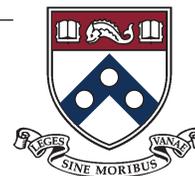




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The Department of Orthopaedic Surgery at Penn Presbyterian Medical Center (PPMC) had another very successful year as considering the academic productivity, program awards, expansion of the clinical staff, and the construction of new facilities.

We are fortunate to welcome back Dr. Andrew Kuntz to PPMC. Dr. Kuntz obtained his medical degree from the University of Virginia

School of Medicine prior to completing his orthopaedic surgical residency at the University of Pennsylvania. He then spent a year of fellowship in shoulder and elbow surgery at the Thomas Jefferson University Hospital and the Rothman Institute. Dr. Kuntz is the current director of the shoulder study group at Penn and is a member of the American Orthopaedic Association Emerging Leaders Program. Dr. Kuntz will split his time between the McKay Orthopaedic Research Laboratory and his clinical practice of shoulder and elbow arthroscopy and replacement.

We also welcome Dr. Harvey Smith MD to the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery at PPMC. Dr. Smith will be taking over the care of patients with disorders of the spine. He obtained his undergraduate degree at Harvard University and medical school training at the Pennsylvania State University College of Medicine. His residency and fellowship training were completed at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital and the Rothman Institute. After completing his fellowship, Dr. Smith served as an attending physician at the Weill Cornell Medical College Methodist Hospital in Houston Texas, followed by time at Tufts University School of Medicine New England Baptist Hospital in Boston, Massachusetts. Dr. Smith's clinical interests include complex surgery of the cervical, thoracic, and lumbar spine. His research interests include degenerative disc disease, minimally invasive surgery, and image-guidance navigation systems, as well as tracking and measuring the outcomes of spine surgery.

The Joint Replacement Service at PPMC has earned The Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval for hip and knee replacement. The Joint Commission's Disease-Specific Care Certification Program began in 2002 and evaluates a clinical programs' continuum of care. Three core areas are evaluated, including compliance with consensus-based national standards, effective use of evidence-based clinical practice guidelines to manage and optimize cases, and an organized approach to performance measurement and improvement activities. The certification process was coordinated by Dr. Eric Hume. There was a rigorous on-site survey by the Joint Commission who assessed the department for compliance of their strict standards including infection prevention, leadership, and medication management.

Penn Presbyterian Medical Center was once again named a Blue Distinction for Hip and Knee Replacement by Independence Blue Cross. This is a nationwide program that identifies programs demonstrating expertise in delivering quality health care. An extensive evaluation of the program's clinical data is used to assess the facility's program structure, processes and outcomes of care. Programs that are chosen have been found to outperform their peers in quality safety and efficiency. These awards are a testament to the excellence of care provided and pre-eminence of the program at PPMC.

The Bach fund research awards were recently announced with the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery at PPMC garnering four of the six grants. The winning projects included: Dr. Eric Hume and Dr. Laura Kosseim for Pre-Operative screening for sleep apnea in patients undergoing hip or knee arthroplasty; Dr. G. Russell Huffman and Dr. Judith O'Donnell for a pilot study to evaluate the bacterial diversity of the shoulder joint during revision arthroscopy microbial genomics versus standard care cultures; Dr. Nabil Elkassabany, Dr. Andrew Kuntz, Dr. G. Russell Huffman, and Dr. David Glaser for development and evaluation of a multimodal analgesia protocol for postoperative pain management following shoulder surgery; and Dr. Eric Hume, Dr. Craig Israelite, Dr. Gwo-Chin Lee, Dr. Charles Nelson, and Dr. Neil Sheth for collection of patient reported outcomes, joint outcomes, and implant data in a PPMC joint registry to support arthroplasty clinical care, education, and research.

Construction has begun for the Penn Center for Specialty Care located at 3737 Market Street. The 11 story facility with 150,000 square feet of space will include a comprehensive interdisciplinary center for musculoskeletal care. The center will have nearly 110 exam rooms for the ambulatory practice, physician offices, along with physical therapy exam space and therapy gym. In addition the facility will hold a state of the art ambulatory surgery center with six operating suites and outpatient radiology services. This state of the art facility will allow cutting edge multidisciplinary integrated care for our patients and foster collaborative research efforts.

The Penn Medicine Trauma Center will transfer its operations at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania to PPMC. The approximately 1,900 trauma patients entering the Penn System will be treated at PPMC which will become the Level 1 Regional Trauma Resource Center for Penn Medicine. The 178,000 square foot PPMC Advanced Care Hospital Pavilion will be located on Powelton Avenue and 38th street. The facility will include a helipad, critical care beds, perioperative services, emergency department, and trauma bays. It is slated to open in 2015.

The future is very bright for the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery at PPMC as we look forward to another exciting year through our commitment to excellence in clinical care and academic productivity.