

Emily Berend Adult Reconstruction Symposium

April 19th and 20th 2013 marked the fifth annual Emily Berend Adult Reconstruction symposium held at Duke University Medical center, co-hosted by brothers and former Duke Orthopaedic residents Keith R Berend, MD and Michael E Berend, MD. The yearly symposium is held in honor of their late mother who held tremendous regard for the Duke Orthopaedic Residency Program and the training it afforded her sons. An event skyrocketing in popularity since its inception, the course allows faculty from all over the country to engage in scholarly discussion about the latest trends and topics in hip and knee reconstruction, as well as cadaveric dissections/demonstrations and fellowship with one another.

The 2013 Symposium faculty included several nationally and internationally-esteemed experts in the field of adult reconstruction. The distinguished guest professor was Dr Jay Lieberman, Professor and Chairman of Orthopaedics at the USC Keck School of Medicine and 2015 president of the American Association of Hip and Knee Surgeons (AAHKS). Other notable faculty included Henry Clarke, MD (Mayo Clinic Arizona), Matt Austin, MD (Rothman Institute, Thomas Jefferson University, PA), Bill Schroer, MD (SSM Orthopaedics, St Louis, MO), as well as symposium co-hosts Keith Berend, MD (Joint Implant Surgeons, New Albany, OH) and Michael Berend, MD (Joint Replacement Surgeons of Indiana, Mooresville, IN).

The two day program was extremely well-received by faculty and resident attendees alike. The curriculum was divided into one day on knee replacement topics and techniques and one day on hip replacement. In addition, program coordinator Michael Bolognesi, MD hosted one of the social highlights of the weekend—a traditional southern pig pickin' held at his Durham home.

The 2014 Symposium will be held April 25th and 26th at the Duke University Medical Center. The visiting professor will be Aaron Hoffman, MD (Salt Lake City, UT). Additional faculty scheduled to participate include Raymond Kim, MD (Denver, CO), William Hamilton, MD (Anderson Orthopaedic Research Institute, Alexandria, VA) and Michael Dunbar, MD (Halifax, Canada).

Affiliated with the meeting since its inception, chief of adult reconstruction Michael Bolognesi, MD reflects as follows: 'EBARS is the epitome of what a Duke Orthopaedic educational meeting should be. The format of the meeting is cutting edge and innovative, and is already being copied by other meetings, a great compliment to the vision of the Berends. It also serves as a great opportunity for Duke Orthopaedic graduates to return to Durham and catch-up with what is going on in the Department and the Medical Center.'

And on behalf of the many Duke Orthopaedic residents who have been able to participate with this program in the years since its creation, we consider ourselves lucky to have such a tremendous educational opportunity available at our doorstep.

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