



## Pennsylvania Hospital

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Pennsylvania Hospital (PAH) has a rich history in Philadelphia as the nation's first hospital. Founded in 1751 by Benjamin Franklin and Dr. Thomas Bond, the hospital was intended as a safe haven for the care of the "sick-poor and insane of Philadelphia." Located in the heart of South Philadelphia, its brand name draws thousands of patients annually to receive their care at the corner of 8th and Spruce Streets.

Residents are typically in the operating room three to four days per week, with dedicated clinic time in multiple sub-specialties. Over the past year, a PGY-5 resident from Hahnemann was added to the resident complement at Pennsylvania Hospital, covering the adult reconstruction, hand and consult services. With a continuing commitment to resident education, conferences have been video conferenced from PMUC. Weekly sub-specialty specific conferences include spine and foot and ankle.

The administration at Pennsylvania Hospital continues to be extremely supportive of the expanded presence of orthopaedic faculty and residents. The hospital system has increased the number of physician extenders, doubled the OR block time for the department, and increased physical space for clinical work and administrative duties. Their continued support is critical as the orthopaedic volume continues to grow, allowing PAH to maintain its reputation in the region as a first-class hospital.

The Department of Orthopaedic Surgery at the University of Pennsylvania now staffs seventeen attending surgeons from various sub-specialties to populate the orthopaedic clinic in the Cathcart Building and the Farm-Journal Building. Among the sub-specialties represented are adult hip and

knee reconstruction, foot and ankle, hand/plastic surgery, neuro-orthopaedics, shoulder and elbow, spine/deformity, sports medicine, and trauma. Notable for this past year, Dr. Vincent Moretti and Dr. Wudbhav Sankar began operating one to two days per month at Pennsylvania Hospital. We are preparing for the arrival of two new Attendings in September 2020 to increase the complement of providers on the adult reconstruction and spine services.

With the continued increase in operative volume, PAH continues to be staffed by a PGY-1, PGY-2, PGY-5 and the Adult Reconstruction Fellow at all times, complemented by a team of nurse practitioners and physician extenders that assist with patient clinical care and floor work. The Orthopaedic Intern spends a portion of the week on the Foot and Ankle Service, as well as assisting the PAH team with patient care issues on the floor. The PGY-2 resident is now dedicating a portion of the week to Sports Medicine under the guidance of Dr. Miltiadis Zgonis. Starting in August 2020, the Adult Reconstruction service will have 3 Fellows, spending 4 months each at PPMC, PAH and Virtua.

With the continually changing healthcare environment, we continue to grow the outpatient total joint arthroplasty program which started three years ago. We have implemented and continue to refine the dedicated rapid recovery program - the 9<sup>th</sup> floor extended stay unit opened in October 2019. This service is to be expected to start at Tuttleman sometime in 2020. In addition, a new robotics platform is to be offered at Pennsylvania Hospital by the start of the second quarter. Pennsylvania Hospital is poised to be successful in the region as we continue to evolve.



**Figure 1.** Surgical Amphitheater at Pennsylvania Hospital (constructed in 1804).