



The Second Annual John Lewis Esterhai Jr. Lectureship



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On February 8, 2010, the Philadelphia Orthopaedic Society hosted the second annual John L. Esterhai, Jr. Lectureship. The lecture was presented by noted Orthopaedic Traumatologist Paul Tornetta III, M.D.



Dr. John L. Esterhai

The purpose of the lectureship is to honor the countless contributions of Dr. Esterhai to the orthopaedic community. A native of Philadelphia, Dr. Esterhai attended medical school and finished his surgical internship at Temple University. Afterwards, Dr. Esterhai served as a flight surgeon based out of Okinawa, Japan. Upon his return, Dr. Esterhai completed his residency training in Orthopaedic Surgery at the University of Pennsylvania and was selected chief resident during his final

year. Subsequent to the completion of his military service, Dr. Esterhai returned to the University of Pennsylvania as a faculty member and is currently a Full Professor in the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery. Dr. Esterhai also serves as the Chief of the Section of Orthopaedic Surgery at the Veteran's Affairs Medical Center in Philadelphia. Dr. Esterhai has contributed to over thirty book chapters, eighty-eight peer-reviewed journal articles, and over one-hundred national conferences and invitational lectureships. Among his many positions and accomplishments, he recently served as the president of the Musculoskeletal Infection Society. Last year, Dr. Esterhai was awarded the Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award by the Arnold P. Gold Foundation for his "demonstration of the highest standards of compassion and empathy in the delivery of care to his patients." Through the years, Dr. Esterhai has served as a role model and mentor for scores of residents, setting standards for both professionalism and altruism.

Dr. Tornetta earned his medical degree, and completed his internship and residency at the State University of New York Health Science Center at Brooklyn. He completed his fellowship in acetabular and pelvic fractures with the esteemed Dr. Joel Matta at the Hospital of the Good Samaritan in Los Angeles. Dr. Tornetta is a former president of the Orthopaedic Trauma Association, and currently serves as the associate editor of the *Journal of Orthopaedic Trauma*. Additionally, he is an editor and reviewer for the *Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery*, *Clinical Orthopaedics and Related Research*, *Journal of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons*, and *Journal of Trauma*. Dr. Tornetta has contributed to over 149 peer-reviewed publications and 115 national and international scientific presentations.



Dr. Paul Tornetta III

For the John L. Esterhai Jr. Lectureship, Dr. Tornetta discussed his algorithm regarding the management of acetabular fractures and indications for operative care. Key factors in his algorithm include the assessment of any dislocations and associated fractures, as well as noting the location, displacement, congruence, and stability of fracture fragments. Dr. Tornetta critically analyzed the literature and presented illustrative case examples to underscore his point that acetabular fractures require

operative fixation unless criteria are met for nonoperative treatment.

On behalf of the Penn community and the Philadelphia Orthopaedic Society, we would like to convey our immense gratitude to Dr. Tornetta for coming to share his insights in celebration of our own Dr. Esterhai.