

From the Penn Orthopaedics Human Tissue Lab



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The Penn Orthopaedics Human Tissue Lab (HTL) was founded under Dr. L. Scott Levin on May 1, 2011. Now in its third year of use, it continues to exemplify Penn's commitment to educating the next generation of leaders in orthopaedic surgery. It has increasingly been an integral part of our weekly curriculum and has provided a meeting place for specialists across the region to congregate and teach. The exchanges that have taken place in the HTL over the past year have been lively, fun, and very earnestly directed at educating younger orthopaedic surgeons either in early phases of their careers or still in residency and fellowship.

This year, a regular wet arthroscopy lab session was added to monthly upper extremity dissections and visiting professor workshops as part of the Penn Orthopaedics hands-on resident education curriculum. In addition to these regular sessions, Penn has been the grateful host to numerous courses and symposia: the Cartilage Repair Symposium, AAOS Live-Streaming Hip Replacement Sessions, the International Congress for Joint Reconstruction (ICJR) Philadelphia Revision Arthroplasty Course, the Foundation for Orthopaedic Trauma Upper Extremity Course, the American Society for Reconstructive and Transplant (ASRT) Surgery second annual Face and Hand Transplantation Course, the first annual Microsurgical Skills Cadaver Course for Hand Fellows and Residents, and a session with Dr. Reinhold Ganz from Bern, Switzerland, held this past April. These listed courses only begin to highlight how this addition to our facilities has transformed our education as orthopaedic residents. In this



section of *UPOJ*, we highlight two such events that were well attended by residents, fellows, and faculty.

The Penn Orthopaedic community is particularly grateful to the faculty who have dedicated their time and traveled sometimes very long distances to contribute to our education. The residents hope that in the future, we have the opportunity to participate in a similar way while visiting our national and international colleagues.

Of course, this brief editorial would not be complete without thanking Lorianne Kish-Burdsall and those who help her manage the HTL. They work tirelessly so that it is readily available for resident education, research, and courses.



A regularly scheduled wet arthroscopy lab session.