



The 10th Annual Ernest Gentchos Lecture

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Guest Lecturer: John Sperling, MD; Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota

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Dr. John Sperling

The University of Pennsylvania Department of Orthopaedic Surgery held its 10th annual Ernest Gentchos Lectureship on July 22, 2010. The lectureship was established in 2001 to honor the enormous contributions of Dr. Gentchos to the orthopaedic community. Born and raised in a village of Northern Greece, Dr. Gentchos attended medical school at the St. Louis University School of Medicine. Upon graduation, he served in the medical battalion with the US Army Air Cavalry Division during the Vietnam War. Dr. Gentchos completed his residency training in orthopaedic surgery at the University of Pennsylvania, where he later returned to serve as faculty, advocating that superior patient care relies on studying one's patient, keeping an open mind, and challenging every idea. In addition to his countless academic achievements and clinical contributions, Dr. Gentchos carried his humanitarian passions outside the realm of medicine through his establishment of several endowed scholarships. On a yearly basis, Dr. Gentchos sponsors several medical school, college, and high school students, and maintains that the greatest gift you can give anyone is that of education.

The invited guest speaker for the 10th annual Ernest Gentchos Lectureship, Dr. John Sperling, shares in Dr. Gentchos' dedication to education and superior patient care. Dr. Sperling received his medical degree from the University of

Virginia School of Medicine and pursued orthopaedic surgery training at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN. He completed his fellowship in sports and shoulder surgery at the Hospital for Special Surgery. Dr. Sperling returned to the Mayo Clinic where he has since served on the faculty as a world-renowned pioneer in shoulder surgery.

Dr. Sperling began his lecture by discussing case presentations offered by the residents. Garnered from his years of research and extensive clinical experience, Dr. Sperling engaged the residents in discussion and offered insights into the most challenging of patient cases. He followed this discussion with an overview of complex and revision total shoulder arthroplasty, highlighting the recent advancements in surgical techniques as well as the developments on the horizon. Dr. Sperling emphasized the importance of obtaining a thorough patient history when coming to any patient diagnosis and underlined the significance of teamwork and collaboration required for progression of the field of orthopaedic surgery. Dr. Sperling concluded his lecture with an interactive question and answer session and offered insightful responses to questions posed by the residents and faculty.

It was a great privilege and pleasure to learn from Dr. John Sperling during the 10th annual Ernest Gentchos Lectureship. On behalf of the orthopaedic community at the University of Pennsylvania, we sincerely thank Dr. Sperling for his knowledge, insight, and enthusiasm in helping us honor the immense contributions of our own Dr. Gentchos.