

## **The Department of Orthopaedics Sponsors the Gill Lecture at the Philadelphia Orthopaedic Society**

The Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania Department of Orthopaedic Surgery sponsored the annual Gill Lecture at the Philadelphia Orthopaedic Society on January 11, 1999. Presented by Dr. Sheldon R. Simon, the lecture was titled "A Case for Early Surgical Treatment of Diabetic Charcot Arthropathy." In his presentation, Dr. Simon showed that diabetic Charcot arthropathy can be managed successfully with early surgical intervention. He stressed the increasing prevalence of diabetic Charcot arthropathy in the present-day transplant population and cited evidence for improvement in gait and long-term outcome in patients treated with aggressive early surgical stabilization compared with those managed with the traditional course of conservative treatment.

Dr. Sheldon R. Simon is Chairman of Orthopaedic Surgery at Beth Israel Medical Center, New York. Dr. Simon completed his residency training at the Harvard Combined Orthopaedic Program and research fellowship at Massachusetts General Hospital and Harvard Medical School. His past academic appointments include associate professor of orthopaedic surgery at Harvard Medical School, adjunct professor of biomedical engineering at Ohio State University, and chairman of orthopaedic surgery at Ohio State

University. His research interests include rehabilitation engineering, orthopaedic biomechanics, human locomotion, and neurological control in health and disease.

The annual Gill Lecture at the Philadelphia Orthopaedic Society is a tribute to Dr. A. Bruce Gill, who received his medical degree from the University of Pennsylvania in 1905. After residency training, he served as professor of orthopaedic surgery at the University of Pennsylvania from 1920 to 1942, emeritus professor after 1942, chief surgeon of the Widener Memorial Industrial School for crippled children, medical director of the DuPont Institute for crippled children, and past president of the American Orthopaedic Association. While at the University of Pennsylvania, Dr. Gill established orthopaedic surgery as an integral part of the medical school curriculum and is credited with six original orthopaedic procedures.

The Philadelphia Orthopaedic Society can be visited on the World Wide Web ([www.voicenet.com/~orthop/](http://www.voicenet.com/~orthop/)). Speakers from this past year have included Russell Warren, M.D., Richard Scott, M.D., and Robert Bucholz, M.D. Upcoming lecturers will include Raymond Morrissy, M.D., Evan Flatow, M.D., and James Herndon, M.D.