



Chief's Corner

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Another year has quickly come and gone, and we have been honored to serve as the academic chief residents for 2017-2018. Thankfully the hard work of our predecessors was an excellent springboard for further program development. This year, we sought to emphasize and enhance the intangibles of the program, namely culture, accountability, and professionalism. The orthopaedic surgery department continues to be one of the most well-regarded departments in the health system, and much of this recognition is due to the outstanding leadership of our chairman, Dr. Scott Levin. Dr. Levin's mentorship, coupled with the availability and guidance of our program directors, has allowed us to realize our goals.

From an educational standpoint, we have continued to refine our morning conference curriculum with both junior and senior-level readings to enrich discussion. The iTunes U app gives our residents mobile access to all readings, grand rounds lectures, and OITE review as well. Our robust grand rounds schedule is replete with sawbones, cadaver dissections, and now a series of business and leadership lectures for our residents to make the educational experience more well-rounded.

This year we created website for the residency program. The portal is a direct link from the Penn Orthopaedics webpage and has become a one-stop, comprehensive resource for our residents. The website is a collection of important documents, rotation information, FAQs, and general information that residents can access at any time from any location. Future applicants to the residency are also able to access parts of the website. The crown jewel of the website is our new surgical video library. Hours have been spent capturing high-quality videos of our faculty performing live surgery. Afterwards, faculty record step-by-step narration of the procedures. Residents can now view these videos when preparing for cases or starting a new service. We've also partnered with a leading publishing company to expand this educational endeavor.

Our visiting professor program continues to be one of the most robust in the country. More than twelve professors from institutions all over the country and the world have visited our program and lectured on their unique specialties. Guest speakers from within Penn such as Drs. Michael Useem, Ezekiel Emmanuel, and Rachel Kelz have also shared their expertise with the residency. Each visiting lecturer has enriched our department with their particular breadth of knowledge, and we are grateful for them. This year's professors have included: Frank Liporace (UMDNJ-Newark), Joseph Lane (HSS), Michael Leunig (Schulthess Klinik), Luis Scheker (University of Louisville), Scott Boden (Emory), Thomas Lee, Andy Eglesder (University of Maryland), Joel Matta (Steadman Clinic), Denis Clohisy (University of Minnesota), Thomas Sculco (HSS), James McCarthy (Cincinnati Children's Hospital), and Christopher Born (Brown). We also invited Seth Leopold, the editor in chief of *Clinical Orthopaedics and Related Research*, to discuss how to institute a residency-wide journal club curriculum.

Professionalism, accountability, teamwork, and pride in leadership are essential elements in the culture of Penn orthopaedics. We have worked hard to hone these tenets throughout the year, and these have been central to our program's many successes. The positive learning environment has enhanced mentorship between senior and junior residents. It has also enhanced real-time feedback between faculty and residents. We believe these pillars of our program will continue to be carried forward, year after year, and that each class will leave Penn just a little bit better than when they arrived.

We would personally like to thank all of the Penn orthopaedic surgery residents for their hard work and dedication this year. Our ultimate goal was to be your advocates and to make your time at Penn a fantastic, educational, and fulfilling experience. We would also like to express our gratitude for our faculty and program leadership who have been outstanding teachers and mentors throughout our time at Penn.