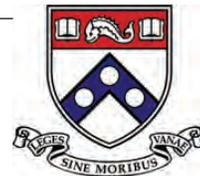




Continued Growth and Expansion

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I began my role as the COO for Orthopaedics in June of 2017 after replacing Lori Gustave. It has been a true honor getting to know the faculty, advanced practice providers, and administrative support team that make Penn's Department of Orthopaedics one of the finest in the country. Their drive to deliver the highest level of patient care, pioneer research in their fields, and educate the next generation of physicians is inspiring. In order to continue to meet the needs of our patients in our growing healthcare system, we have made some significant expansions to our faculty over the last year.

Our Orthopaedic Spine Division saw the largest growth this past year, adding three new physicians to the section. Under the leadership of Dr. Vincent Arlet, the section now has five busy surgeons practicing across three Penn Medicine Hospitals. Additionally, we added a faculty member to both our Hand Division and our Oncology Division, respectively. Paralleling the growth of our patient population outside Philadelphia, all of our new faculty are spending a portion of their time offering clinic hours in suburban locations.

Dr. Andrew Milby, a former Penn Resident, returned home to the Philadelphia Region after completing a fellowship in Spine at Emory University. We were excited to have him return and build his practice at Penn Presbyterian Medical Center alongside his colleague Dr. Harvey Smith. Dr. Milby has quickly grown his clinical volume, while also providing valuable insights to the department about the residency, the care of patients, and the processes from his previous time here at Penn and his experience at Emory.

Dr. Comron Saifi joined the section in September of 2017 after completing a residency at New York-Presbyterian/Columbia University and then a fellowship in Spine at Rush University Medical Center. His practice is focused on spinal deformities, and he is based at Pennsylvania Hospital with Dr. Arlet.

Dr. Michael Murray joined the Spine Division in August of 2017. He completed his residency at Northwestern University and a fellowship in Spine at Emory University. Following his training, he served as a spine surgeon and clinical instructor at Union Memorial Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland. While in Maryland, Dr. Murray was part of the official medical team of the NFL Baltimore Ravens. Dr. Murray is focusing his practice on minimally invasive approaches; he is based at Chester County Hospital.

In 2017, we also welcomed back Dr. Stephen Liu. Dr. Liu completed his residency with the Department before going to University of Pittsburgh to complete a Fellowship in Hand and Upper Extremity. The Hand division recruited Dr. Liu to be at Chester County Hospital, growing further the subspecialized orthopaedic care that Penn offers in that market. While building his practice, Dr. Liu is staying active in Department activities and taking Trauma Call.

Finally, in 2017, we also expanded our Orthopaedic Oncology Division with the recruitment of Dr. Robert Wilson. He completed his residency and fellowship training at Vanderbilt University before joining the Department in September. Dr. Wilson is practicing with Dr. Kristy Weber at the Perelman Center for Advanced Medicine and operating at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania.

We are thrilled about the maturation and expansion of the Department in these clinical areas as a part of our greater growth strategy in the Southeastern Pennsylvania and Southern New Jersey Region. Each of these new members of the Department come to us with distinguished experiences and backgrounds, highlighting the future of Penn Orthopaedics in patient care, research and academics. We look forward to offering them a place to continue to advanced orthopaedic surgery, and together, we hope for many accomplishments and successes ahead.