



Penn Orthopedics and Penn MERT Team Up for Success



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On February 27th, 2017, Penn Orthopedics and Penn Medical Emergency Response Team (MERT), the University of Pennsylvania's student run emergency medical service, partnered together for a continuing education session focused on pre-hospital orthopedic trauma care as a quality improvement initiative. Dr. Daniel Gittings, a third-year orthopedic surgery resident in the Penn Medicine system, traveled to the information session to offer his medical advice and expertise to the members of MERT, a group of approximately 60 Pennsylvania certified Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT) first responders and EMT students.

Dr. Gittings focused his presentation on orthopedic trauma that MERT sees on a day to day basis in their emergency

response role. Through case based scenarios, there was discussion on how to evaluate and stabilize orthopedic injuries. MERT EMTs also had the opportunity to participate in splinting demonstrations. Following the lecture, there was a question and answer session.

The quality improvement initiative between MERT and Penn Orthopedics was a successful collaboration between both departments that aided in bringing high quality education to our first responders. Educational lectures like these will continue to raise the bar in patient care throughout our community.

