Hospital Update



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This year at Pennsylvania Hospital we have experienced some transition, but the net result has been continuation of the programs housed there. The Orthopaedic Foot and Ankle service has returned to its full complement of three faculty members with the recruitment of Dr. Andrew Steiner to join Drs. Keith Wapner and Wen Chao. Dr. Steiner completed his Foot and Ankle fellowship with Drs. Wapner

and Chao, so he was already well versed in the running of the practice as he started. Dr. Heppenstall has continued his general practice concentrating on joint replacement and sports medicine.

In terms of our Orthopaedic Spine program, we said goodbye to Dr. Nader Hebela who left UPHS to pursue practice opportunities with the Brielle Orthopaedic Group in Brielle, New Jersey. Dr. Hebela did accept an appointment as Adjunct Clinical Assistant Professor in our department and will continue his part-time practice at the Philadelphia Veterans Administration Medical Center where he will maintain his position as a mentor to our residents as he continues his large spine program there. We also had the privilege of welcoming Dr. Vincent Arlet to our faculty as Chief of the Orthopaedic Spine Service. Dr. Arlet is a world-renowned spine surgeon with a particular interest in adult spinal deformity. He came to Penn from the University of Virginia where he held the title of Warren G. Stamp Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery and Professor of Neurosurgery. Dr. Arlet is working within the context of Penn's multi-disciplinary Spine Center, and his practice is housed at Pennsylvania Hospital.

Our Orthopaedic Oncology Service will change leadership with Dr. Richard Lackman leaving to pursue practice opportunities at Cooper University Hospital in Camden, New Jersey. Dr. Lackman is our former Residency Director and Chair, and we wish him well in his new endeavors. His current associate Dr. Andrea Evenski, who is also fellowship-trained In Orthopaedic Oncology, will continue the Orthopaedic Oncology Service at Pennsylvania Hospital.

Pennsylvania Hospital itself is undergoing significant upgrades as it begins a large expansion program to convert the current semi-private rooms to all private rooms. This requires considerable expansion, which is currently underway.

