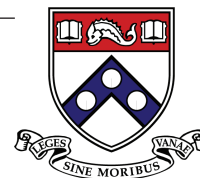




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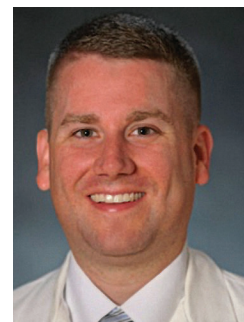
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We formally expanded our services in joint reconstruction and orthopaedic trauma with the addition of Timothy Costales, MD to our faculty in October. He completed his orthopaedic residency at the University of Maryland/Shock Trauma and an adult joint reconstruction fellowship at Massachusetts General Hospital/Harvard Medical School. The orthopaedic section will continue to grow with the arrival this summer of Colonel Jean-Claude D'Allyerand, MD, MSE, an orthopaedic traumatologist and Associate Professor of Surgery at USUHS, who is currently serving as Deputy Hospital Commander for Surgical Services at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany. He will assume the role of Chief of Orthopaedic Surgery at the VA, as well as joining the ranks of the orthopaedic trauma service at PPMC.

We continue to offer general orthopaedic and subspecialty services to our veterans, under the guidance of our dedicated faculty, including Drs. Joe Bernstein, Eric Hume, Andy Kuntz, Hannah Lee, Scott Levin, Harvey Smith, and David Steinberg, as well as the aforementioned Dr. Costales. During a twelve-month period, over 7000 visits were recorded for the outpatient Orthopaedic Surgery Clinics, which is a significant increase from the previous year. We offer surgical services four days weekly and performed over 445 operative procedures last year. We would not be able to provide comprehensive

orthopaedic care to our patients without the dedication of our residents, hand fellows, our orthopaedic nurses (Alex David, John Yohannan & Mary Manattu), the other clinic staff, and our PA's. We saw the departure of one of our physician assistants, Thomas Bialkowski, who relocated to the warmer climes of Florida. Fortunately, we were able to recruit Eric Drennan, MPA-C, who brings with him a wealth of orthopaedic experience. He will be joining



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long-time orthopaedic physician assistant, Mitchel “Chip” Staska, MPA-C, the ever-dependable driving force of the clinical arm of orthopaedics. Together, they will continue to provide a seamless journey for our patients, from initial referrals and consultations through outpatient evaluations, both in-person and via telemedicine. They assist the residents and faculty in managing patients, ordering appropriate diagnostic tests & consults, and scheduling surgeries; helping our team to efficiently navigate through a complex medical system.

Our faculty, residents and Penn’s scientists, engineers & research staff continue to forge new paths through the partnership between the McKay Orthopaedic Laboratory and the PVAMC Translational Musculoskeletal Research Center. Drs. Bernstein, Kuntz, Steinberg, Lee, and Smith have each applied for or been awarded research grants through the Veterans Administration and outside funding sources. Working alongside Drs. Mauck, Soslowsky, Scanzello, Dymant, Cullen, Dodge, Gullbrand, & L Smith, they investigate many facets of the musculoskeletal system, focusing on the repair & regeneration of tendon, cartilage,

meniscus, nerve, & the intervertebral disc. These studies have resulted in presentations at numerous national and international conferences, and publications in premier orthopaedic and biomedical research journals (including *Tissue Engineering*, *J Biomechanics*, and *J Orthopaedic Research*).

In addition to patient care and research, the orthopaedic program at the VAMC promotes the third pillar of academic medicine, education. In addition to clinical and surgical training of residents, hand fellows and students, we have expanded our educational efforts. This includes weekly resident conference with Dr. Kuntz, quarterly Chairman’s rounds with Dr. Levin, and the an arthroscopic simulator.

With the team effort of our orthopedic family, and in collaboration with other services at the Veterans Administration Medical Service, we strive to provide our veterans with exceptional health care, by providing compassionate patient care, advancing medical knowledge through world-class research, and educating our next generation of health care providers.