



# Shoulder and Elbow Division



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We emerge from the pandemic with greater strength and focus in all three missions. With continued commitment to manage of the most complex cases, the section's tertiary referral network has continued to increase, along with the complexity of cases. In FY21, the group performed over 11,000 visits and performed over 1,000 surgical cases with revision shoulder arthroplasty and elbow surgery seeing increased volume.

Gabe Horneff, a former administrative chief resident, superior surgeon, researcher and educator, who joined us from The Rothman Institute during the pandemic, immediately took ownership of resident education for our division. Gabe has now stepped seamlessly into our practice at PAH. Our indications conference which was expanded during the pandemic has continued and includes a nationwide group of our past fellows, our therapy team, and regional shoulder and elbow providers. Jeff Abrams and Brian Galinat have been welcome additions to our educational mission. Through a virtual platform, the group of talented sub-specialists re-unite monthly to discuss complex cases, opportunities for research and to catch up on important life events.

Andy Kuntz is leading our research effort, setting a high standard for both scientific methods and clinical outcomes. 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. He was recently awarded a Merit Grant to further support his research. Alongside Andy, Gabe has helped expanded our clinical research program, mentoring several medical students and residents with their academic endeavors. In close collaboration with Lou Soslowsky and others in the McKay Research Laboratory, we helped advance the McKay lab to #1 in National Institutes of Health funding. We are currently rolling out an integrated research platform that will be able to seamlessly unite clinical and research activities, providing a much-needed tool for data collection, while improving two-way clinical communication with our patients. Through his leadership, we have helped

complete enrollment in the first stemless reverse IDE study and begin another. We are working on several sponsored clinical trials including a multi-center trial, which is the direct result and translational follow-up to basic science research performed in the McKay Lab. The multimodal pain protocol for outpatient shoulder surgery that we developed is now being utilized at other Penn sites and has made our transition to outpatient shoulder arthroplasty seamless. For Andy's efforts, he continues to serve on the Orthopaedic Research Society (ORS) board of directors and has served on the ORS membership committee and Community Council while also being active in the ASES.

The fellowship has continued to thrive, attracting the most competitive candidates. Despite Russ's departure, 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 fifth year, and in collaboration with our French colleagues, we offer our fellow an opportunity to visit world leaders in shoulder surgery. Current fellow Brandon Romero (F'22) will follow Christy Piper (F'21), Greg Gomez (F'19), Josh Rogozinski (F'18), and Chad Myeroff (F'17), and spend three weeks visiting academic centers in Europe. As our international relationships grow, Brandon is planning to visit Spain, Monaco, Germany and France. We have consistently matched our top choices. Past fellow, Mohit Gilotra (F'15) won the 2018 ASES Charles Neer award and several prior fellows participate in resident education including Chad, Ben Widmer and Dan Doty.

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, in all three missions.