Pennsylvania Hospital continues to maintain its proud tradition of healthcare excellence as the nation’s first hospital while reinventing itself to suit changing times. This year has marked the departure of the Booth, Bartolozzi, and Balderston practice from Pennsylvania Hospital, leaving tremendous opportunities in terms of surgical and patient care capacity for Penn Orthopaedics. We are also fortunate to have retained Dr. David Nazarian as clinical assistant professor of orthopaedic surgery, who will continue his high-volume hip and knee replacement practice under the banner of Penn Orthopaedics.

The addition of Dr. Neil Sheth will also ensure that Pennsylvania Hospital remains a center for excellence in joint replacement. Dr. Sheth returns to Penn Orthopaedics as an assistant professor following residency training at Penn, fellowship at Rush University in Chicago, and several years in practice with OrthoCarolina in Charlotte. Dr. Derek Donegan’s practice of trauma and total joint replacement and Dr. Keith Baldwin’s practice of neuro-orthopaedics both continue to grow steadily. Other established faculty are also expanding their clinical activities at Pennsylvania Hospital. Our chairman Dr. L. Scott Levin now maintains a busy outpatient and surgical practice here, and Dr. Charles Nelson and Dr. James Carey have begun shifting surgical volume here as well. Dr. Bruce Heppenstall has moved his clinical practice from HUP to Pennsylvania Hospital where he sees patients in the clinic space from Monday to Thursday. Dr. Heppenstall stopped operating this year after 40 years of practice within Penn. The orthopaedic foot and ankle service also remains as busy as ever, as Drs. Wapner, Chao, and Steiner continue to provide specialized care to patients with the most complex foot and ankle disorders.

The Penn Orthopaedic Spine Center continues to grow in close collaboration with our colleagues in the department of neurosurgery. Minimally-invasive spine surgery as well as complex spinal deformity corrections are performed on a regular basis. We are pleased that Dr. Harvey E. Smith has joined our ranks as assistant professor and is already clinically active at Pennsylvania Hospital while maintaining an appointment at the Philadelphia Veterans Affairs Medical Center. Dr. Smith underwent residency and fellowship training at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, and brings with him a wealth of experience from years in practice at New England Baptist Medical Center in Boston.

Penn Orthopaedics at Pennsylvania hospital offers a comprehensive clinical program where all orthopaedic subspecialties are represented. In addition to changes within our ranks, the transition at Pennsylvania Hospital is visible with the construction of the Penn Medicine at Washington Square facility. This 153,000 sq. ft. expansion will aid in the transformation of Pennsylvania Hospital into a fully-modernized acute care hospital with all private rooms. These changes will all enable Pennsylvania Hospital to continue providing world-class orthopaedic care for the centuries to come.