



Division Updates

Shoulder and Elbow Division

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With continued commitment to the management of the most complex cases, the section's tertiary referral network has continued to increase, along with the complexity of cases. In FY23, the group performed over 10,000 visits and performed over 900 surgical cases with anatomic/revision shoulder arthroplasty and elbow surgery seeing increased volume. Gabe Horneff has continued ownership of resident education for our division and become our anchor at PAH, with his practice growth predicted to be at maximum by the end of FY24. 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 has been a welcome addition 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. To parallel his research interests in anatomy, functionality, and mechanisms of injury of the rotator cuff and outcomes of arthroplasty, he has decided to focus his clinical practice towards the treatment of both rotator cuff pathology and glenohumeral arthritis. 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 awarded a VA Merit Grant to further support his pre-clinical research. Alongside Andy, Gabe has helped expand 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 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.

The fellowship has continued to thrive, attracting the most competitive candidates. 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 six year, and in collaboration with our French colleagues, we offer our fellow an opportunity to visit world leaders in shoulder surgery. Holt Cutler (F'23) returned from Monaco and France and will join Howard Harris and Buz Burkhead at the well known Carrell Clinic in Dallas. Brandon Romero (F'22) joined University of Nevada Las Vegas and immediately became the only subspecialty trained shoulder and elbow specialist in his group. Past fellows who enjoyed the European experience include Christy Piper (F'21), Greg Gomez (F'19), Josh Rogozinski (F'18), and Chad Myeroff (F'17) who spent between two to three weeks visiting academic centers in Europe.

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.