



# Department of Foot & Ankle Update

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The Foot and Ankle service continues to grow with the addition of our newest faculty member, Kathryn O'Connor MD, who completed her fellowship at Washington University at St. Louis. Our growth has allowed us to expand our advanced foot and ankle services from Center City to University City and to the Main Line. We now have four physician assistants to better serve our patients needs and expand our abilities as the city's premier foot and ankle care team. Over the past year, we have seen 16,602 patients and performed over 1,029 surgical procedures.

From a research perspective, our division has been exploring the capabilities of the region's only weight-bearing CT scanner as well as continuing many other projects. We are forging relationships with the Human Motion Laboratory and

the Biedermann laboratory to take full advantage of Penn's impressive resources. Finally, we continue to be involved in the basic science pursuits of the McKay Lab, attempting to answer many of the difficult questions surrounding Achilles tendon ruptures and their optimal treatment.

Our faculty also serve the Orthopaedic community as whole. Dr. Daniel Farber continues in his role as a board member of the AAOS and Chair of the AOFAS fellowship curriculum task force. Dr. Keith Wapner has presented nationally and internationally, including Brazil, Japan, Qatar, and South Africa and was recently elected to the AOFAS nominating committee. Dr. Wen Chao is an Orthopaedic Consultant to the Pennsylvania Ballet.