

THE 8TH Annual Ernest Gentchos Lectureship

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The University of Pennsylvania Department of Orthopaedic Surgery held its 8th annual Ernest Gentchos endowed Lectureship on December 11th, 2008. The lectureship was established in 2001, attracting prominent guest speakers such as Dr. Shawn O'Driscoll, Dr. Charles Rockwood, Dr. Robert Cofield, Dr. Bernard Morrey, Dr. James Tibone, Dr. Ken Yamaguchi, Dr. James Bradely, and Dr. Joseph Iannotti.

This year, Dr. David Glaser let us in on Dr. Gentchos' much decorated career. This included Dr. Gentchos' heroic medical mission during the Vietnam War era. In addition to his academic and clinical achievements, Dr. Gentchos is well known for his contribution to resident education and training future physicians. Dr. Gentchos sponsors three medical students at two different medical schools, two undergraduate students at two different institutions, and one high school student at a private institution.

The invited speaker for the 8th Annual Ernest Gentchos Lectureship, Dr. Jon J.P. Warner, joined the Harvard Combined Orthopaedic Surgery department on April 1, 1998 as Associate Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery, Partner's Health Care System and Chief

of the Harvard Shoulder Service. He was promoted to Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery in June of 2004. Previously, he spent eight years at University of Pittsburgh where he was Associate Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery, Director of the Shoulder Service, Assistant Director of the Center for Sports Medicine, and Co-Director of the Shoulder Research Laboratory at the Musculoskeletal Research Center. Under his direction, the shoulder service at Pittsburgh became known as one of the premier centers for management of problems of the shoulder, and also as the pioneering research center for study of biomechanics of the shoulder. He is the author of over 80 peer review publications, more than 150 book chapters, and 4 books. He is a member of numerous specialty societies including the Orthopaedic Research Society, the American Shoulder and Elbow Surgeons, the American Orthopaedic Society for Sports Medicine, and the Arthroscopy Association of North America.

Dr. Warner started off by reviewing the case presentations given by residents, and offering some insightful advice on how to approach the presented cases. His comments shed new light on management of some of the most challenging cases. During the second half of the lecture, Dr. Warner gave a stimulating talk about the history of total shoulder arthroplasty, and the latest developments in surgical techniques and implant design. With his twentyplus year experience in the field and expertise, Dr. Warner's insight on the subject matter was truly educational. By understanding the history and the logic behind current development, many residents felt that they had better understanding of the intricacies of implant design in the shoulder.

We sincerely thank Dr. Warner for helping us honor Dr. Gentchos' immense contribution to our department.

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