A message from our Chairman Frank J. Eismont, M.D.

The Department of Orthopaedics has been challenged this year by the economic crisis facing our nation, but nonetheless, our year has been rewarding. We recruited and hired Dr. Jonathan Gottlieb who joined our Spine Service in September 2009 and Dr. Clifton Page who joined our Sports Medicine service in June 2010. Both physicians possess a wealth of knowledge and invaluable expertise in their respective fields. Welcome aboard!

We are proud to have graduated seven residents and six fellows from our residency program who, I am confident, will provide exceptional care to their patients due in part to the education and training received throughout their time here.

A new paperless electronic medical records system is currently being implemented in our clinics and offices which will be beneficial not only for our physicians and staff, but also for our patients. Once implemented, we will no longer require the need for ‘paper charts’. All scheduling, billing and patient dictations will be recorded directly into this system, thereby eliminating the need for a ‘paper trail’. Our patients will be able to access their medical records electronically through myuhealthchart.com, providing a more effective way of communicating with their physician’s office. The system goes live in December 2010.

In closing, we must extend our sincere gratitude to our donors who have contributed to our department, in spite of these difficult economic times and also to our faculty, administration and staff for their continued support and commitment throughout this year.

The Department of Orthopaedics welcomes New Faculty

Jonathan Gottlieb, M.D.

Dr. Gottlieb joined our department on September 28, 2009 as Assistant Professor of Clinical Orthopaedics. Dr. Gottlieb is a graduate of the Leonard M. Miller School of Medicine, University of Miami. He completed his residency in orthopaedics at Jackson Memorial Hospital and his fellowship at the Charlotte Spine Center in North Carolina.

Dr. Gottlieb has published medical journal articles such as Two year results of a randomized controlled clinical trial comparing Prodisc-C and ACDF, published in the Spine Arthroscopy Society Journal. He authored the book, SOAP for Orthopaedics (SOAP Series) in 2005 and served as a contributing author for the Step I Review book (Taking Step I of the USMLE 2002). He is a member of the North American Spine Society and the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons. Dr. Gottlieb joins the practice of Frank Eismont, M.D., Mark Brown, M.D.,

Clifton L. Page, M.D.

Dr. Page joined our department on June 1, 2010 as an Assistant Professor of Clinical Orthopaedics. He also holds a secondary appointment as Assistant Professor in Family Medicine. Dr. Page is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame. He obtained his medical degree from The Ohio State University in 2003 and is board certified in sports medicine and family medicine.

In 2006, Dr. Page completed his residency in family medicine at Ohio State University Medical Center and also received the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine Resident Teaching Award. He was granted the National Medical Association Resident Scholarship Award in 2004. Dr. Page is a member of the American College of Sports Medicine, the American Medical Society for Sports Medicine, the American Academy of Family Physicians, the National Medical Association, the American Medical Association and the Florida Medical Society.

Dr. Page joins the practice of Dr. Lee Kaplan and Dr. Bryson Lesniak in Sports Medicine at the University of Miami Hospital.
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Class of 2010 Honored

Faculty, Staff and Friends in Attendance

Below: Mrs. Maria Vilella & Dr. Fernando Vilella.

Above from left: Dr. Hari Parvataneni, Dr. Nila Radhakrishnan-Parvataneni, Mrs. Emily Eismont & Dr. Frank Eismont.

Centered above: Carmen Fuente, Residency Director, Viveka Spivey, Residency Coordinator & Dr. Eismont surrounded by the graduates.

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2010 Graduates

Hand

Dr. Owens acknowledges Hand Fellow, Dr. George Kardashhan.

Spine

Above from left: Dr. George Kardashhan & Dr. Patrick Owens.

Oncology

Dr. Thomas Temple, acknowledges oncology fellows.

Trauma

Dr. Gregory Zych congratulates Dr. Christopher Boullion on completion of his trauma fellowship.

Improving quality of life for those with musculoskeletal disease
Miami CORE Update

Miami Center for Orthopaedic Research and Education (Miami CORE), comprised of members of the community, faculty and staff has been active in its mission to support the academic and research functions of the Department of Orthopaedics in the past year. In addition to the intensive management of 62 Institutional Review Board approved research projects, Miami CORE has supported 37 Orthopaedic Grand Rounds. During this period the faculty, residents, and fellows authored 40 medical publications, many of which were funded in part by Miami CORE.

Our loyal Development Advisory Council (DAC) continues to take an active interest in raising money to support our mission. Sergio Masvidal, a respected community leader, has agreed to assume the responsibility as Chairman of the DAC from Jon Zeder who faithfully performed this role from the inception of Miami CORE. Under Mr. Masvidal’s direction the DAC is planning a campaign to build a much needed orthopaedic building for orthopaedic research, education, and patient care.

I would like to thank the members of the DAC for their ongoing commitment and dedication to Miami CORE; Mr. Sergio Masvidal, Dr. Frank Eismont, Mrs. Charlotte Barrett, Mr. Anthony Dégina, Mr. George Bergmann, Dr. Paul Bianco, Mrs. Josie Romano Brown, Mr. Gary Gross, Mrs. Mayra Buttacavoli, Mr. Stephen Coxhead, Dr. Jerry Enis, Mrs. María Cecilia Good, Mr. Stephen Lynch, Dr. Joseph Mensch, Mrs. Susan Potter Norton, Mr. Ralph Sanchez, Dr. Barry Silverman, Dr. Thomas Temple, Mr. Basil Yanakakis, Mr. Jon Zeder and Dr. Michael Zeide. Dr. Mark Brown, Director, Miami CORE

UHealth Sports Medicine News

Reaching out to the young people in our community is what Dr. Lee Kaplan, Chief of UHealth Sports Medicine was motivated to do by hosting a Student Ambassador Seminar at the University of Miami Hospital. High school students, excelling in athletics from Miami-Dade and Broward counties were invited to participate in this all-day seminar. Dr. Pascal Goldschmidt, Dean of the Medical School offered an encouraging rendition to the students on aspiring to become the leaders of tomorrow. Dr. Kaplan, in his speech to the students, states, “One thing you can get out of today is to learn how to make the right decisions in life, so you can stay out of trouble.” Other motivational speakers included; Mr. Randy Shannon, UM Head Football Coach, Olympian, Ms. Lauryn Williams and Mr. Vincent Scavo, Director of UHealth Sports Medicine.

New UHealth Joint Replacement Website

Our UHealth Joint Replacement division launched their website this past June, joining our UHealth Sports Medicine website which was launched three years ago. One of the many options available for browsing is seeing joint replacement surgery in 3D. So, visit them at www.uhealthjointreplacement.com; there you can meet our team, get answers from our FAQs and have the ability to make an appointment on-line—exciting isn’t it?

Department of Orthopaedics retreats to Haiti in aftermath of Earthquake

On Tuesday, January 12, 2010, a major earthquake struck one of the poorest nations in the Western Hemisphere causing massive devastation, resulting in numerous casualties and killing hundreds. Soon after hearing this catastrophic news, our Orthopaedic Trauma Division retreated to Haiti to volunteer in the recovery effort. On arrival a ‘make-shift’ hospital tent was constructed in a United Nations facility and subsequently a fully functional operating room was set up within the University of Miami field hospital. They had the opportunity to work on the USNS Comfort, a military hospital ship which houses a capacity of 1000 beds. Dr. Fernando Vilella relates after his experience, “the orthopaedic injuries that we saw and treated were as numerous and horrible as you can imagine.” During their time there, they worked with Haitian volunteers, doctors, nurses, pilots and other rescue personnel who came from around the world.

An Evening with our Faculty

Long time donors and friends George and Marla Bergmann hosted a cocktail reception in their home on March 18, 2010, honoring faculty who volunteered during the aftermath of the earthquake in Haiti. Donors, faculty and friends listened keenly as Dr. Vilella, Dr. Kalandiak and Dr. Pitcher related their experience during their time in Haiti. “They represented us well”, states Dr. Frank Eismont, Chairman of the Department of Orthopaedics; “they are true humanitarians.”

On behalf of the Department of Orthopaedics, thank you George and Maria for your compassion and generosity.
"I have found that among its other benefits, giving liberates the soul of the giver" - Maya Angelou

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