



Shoulder and Elbow Division

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In FY24, the group performed over 10,000 visits and performed over 900 surgical cases with anatomic and revision shoulder arthroplasty showing the greatest increase. The section's tertiary referral network has remained strong, along with the complexity of cases. Gabe Horneff's practice has achieved steady state, with a strong balance of primary and revision surgery. Our virtual indications conference has continued and includes a nationwide group of our past fellows, our therapy team, and regional shoulder and elbow providers. Jeff Abrams has been a welcome addition to our educational mission. Through a virtual platform, the group of talented subspecialists re-unite monthly to discuss complex cases, and opportunities for research

After over three years of tireless effort, Andy Kuntz has launched PatientIQ within our Division and continues to shepherd its expansion to the rest of our department. A robust database system, automating patient reported data collection with analytical functionality and data sharing. Within the first 9 months of our pilot, greater than 4,600 patients were enrolled with ~41,500 outcomes measured. Most impressively, these numbers were achieved without additional effort from our staff. It has already provided some interesting insight into significant difference in task completion rates when stratified by patient demographic variables (age range, gender, ethnicity, and marital status). Andy Kuntz continues to lead our research effort, setting a high standard for both scientific methods and clinical outcomes. To parallel his research interests in anatomy, functionality and mechanisms of injury of the rotator cuff and outcomes of arthroplasty, he has decided to focus his clinical practice towards the treatment of glenohumeral

arthritis. We would like to recognize Andy for his continued focus as a clinician-scientist, providing world class clinical care, while contributing to all aspects of our research mission- clinical, translational and basic science. Alongside Andy, Gabe has helped expanded our clinical research program, mentoring several medical students and residents with their academic endeavors.

The fellowship has continued to thrive, attracting the most competitive candidates. This year's candidate pool was as competitive as prior years. Our program is unique in that the fellow has exposure to four different surgeons, with complementary philosophies, who use an extreme range of devices and approaches. John Kelly has added an additional opportunity to fellows interested in creative arthroscopic approaches to manage complex shoulder and elbow pathology. Additionally, now in its seventh year, and in collaboration with our French colleagues, we offer our fellow an opportunity to visit world leaders in shoulder surgery. Mike Livesey (F'24) will return from Monaco and France to join Mohit Goholta (F'14) at the University of Maryland. Holt Cutler (F'23) joined Howard Harris and others at the well known Carrell Clinic in Dallas. Brandon Romero (F'22) joined University of Nevada Las Vegas. Past fellows who enjoyed the European experience included Christy Piper (F'21), Greg Gomez (F'19), Josh Rogozinski (F'18), and Chad Myeroff (F'17) who spent between two to three weeks visiting academic centers in Europe. We will continue to leverage our internal cohesiveness, therapy partners (superstars Brian Leggin, Joseph Kearns, and Marty Kelly) and recent collaborations with non-Penn shoulder and elbow providers, to bring success to our division.