Physiology), University of Iowa, 2004

Hobbies: Golf, tennis, college sports, grilling, snow skiing, live music

Why Andrew chose orthopaedic surgery: Andrew’s interest in orthopaedics was first piqued early in life, when his grandmother was getting ready to have her knee replaced. Unable to participate in the things she loved due to severe knee pain, she discussed with Andrew how much she hoped her operation would improve her daily pain. After witnessing the monumental change that the knee replacement had on his grandmother’s quality of life, Andrew hoped that he too, would be able to have that kind of an impact on another person’s life someday. During his first year of medical school, Andrew was able to spend a week working with an exceptionally gifted orthopaedic surgeon. He was particularly impressed with this physician’s ability to evaluate and diagnose patients efficiently, as well as his outstanding surgical abilities. However, it was the “intricacies of the specialty” that really drew Andrew in.

After his third year orthopaedic rotation, Andrew was certain that orthopaedic surgery was the right specialty for him. “Of all my rotations I never saw a group of physicians who were as passionate about their specialty and truly dedicated to improving the lives of their patients,” said Andrew.

Andrew recalls discussing various specialties with practicing physicians over the years and receiving one resonating theme in their message – that no matter what area of medicine one chose, it must be something that he would continue to find interesting and exciting years later.

“For me, it’s clear that orthopaedics is where my passion lies,” explained Andrew. “This is a challenge I looked forward to. I hope one day to have the type of impact on people that my grandmother’s orthopaedic surgeon had on her.”

TODD GADDIE, M.D.

Hometown: East Grand Forks, MN

Education:
• Medical: M.D., University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences, 2010
• Graduate: M.A., Kinesiology, University of Minnesota, 2006
• Undergraduate: B.A., Physiology, 2003, B.S., Kinesiology, 2003, University of Minnesota

Hobbies: Fly fishing and fly tying, conventional fishing, lifting weights, running, camping, riding mountain bikes, reading and cooking

Why Todd chose orthopaedic surgery: Todd’s choice to go into orthopaedics was an “evolution in interest.” As an undergraduate he chose to pursue athletic medicine. While he did gain valuable knowledge of orthopaedic evaluation, he became dissatisfied upon realizing that athletic trainers often could not independently fix the problem, and many times had to refer athletes with emergent or complex musculoskeletal issues on to the staff orthopaedic surgeons.

As his education progressed, he obtained a graduate degree in kinesiology, focusing his research on the effect of anterior cruciate ligament reconstruction on volumetric bone density. Todd became certified as an athletic trainer. During his first year of medical school, he worked as a student athletic trainer for the University of Minnesota for five years. It was through athletic medicine that Todd’s interest in orthopaedic surgery as a career began. An internship with a local family medicine clinic, and a prosector position at the University of North Dakota School of Medicine, furthered his drive towards orthopaedics. However, it was during his second year of medical school that he had an opportunity to shadow an orthopaedic surgeon on a weekly basis, which solidified his choice to pursue a career in orthopaedic surgery. Todd was amazed by the “hand-eye coordination of the staff surgeon as he navigated joints via arthroscope… and the more time I spent with this surgeon, the more confident I became in my career choice.”
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!

Honor roll of contributors 2009-2010

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, 2009, and June 30, 2010.

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Dr. Edward Fehringer
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Employee Awards: Silver ‘U’ Recipients

MAY 2010
ELISE BALABAN
TRANSCRIPTIONIST II, UNMC

Elise Balaban joined the department in March of 2004, as a Clerical Assistant I in the orthopaedic file room, and soon proved herself to be a dedicated, hard worker. She quickly advanced to the position of Transcription Assistant, in which she continued to excel. In October of 2006, due to her continued hard work and dedication to the department, she advanced to the position of Medical Transcriptionist II. Currently, Elise is responsible for tracking all transcription files, completing transcription in a timely and accurate manner, acting as a liaison between other in-house transcription staff and an outside transcription agency, among various other duties.

Elise’s nominator and fellow coworker, Chris Pracht (also a medical transcriptionist in the department), says she has seen Elise “grow personally and professionally” during the time she has been in the department. Recently, when the dynamics of the transcription office changed after the department’s lead transcriptionist accepted another position, Elise “stepped up to the plate” and took on the duties of that position, while also maintaining her previous duties. She has “not missed a beat” said Chris, while maintaining the work load and department standards for transcription for the department’s 15 clinical orthopaedic faculty. She is a dedicated team player, who demonstrates excellent leadership qualities, and the confidence to handle issues when they arise.

“Elise Balaban embodies all of the characteristics that UNMC is looking for in employees to partner with her in the orthopaedic transcription department.”

JULY 2010
TAMI JENSON, B.A.
GRANTS/PROJECT ASSOCIATE, UNMC

Tami Jenson joined the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery in September of 2004, but she wasn’t a newcomer to UNMC. Previously, she had worked in Sponsored Programs Administration, which gave her a background in grant writing and grant/contract processing that has become a true asset to our department. Tami wears several hats in the department, including grant writing, application preparation and submission, and support for multiple faculty members.

Dr. Edward Fehringer, associate professor of Orthopaedic Surgery, and one of Tami’s nominators, describes her as, “bright, helpful, and extremely positive,” and says she “handles tasks from directing students and residents, to editing grants with aplomb.”

Dr. Fereydoon Namavar, professor of Orthopaedic Surgery and director of the Nano-Biotechnology Laboratory, states that, “Tami’s support of my work and contributions to the preparation of my grant proposals and scientific papers are invaluable. She is well-focused and intelligent, which enables her to grasp and understand the issues quickly, and she always performs her job with the utmost accuracy and devotion.”

Co-worker Susan Siebler describes Tami as “a great asset and advocate for the department,” which embodies the spirit in which this award is given and makes her a deserving candidate for the Silver ‘U’.
The department’s 2010 graduation ceremonies were held June 18th and 19th at the Michael F. Sorrell Center for Health Science Education. The schedule of events went as follows:

Friday June 18, 2010
SESSION I: GRADUATING RESIDENTS PRESENTATIONS
Ryan Arnold, M.D.: “Bone Presence between the Central Peg’s Radial Fins of a Partially Cemented Pegged All Poly Glandoid Component Suggest Few Radioluencies”
Kurt Borrmann, M.D.: “Anterior Plate Fixation of Humeral Shaft Fractures Yields Comparable Overall Upper Extremity Function but Poorer Shoulder Function than Posterior Plate Fixation”
Gustavo Cordero, M.D.: “Uncemented Total Hip Arthroplasty with Highly Cross-Linked Polyethylene in Patients 50 Years or Younger”
Michael Shevlin, M.D.: “Locked Intramedullary Nailing of Two Part Surgical Neck Proximal Humerus Fractures Yields Comparable Overall Upper Extremity Function but Poorer Shoulder Function than Posterior Plate Fixation”

SESSION II: FACULTY & ALUMNI UPDATES
Brian Adams, M.D.: Class of 1990
Kevin O’Malley, M.D.: Class of 2000

SESSION II: DIFFICULT PIP INJURIES
Panel: Nicholas Bruggeman, M.D.; Jack McCarthy, M.D.; Richard Murphy, M.D.; Ake Nystrom, M.D., Ph.D.

SESSION II: FACULTY PRESENTATIONS

SESSION III: FACULTY PRESENTATIONS

SESSION IV: DISTAL RADIUS FRACTURES
Moderator: Brian Adams, M.D.
Discussion & Case presentations
Panel: Robert Cochran, M.D.; Thomas Ferlic, M.D.; Andrew Thompson, M.D.; Jeffrey Tiedeman, M.D.

SESSION IV: DIFFICULT PIP INJURIES
Moderator: Anthony Loud, M.D.
Discussion & Case presentations

Panel: Robert Cochran, M.D.; Thomas Ferlic, M.D.; Andrew Thompson, M.D.; Jeffrey Tiedeman, M.D.

SESSION V: HAND SURGERY
Moderator: Robert Cochran, M.D.; Victor Cheung, M.D.; John Tellez, M.D.
Saturday June 19, 2010
Discussion & Case presentations
Panel: Robert Cochran, M.D.; Victor Cheung, M.D.; John Tellez, M.D.

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SESSION VI: FACULTY PRESENTATIONS
Brian Adams, M.D.: “Wrist Arthritis – Expanding Treatment Options”

Following Friday’s presentations, the annual golf outing and BBQ 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 chief resident roast and award ceremony. Dr. Ryan Arnold was this year’s recipient of the John F. Connolly, M.D., Award for Outstanding Resident Research, and Dr. Michael Shevlin received the Frank P. Stone, M.D., Award for Resident Academic Excellence. Dr. David Brown, a clinical associate professor in the department, received the Award for Faculty Excellence in Teaching.

Graduating residents honored at June ceremonies

Talking points:

1. Graduation ceremonies held June 18th and 19th at the Michael F. Sorrell Center.
2. Session I featured presentations by residents Ryan Arnold and Kurt Borrmann.
3. Session II provided updates from faculty and alumni, including Dr. Brian Adams and Dr. Kevin O’Malley.
4. Session II focused on difficult PIP injuries, with presentations from Nicholas Bruggeman and others.
5. Session IV addressed distal radius fractures, with discussions led by Brian Adams.
7. Friday’s presentations included a golf outing and BBQ at The Players Club at Deer Creek.
8. Saturday’s event featured a formal banquet at the Omaha Country Club, honoring the annual chief resident and award recipients.

Listed below are some of the year’s graduating residents and the fellowship or practice opportunities they chose:

- Ryan M. Arnold, M.D.: Atlanta Sports Medicine & Cartilage Reconstruction Fellowship, Atlanta Sports Medicine and Orthopaedic Center, Atlanta, GA
- Kurt T. Borrmann, M.D.: AO International Trauma Traveling Fellowship at Hannover Medical School in Hannover, Germany; Shulder and Elbow Fellowship, North Shore Hospital, Auckland, New Zealand
- Gustavo X. Cordero, M.D.: Orthopaedic Trauma Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA
- Michael J. Shevlin, M.D.: Practice: West Idaho Orthopaedics and Sports Medicine, Caldwell, ID

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. Please call the department at (402) 559-4533 to check on possible updates to this schedule.

LOCATION CHANGE! Orthopaedic Grand Rounds will now be held in Room 1005 of the Sorrell Center.

November 2010
- 8 Leg Fracture in the Athlete (Dr. Dietrich)
- 15 Adult Cavusvarus Foot (Dr. Reed)
- 22 Shoulder MRI (Dr. Kim Apker, UNMC Radiology)
- 29 Total Disc Arthroplasty (Dr. Tim Bund, Nebraska Spine Center)

December 2010
- 6 Ankle Fractures and Syndesmosis Injury (Dr. Justin Siebler, Creighton University, Orthopaedic Surgery)
- 13 TBD (Dr. Hess)
- 20 Lumbosacral Stenosis (Dr. Algerbe)
- 27 No Conference: Holiday

January 2011
- 3 No Conference: Holiday
- 10 Morbidity and Mortality
- 17 Complex Regional Pain Syndrome (Dr. Firestone)
- 24 Periprosthetic Fractures (Dr. Konigsberg)
- 26 Degenerative Hip Arthritis (Dr. Scharer)

February 2011
- 31 Arthroscopic Fracture and Remodeling (Dr. Robert Recker, Creighton Radiology)
- 7 AAOS Presentations
- 14 Patellofemoral Disorders (Dr. Carlson)
- 15-19 AAOS Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA
- 21 No Conference
- 28 Ankle & Subtalar Arthritis (Dr. Reed)

March 2011
- 7 Tumor Presentation (Dr. McGarry)
- 14 Regional Anesthesia (Dr. Adams)
- 21 Lower Extremity Amputations (Dr. Varon)
- 28 TBD (Dr. Erpingham)

April 2011
- 4 MAOA Presentations
- 6-10 MAOA Annual Meeting, Tucson, AZ
- 11 No Conference
- 16 Morbidity and Mortality
- 25 Arthroplasty after Percutaneous Fracture (Dr. Algerbe)

May 2011
- 2 Pilon Fractures (Dr. Mormino)
- 9 Unicompartmental Knee Arthroplasty (Dr. Burton)
- 16 Hip MRI (Dr. Kim Apker, UNMC Radiology)
- 23 Femorocutaneous Impingement (Dr. Dietrich)
- 31 No Conference: Memorial Day

June 2011
- 6 TBA
- 13 TBA

17-18 Graduation Ceremonies
- 20 Morbidity and Mortality
- 27 No Conference

NEW! 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. Beau Konigsberg and his wife, Dr. Sarah Konigsberg, who celebrated the birth of Drew Solomon Konigsberg on October 10th, 2010. Drew is their third child, along with proud big brothers Leo and Rex. Dr. Konigsberg is an assistant professor in the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and Rehabilitation.

Dr. David Brown and his wife, Nancy, at the 2010 graduation banquet held at the Omaha Country Club. Dr. Brown, a clinical associate professor in the department, received this year’s Award for Faculty Excellence in Teaching.

Department alumni Drs. Erik Otterberg (1999), Brian Brigman (2000), and Steven Kumagai (1997), take a break from Friday morning graduation talks to catch up.

Extraordinary Care Award

In March of 2010, the Nebraska Medical Center sent out a mailing to over 59,000 patients, asking them to share their experience of “extraordinary” care received while at the medical center. They received an outstanding overall response, and a select number of nurses were recognized by name and their specific department.

The Nebraska Medical Center felt those individuals warranted special recognition, and in September of this year honored them with an ‘Extraordinary Care Award’. Congratulations to the following Orthopaedic Department staff, who were recipients of this unique award!

Mary Peterson, R.N.
Specialty Care Nurse
UNMC

Kerby Selmer, R.N., M.S.N.
Clinical Nurse Specialist
UNMC

Stephanie Scheller
Medical Receptionist II
5 Years of Service
UNMC Physicians
June 2010

Kim Wells
Medical Assistant
25 Years of Service
UNMC Physicians
June 2010

Department faculty, residents, alumni and staff gather for a group photo during the graduation celebration of 2010.
AOA-ASG Traveling Fellowship: Q&A with Dr. Susan Scherl
Dr. Susan Scherl describes her experience as an AOA-ASG Traveling Fellow.

Own the Bone: A new focus on fragility fractures
The UNMC Department of Orthopaedic Surgery is the first in Nebraska to launch a national, web-based quality improvement program focused on the treatment of fragility fractures, which was developed by the American Orthopaedic Association.

Meet our new residents: Class of 2015
The department welcomes Drs. Brent Hood, John Frank, Todd Gaddie and Andrew Taiber, and shares a little history about each of them.
Publications, Presentations and Honors

Department faculty members present many lectures, seminars, and courses at both 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 2010.

PUBLICATIONS:


BOOK CHAPTERS AND REVIEWS:

AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS:
Drs. Edward Fehringer, Hani Haider, and Fereydoon Namavar were each recipients of a 2010 New Invention Notification award for “a nanocrystalline coating of polyethylene,” presented by the University of Nebraska Medical Center and UNMedCorporation on October 7, 2010. Dr. Fehringer received a second New Invention Notification award, in conjunction with Dr. Dong Wang of UNMC Pharmaceutical Sciences, for “Compositions and Methods for Detecting and Treating Implant Loosening Osteolysis.”

Dr. Hani Haider was an invited speaker at the 23rd Annual Congress of the International Society for Technology in Arthroplasty (ISTA), Dubai, UAE, October 2010.

We are proud to announce that Drs. David Buck, Beau Konigsberg, Scott Swanson and Kimberly Turman (Class of 2007) have met the requirements of the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery, and are board certified orthopaedic surgeons.

Dr. Hani Haider was recognized in the Fall 2010 issue of IMPACT, a publication of the Orthopaedic Research & Education Foundation (OREF), regarding a grant received from the OREF’s Clinician Development Program. Dr. Haider is the program director of the International Society for Technology in Arthroplasty (ISTA) which was the recipient of that grant. Dr. Haider was quoted as saying, “by receiving a $25,000 OREF CME grant, the society [ISTA] was able to further one of its fundamental goals: Sharing new technologies and procedures in arthroplasty worldwide.”

Congratulations to Dr. Susan Scherl, who was promoted to Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery on July 1, 2010.

Dr. Ryan Hess (PGY-3) was recognized in the July 2010 issue of the Journal of Orthopaedic Trauma (JOT) as a recipient of the “Best PGY-3 Orthopaedic Teaching Resident of the Year Award.” He was nominated by Dr. Matthew Marmino and received a 1-year free subscription to the journal.

In May 2010, Dr. Hani Haider received the “ASTM International Manny Horowitz Award” which “Recognizes the most honored committee member in the general interest category who has contributed to the standards development and/ or related activities,” from the ASTM Committee F04 on Medical and Surgical Materials and Devices.

MEMBERSHIPS AND OFFICES HELD:
Dr. Mark Dietrich was recently approved for Active Fellowship in the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, October 2010.

Dr. Glen Ginsburg recently accepted a one-year position as Chair Elect of the Patient Education Committee for the Scoliosis Research Society, September 2010 – September 2011.

Dr. Hani Haider was an invited member of the United States Delegation, meeting of the International Standards Organization (ISO) – Medical Devices, September 2010.

In August of this year, Dr. Mark Dietrich was approved for active membership in the American Orthopaedic Society for Sports Medicine.

Dr. Hani Haider was re-appointed as a reviewer for the Orthopaedic Research Society, August 2010 – present.
Dr. Matthew Mormino was elected to be an at-large Director to the UNMC Physicians Board of Directors for a three-year term, July 2010 – July 2013.

Dr. Hani Haider was appointed to the Editorial Board for Advances in Orthopedics, June 2010 - present.

Dr. Hani Haider was re-elected for a renewed term as Program Director of the International Society for Technology in Arthroplasty, March 2010 – present.

Dr. Kevin Garvin became a member of the Nominating Committee for The Knee Society, 2010-2011.

**RECENT GRANTS RECEIVED:**


**PATENTS:**


**PRESENTATIONS, INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL:**


Haider, H.: Chair, Podium Session: Alternate bearings in Total Hip Arthroplasty, International Society for Technology in Arthroplasty (ISTA), Dubai, UA, October 2010.


**PRESENTATIONS, REGIONAL AND LOCAL:**


Hasley, B: Playground Safety Awareness. KETV NewsWatch 7 at 5 p.m. (ABC affiliate, Omaha, NE) August 5, 2010.


Hasley, B: Scoliosis Diagnosis and Treatment in Children and Adolescents. KETV NewsWatch 7 at 5 p.m. (ABC affiliate, Omaha, NE) June 28, 2010.

Esposito, P: Playground Accidents. Trauma Conference. Children’s Hospital and Medical Center, Omaha, NE, June 4, 2010.