



Penn Presbyterian Medical Center Update



The orthopedic surgical department at Penn Presbyterian Medical Center (PPMC) continues to make advances into the future of medicine. The young dynamic group of physicians provides state-of-the-art treatment for musculoskeletal disorders for the region. The office has expanded to encompass 12,000 square feet of clinical and academic space. There are over 22,000 patient visits per year. The recent transition of the orthopedic call center into the practice has improved coordination of patient appointment calls. The department performs over 5,000 cases per year which involves over 50% of the hospital surgical volume. Renovations within the department for the musculoskeletal radiology service are being completed. This project will provide a location for the musculoskeletal radiologists to work within the PPMC orthopedic clinical space. The plan will provide improved communication and research collaboration between the groups.

The Sport Medicine service was strengthened with the addition of **Drs. John Kelly** and **Fotios Tjoumakaris** to the group headed by **Dr. Brian Sennett**. **Dr. Kelly** completed his orthopedic surgery residency at Penn in 1989 and sports medicine fellowship at Temple School of Medicine in 1990. He continued to work within the department of Orthopedic Surgery at Temple becoming the vice chairman in 2000. **Dr. Tjoumakaris** completed his orthopedic surgery residency at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine in 2005 followed by a sports medicine fellowship at the University of Pittsburgh in 2006. After spending two years in private practice and he decided to advance his career in academics by returning to the department at Penn.

Dr. Nader Hebel is developing the spine surgery service at PPMC. He also returned to Penn Orthopedics following his residency at the University

of Pennsylvania School of Medicine. He completed his fellowship in spine surgery at the University of Maryland.

Dr. Russell Huffman has joined the Shoulder and Elbow section with section Chief **Dr. David Glaser**. **Dr. Huffman** brings extensive clinical and research experience in the field of sports medicine to the upper extremity group. In addition, the hand surgery service continues its presence at PPMC with **Dr. David Bozentka** as section head and **Dr. David Steinberg** as fellowship director.

Dr. Gwo Lee became a member of the total joint service bringing his clinical experience from Hahnemann University School of Medicine. With his enthusiasm and focus in the clinical and research arenas, **Dr. Lee** joins the dynamic group of **Dr. Craig Israelite**, **Dr. Charles Nelson** and headed by **Dr. Jonathan Garino**.

The sudden unfortunate death of **Enyi Okereke M.D.** has left a void in the Penn Orthopedic family. **Dr. Helen Horstmann** has returned to a surgical practice filling the position in the foot and ankle section performing her surgical cases at PPMC.

The orthopedic practice at PPMC has added several non-operative musculoskeletal specialists. **Dr. David Pashman** treats general orthopedic disorders. **Dr. Pashman** brings a vast orthopedic surgical experience to the department having served as president of the Department of Orthopedic Surgery at Warminster Hospital in addition to working at Albert Einstein Medical Center and Hahnemann University School of Medicine. **Dr. Francis Lopez**, a member of the University of Pennsylvania Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, has a special interest in hand and upper extremity disorders and electro-diagnostic evaluations.

The orthopedic group at PPMC has developed into an integral part of the orthopedic program of the University of Pennsylvania Health System and continues to expand its role as national leaders in orthopedic surgery.

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