Happy holidays from SOAS. 2011 has been a great year for SOAS. The Eric Thomas Memorial Golf Tournament was a huge success, alumni donations increased exponentially, and SOAS membership continued to grow. There’s a renewed sense of alumni camaraderie and interest, and we have great expectations for 2012. Some examples of what’s planned are a new visiting professor lecture series, resident support, and additional opportunities for alumni to reconnect. All this is possible through your generous continued support. Look forward to reconnecting with faculty, alumni, and friends at the 2012 AAOS reception in San Francisco in February. Your 2012 membership fees are due. Please complete the enclosed payment form to join or renew your membership today.
Dear Colleagues,

I would like to wish everyone Happy Holidays and to thank our alumni who generously donated to the Sandia Orthopaedic Alumni Society throughout 2011. SOAS had a very successful year with the addition of many new members and our inaugural Eric Thomas Memorial Golf Tournament this past September. Thanks to Ryan Wood in the Department of Orthopaedics, our tournament committee, Dr. Tom DeCoster, Dr. Mark Crawford, and many volunteers, the golf tournament was a huge success and had over 100 participants. We had a great day of golf and handed out lots of prizes to our participants and winners, plus we raised $5,000 in honor of Dr. Eric Thomas for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

After 4 years of commitment and service, Dr. Paul Echols has decided to step down from his Vice President position. Dr. Echols remains an active faculty member in the Department of Orthopaedics. Our new Vice President is Dr. Jerry Becker, class of 1997. Dr. Becker is currently on faculty in the Department of Orthopaedics.

Please visit our website at http://hsc.unm.edu/som/ortho/soas.shtml for updated information on SOAS and the Department of Orthopaedics, as well as links to new membership and membership renewal forms. We are still building our alumni database directory and we need your help to keep an accurate census of our graduates. Please email your updated contact information to rwood03@salud.unm.edu.

On February 10, 2012, we will be hosting the alumni reception at the AAOS meeting in San Francisco and in September 2012, we will be hosting the 2nd Annual SOAS Eric Thomas Memorial Golf Tournament at the UNM South Championship Golf Course. Please mark your calendars for these special events and plan on joining us!

Through your support we are making a difference.

Sincerely,

Dean W. Smith, MD
Class of 2000
SOAS President

Faculty & Alumni Highlights

Eric C. Benson, MD (Class of 2007) Elected as the 2011-2012 President of the New Mexico Orthopaedic Association.

Victoria Matt, MD (Class of 2002) First female staff surgeon at New Mexico Orthopaedic Associates.


Thomas Narsete, MD (Hand Fellow 1981) Recently completed his 30th year as a plastic surgeon and now resides in Austin, TX.

George L. Omer, Jr., MD (Chairman Emeritus) Celebrates his 89th Birthday Friday, December 23, 2012.

Dean W. Smith, MD (Class of 2000) Recipient of the 2011 Outstanding Young Physicians Award from the University of Missouri. This award is given to University of Missouri School of Medicine alumni who have distinguished themselves within their first 10 years of practice.

Letter from the President
Chairman’s Corner

It has been a very busy year at the University and in the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery here in Albuquerque. The UNM Orthopaedic faculty continues to grow alongside a wonderful residency program. I am continually impressed by the great camaraderie of our residents, faculty, and fellowship programs. UNM and Albuquerque have always been great places to work and live, but our department truly strives to make our home of patient care, teaching, and research a shining star in the intermountain west. I humbly say, we work as a team and truly care about each other.

I would like to thank Dean Smith and all of our loyal alumni in the great efforts and results with the Sandia Orthopaedic Alumni Society over the past year. The success with the Eric Thomas Memorial Golf Tournament was fantastic and our website, and fundraising will allow many UNM graduates to participate even more in the future with the newly established society. We look forward to seeing current residents, faculty, and graduates in San Francisco at the AAOS reception in 2012. Please mark your calendar for February 10, 2012 for that reception. Also, please consider attending or making a gift to the upcoming alumni conference June 1, 2012 or to the second annual Eric Thomas Memorial Golf Tournament in September 2012. Ryan Wood can be reached at rwood03@salud.unm.edu. The Alumni Conference will focus on the business of medicine with Andrew Paterson the Program Director. We look to our senior residents, Bryon Hobby (Trauma Fellowship, UC Davis), Jan Gilmore (Sports Fellowship, University of Virginia), Johnson Patman (Sports Fellowship, University of Utah), David Rust (Sports Fellowship, Twin Cities Orthopaedics), and Dan Stewart (Hand Fellowship, University of Colorado) as our proud 2012 graduates.

My best wishes for the holiday season and the new year. It is an exciting time for UNM Orthopaedics. As Dean Smith noted, “through your support, we are making a difference”. I want to join Dean in welcoming graduates, current residents, and faculty members to participate in our future. Please contact us for ways in which you can participate with the growth and success of UNM Orthopaedics.

Sincerest regards,

Bob

Robert C. Schenck, Jr. MD
Professor & Chair
UNM Orthopaedics

Sanoval Regional Medical Center

The UNM Sandoval Regional Medical Center (SRMC) is being built in the Rio Rancho City Center in Sandoval County near the Rio Rancho City Hall and UNM West. Initially, the 200,000 square foot acute care facility will house a total of 68 to 72 inpatient beds comprised of two 24 bed medical/surgical units, 12 intensive care beds and 8 to 12 behavioral health beds. The facility will also include 13 emergency medicine beds, two of which will be equipped for behavioral health crisis intervention. SRMC will also build approximately 55,000 square foot Medical Office Pavilion that will house more than 24,000 square feet for primary care and specialty care physician clinic space and physical therapy. Medical and surgical specialties currently being recruited for practice within the Medical Office Building include: Family Medicine, Gynecology, Orthopedic Surgery, General Surgery, ENT, Ophthalmology, Urology, Rheumatology, Pulmonology, Non-invasive Cardiology, and Gastroenterology. The Sandoval Regional Medical Center is scheduled for completion early 2012.
Department News

2011 Family Additions

Eric Benson, MD Assistant Professor (Class of 2007)
Cecily Carter Benson 6lbs. 9oz. Born 6/27/2011

Matthew Green, J.D., MD (Hand Fellow)
Joseph Peter Green 7lbs. 7oz. Born 8/10/2011

Dustin Richter, MD (PGY-2)
Tyler Brayden Richter 8lbs. 7oz. Born 10/30/2011

Selina Silva, MD Assistant Professor CTH (Class of 2010)

Congratulations to Dr. Quinn who Accepts Chair Position at UT San Antonio

Dr. Robert Quinn Professor and Residency Program Director has been offered and has accepted the position of Professor and Chair at UT San Antonio, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery. “As we all appreciate, Bob has done tremendous work here in Albuquerque involving excellence in clinical care, education, and research. His efforts at UNM in resident education are unheralded and have made our Orthopaedics Department a stand out in the intermountain west as well as on a national perspective,” says Dr. Robert Schenck. Dr. Quinn will officially resign April 1, 2012 and begin his work at UT San Antonio as professor and chair April 2, 2012.

Research Highlights

Deana Mercer Assistant Professor and Daniel Stewart (PGY-5) Present at the 2011 ASSH Conference

Result of Hemi-trapeziectomy and Tendon Interposition Versus Capsular Interposition For the Treatment of Osteoarthritis of the Carpometacarpal Joint of the Thumb

Level 3 Evidence

Deana Mercer, MD, Moheb Moneim, MD, Daniel Stewart, MD, Nathan Morrell, MD

Hypothesis

This is a retrospective case series of patients who have undergone hemi-trapeziectomy with tendon interposition versus hemi-trapeziectomy with local soft tissue capsular interposition. Our hypothesis is that soft tissue interposition of the joint capsule alone without any attempt at tendon interposition will result in a stable joint and as good an outcome without the added donor side morbidity. It will also result in a simplification of the operative procedure.

Results

The average preoperative grip for both groups was 22.6 and a postoperative grip of 23.2 and 24.3 kilos was obtained for the capsular interposition group respectively. The average preoperative pinch for both groups was 5.4 and a postoperative pinch of 5.0 and 4.6 kilos was obtained in the capsular interposition and tendon interposition group respectively. Patients recorded improvement in the visual analogue pain scale and activities of daily living performance. DASH score will be completed.

Summary

In treatment of thumb carpometacarpal joint arthritis, partial resection of the trapezium and metacarpal base, with soft tissue interposition of the joint capsule alone without any attempt at tendon interposition results in a stable thumb carpometacarpal, patient outcome equivalent to those with tendon interposition, and eliminates the donor side morbidity.

References

Upcoming Events

42nd Annual Carrie Tingley Hospital Winter Conference
Pediatric Osteoporosis: Fiction or Fracture?
January 27-28, 2012
UNM Domenici Center for Health Sciences Education
To register contact Dorrie Murray at 505-272-6707 or online at http://hsc.unm.edu/som/cme/

2012 AAOS Annual Meeting
February 7-11, 2012
Moscone Center
San Francisco, CA
To register online http://www.aaos.org/education/anmeet/registration/register.asp

6th Annual AAOS Meeting Reception
Presented by: Sandia Orthopaedic Alumni Society
Friday, February 10, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.
Westin St. Francis
San Francisco, CA
To RSVP please contact Ryan Wood at 505-272-8745 or rwood03@salud.unm.edu

31st Annual University of New Mexico Orthopaedic Alumni Conference
Friday, June 1, 2012
UNM Domenici Center for Health Sciences Education
For more information contact Ryan Wood at 505-272-8745 or rwood03@salud.unm.edu

University of New Mexico Orthopaedic Research Journal
Faculty, residents, fellows, and alumni of the University of New Mexico Department of Orthopaedics residency and fellowship programs are invited to submit papers and reports for inclusion in the first issue of the University of New Mexico Orthopaedic Research Journal (UNMORJ). The purpose of the UNMORJ is to highlight the research done in orthopaedics by physicians and alumni associated with the University of New Mexico Department of Orthopaedics.

We're currently looking for original articles that have not been published previously. Submitted manuscripts cannot be under consideration for publication by another journal. We also invite case reports, review articles, description of novel procedures, updates of research studies currently in progress, and summaries of recent publications, along with citations.

The UNMORJ editorial board is composed of 2 faculty members, an elected chief resident, and volunteer alumni. This year's editorial board is Drs. Elizabeth Szalay, Daniel Wascher, Jan Gilmore, and Krishna Tripuraneni.

The UNMORJ will be published annually in June. Please let us know if you intend to submit a paper for the 2012 issue. The deadline for manuscript submission for this issue is December 31, 2011. Instructions are available by emailing the Editorial Assistant at UNMORJ@salud.unm.edu.
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