



## Pennsylvania Hospital

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Pennsylvania Hospital (PAH) has a rich history in Philadelphia as the nation's first hospital. Founded in 1751 by Benjamin Franklin and Dr. Thomas Bond, the hospital was intended as a safe haven for the care of the "sick-poor and insane of Philadelphia." Located in the heart of South Philadelphia, its brand name draws thousands of patients annually to receive their care at the corner of 8th and Spruce Streets.

Residents are typically in the operating room three to four days per week, with dedicated clinic time in multiple sub-specialties. The foot and ankle resident and spine chief resident are at PAH hospital full time, while residents from the arthroplasty and sports medicine services spend part of their week operating and staffing clinic in the Cathcart building. In a continuing commitment to resident education, conferences are now video conferenced from PMUC. With a rigorous, structured curriculum, specialty specific conferences include spine and foot and ankle.

The administration at Pennsylvania hospital continues to be extremely supportive of the expanded presence of orthopaedic faculty and residents. The hospital system has increased the number of physician extenders, doubled the OR block time for the department, and increased physical space for clinical work and administrative duties. Their continued support is critical as the orthopaedic volume continues to grow, allowing PAH to maintain its reputation in the region as a first-class hospital. PAH was ranked 23<sup>rd</sup> in US News and World Report for 2018-2019, specifically for Total Hip Arthroplasty.

The Department of Orthopaedic Surgery at the University of Pennsylvania now staffs seventeen attending surgeons from various sub-specialties to populate the orthopaedic

clinic in the Cathcart Building and the Farm-Journal Building. Among the sub-specialties represented are adult hip and knee reconstruction, foot and ankle, hand/plastic surgery, neuro-orthopaedics, shoulder and elbow, spine/deformity, sports medicine, and trauma. Notable for this past year, Dr. Christopher Travers joined Penn after completing his Adult Reconstruction Fellowship at PPMC and PAH. In addition, Linda Lee has joined the spine service as a Physician Assistant for Dr. Comron Saifi.

With the continued increase in operative volume, PAH continues to be staffed by a PGY-1, PGY-2, PGY-5 and Adult Reconstruction Fellow at all times, complemented by a team of nurse practitioners and physician extenders that assist with patient clinical care and floor work. Over the past academic year, the Orthopaedic Intern is now spending a portion of the week on the Foot and Ankle Service, as well as assisting the PAH team with patient care issues on the floor. The PGY-2 resident is now dedicating a portion of the week to Sports Medicine under the guidance of Dr. Miltiadis Zgonis. Starting in August 2019, the Adult Reconstruction service will have 3 Fellows, spending 4 months each at PPMC, PAH and Virtua.

With the continually changing healthcare environment, we continue to grow the outpatient total joint arthroplasty program which started two years ago. The plan is for there to be a dedicated rapid recovery section of the hospital. This service is to be extend to Tuttleman which has experienced a significant increase in operative volume over the past two years. In addition, we plan to offer a robotics platform at PAH in the near future. Pennsylvania Hospital is poised to be successful in the region as we continue to evolve.



**Figure 1.** Surgical Amphitheater at Pennsylvania Hospital (constructed in 1804).