



The Inaugural John Louis Esterhai Jr. Lecture

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The Philadelphia Orthopaedic Society held its inaugural John L Esterhai, Jr. Lectureship on November 10, 2008. The lectureship was established to celebrate the enormous contributions of a truly remarkable physician, mentor, and educator. Dr. Esterhai's compassion and tireless commitment to his patients, residents, family and the orthopaedic community have earned him numerous accolades from residents as well as honors at the national level and have rightfully earned him the nickname of "St. John" by his peers.

Dr. Esterhai is a native of Philadelphia and completed his undergraduate studies at Gettysburg College. He completed his medical school training at Temple University from 1968-1972. Following his internship at Temple in general surgery, he was stationed in Okinawa, Japan for three years as a flight surgeon. In 1976 he returned to Philadelphia to complete his orthopaedic training at University of Pennsylvania. He was selected as Chief Resident at the end of this training period, and following completion of his military duty, Dr. Esterhai returned to University of Pennsylvania as a

faculty member. He was promoted to Associate Professor in 1987 and full professor in 2000. Over the past 32 years, he has contributed to more than thirty book chapters, seventy meeting abstracts, eighty-five peer reviewed journal articles, and greater than one hundred national conference and invitational lectureships. His undying dedication towards his patients and his incredibly warm and compassionate spirit, make him an ideal mentor and inspiration to all of his residents.

The invited speaker for the momentous night was Dr. Jesse Jupiter who also has enjoyed great success as a physician and educator. Dr. Jupiter is chief of the hand and upper extremity service at Massachusetts General Hospital and professor of orthopaedic surgery at Harvard Medical School. He has served on many editorial boards, and has contributed extensively to the orthopaedic literature during his career. He also shares a connection to University of Pennsylvania, where he completed his surgical internship.

Dr. Jupiter delivered an educational and captivating discussion regarding management of post-traumatic wounds. His talk was centered on a culmination of his experiences with patients afflicted by traumatic injuries as well as published research over the last thirty years. He highlighted the increasing evolution of the surgeon's approach to the traumatic wound and his perspectives were supplemented by images of complicated bone and soft tissue injury as well as long-term patient outcomes. His talk was well received by the audience and an appropriate tribute to the work of a very distinguished orthopaedic trauma surgeon and a truly remarkable human being.

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