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It has been another outstanding year for the Shoulder and Elbow division of the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery in the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania. With continued commitment to manage the most complex cases, the section's tertiary referral network has dramatically increased along with the complexity of cases. In FY20, the group performed over 12,000 visits and performed over 1000 surgical cases with revision shoulder arthroplasty and elbow surgery seeing increased volume.

As director of research, Andy Kuntz is leading our research effort, with close collaboration with Louis Soslowsky and others in the McKay Research Laboratory. Together, we help form one of the largest shoulder research laboratories in the world. 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 missionclinical, translation and basic science. Through his leadership we are actively enrolling patients in five sponsored clinical trials, including stemless reverse arthroplasty, and a multicenter trial, which is the direct result and translational followup to basic science research performed in the McKay Lab. Russ is participating in an early release trial of a cementless elbow arthroplasty. The multimodal pain protocol for outpatient shoulder surgery that we developed is now being utilized at other Penn sites. In conjunction with Mike Hast in the Biedermann Lab, new biomechanical testing apparatus and protocols have been used to study reverse glenoid baseplate fixation.

For Andy's efforts, he has been elected to the Orthopaedic Research Society (ORS) board of directors and is Chair of the ORS membership committee and Community Council while also being active in the ASES. Together the group has published 14 papers.

Now in its fourth year, and in collaboration with our French colleagues, we offer our fellow an opportunity to visit world leaders in shoulder surgery. Current fellow Rob Williams (F'20) will follow Greg Gomez (F'19), Josh Rogozinski (F'18), and Chad Myeroff (F'17), and spend three weeks visiting academic centers in Monaco and France. Director of our Fellowship, Russell Huffman continues to coordinate the next generation of academic surgeons, with our last several fellows joining teaching programs. Past fellow, Mohit Gilotra (F'15) won the 2018 ASES Charles Neer award and Chad is in academic practice at the University of Minnesota. The Penn shoulder and elbow faculty presented 10 abstracts at national meetings and gave 14 talks at international, national, regional and local meetings in 2019/20.