



Shoulder & Elbow

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It has been another outstanding year for the Shoulder and Elbow division of the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery in the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania. With continued commitment to manage the most complex cases, the section's tertiary referral network has dramatically increased along with the complexity of cases. In 2016, the group performed over 10,000 visits and performed over 1000 surgical cases.

New to our program and in collaboration with our French colleagues, our fellowship has added an international component which will provide our fellow an opportunity to work with world leaders in shoulder surgery. As Director of our Fellowship, Russell Huffman continues to coordinate the next generation of academic surgeons, with our last several fellows joining teaching programs. Chad Myeroff (F'17) is headed to an academic practice in Minnesota. Russ has completed his 40th Tommy John with his novel technique using 2 cortical buttons, including having a patient 3 years out drafted by the Cincinnati Reds.

As Director of research, Andy Kuntz is leading our research effort, with close collaboration with Louis Soslowsky and others in the McKay Research Laboratory. Together, we help form one of the largest, shoulder research laboratories in the world. The Shoulder and Elbow clinicians have 5 refereed research grants in 2016/17, including NIH, Veterans Affairs, and the industry grants. Andy received an ASES research grant for study titled "Effects of Aging on Tendon Cell Metabolism". He is continuing a funded study investigating "Effect of Scaffold-Delivered Growth Factors in Rotator Cuff Repair". Along with his collaborators, his success has been recognized with 10 abstract acceptances and two papers.

Clinical studies include outcomes using multimodal pain control, outpatient shoulder arthroplasty, long term outcomes of prosthetic implants and cost efficiency in delivering health care. The Penn shoulder and elbow faculty presented 14 abstracts at national meetings, gave 13 talks at international, national, regional and local meetings in 2016/17.