

## Pennsylvania Hospital Update

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Pennsylvania Hospital continues to be a wonderful place to develop an academic Orthopaedic practice and this year has seen us continue to expand our Orthopaedic program here. Dr. Bruce Heppenstall has continued to grow his joint replacement referrals and also his concentration on Sports Medicine. His long experience and international recognition combine to make his service a very valuable

resident learning experience.

Likewise, Dr. Nader Hebela has been increasing his presence at Pennsylvania Hospital. Nader is an Assistant Professor in our Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and is a fellowship-trained spine surgeon, as well as a graduate of our own Penn Orthopaedic Surgery Residency. He has been doing an ever increasing volume of surgery at Pennsylvania Hospital in terms of patients on his primary service. In addition, Nader has been working with Dr. William Welch in Neurosurgery to develop a combined Orthopaedic/Neurosurgery spine program. As such, Dr. Hebela has been participating in an increasing number of complicated cases needing the combined expertise of both Neurosurgical and Orthopaedic Spine practitioners. In addition, we have been fortunate to also have Dr. Hebela's expertise and assistance in dealing with spine tumors. All of this has combined to yield a very productive and diverse spine experience for our residents.

Our Orthopaedic Oncology Service has also had a wonderful year. This has seen us present more than 30 papers and posters at national and international meetings. In addition, Dr. Lackman became President of the Musculoskeletal Tumor Society, while

he was serving as local host for the MSTs Annual Meeting in Philadelphia in late September 2010. He was also honored as the Presidential Guest Speaker at the Annual Meeting of the Eastern Orthopaedic Society in Florida in November. Dr. Andrea Evenski who joined the Service in September 2009 has also continued her oncologic practice. Another addition to our oncology family was Dr. Xin Li, our first International Fellow. Dr. Li is a fellowship-trained orthopaedic oncologist in China where he has practiced for the past 6 years. Dr. Li was sponsored for this fellowship by the Chinese government and spent one year with us being exposed to all aspects of orthopaedic oncology. In the meantime, we continued as one of the largest orthopaedic oncology practices in the United States and as such saw more than 1100 new patients over the past 12 months.

