

Letter from the Faculty Advisor

It gives me great pleasure to present the 2013-14 Duke Orthopaedic Journal (DOJ). This year marks the 4-year anniversary of the Journal. As we have grown, the Journal continues to find its place in the tradition of Duke Orthopaedics.

This year marks a number of changes for Duke Health System and the Orthopaedic Department. The health system implemented a new electronic health record system. Although trying at times, our faculty and house staff has learned to adopt this system to improve the care of patients throughout the triangle. The arrival of Dr Benjamin Alman has been invigorating, as we look to the future of our Department. Dr Alman has been very thorough in evaluating the ways that we can address the future of healthcare and remain leaders in shaping the care of orthopaedic patients globally.



This year's editors: Drs Jonathan Godin, Elizabeth Hubbard, Robert Henderson have been working diligently on the Orthopaedic Journal since last summer. As technology has become more prevalent in our everyday lives, there were initial discussions of converting the Journal to a soft version only. The editors understood that their decision would change the perception and reception of the Journal. A decision was made to maintain its current format: allowing people to have a hard copy. Furthermore, our editors needed to evaluate publishing contracts, decide a format for the Journal and consider ways to index the journal. All of these decision points gave the editors a crash course in dealing with the trials and tribulations of overseeing a publication. Hats off to them for navigating the waters through these rough patches and putting together, yet again, another successful Duke Orthopaedic Journal.

In the pages of this Journal, you will find the educational and research activities that invigorate our faculty. You will learn about outreach programs that our faculty are engaged in. You will see that our faculty not only provides first class care to orthopaedic patients in the triangle but is also shaping the way orthopaedics is delivered globally.

The DOJ continues to reflect who we are, where we came from, where we are going as a Department. There are real emerging challenges in healthcare: from delivering care, to reimbursement issues, to changes in the models of caring for patients. Through the Journal, we are giving you a snapshot of the spirit of Duke Orthopaedics and the extraordinary people who make our Department special.

By reading the Journal, I hope you will continue to feel engaged by the Department and will continue to remain an active member of the Duke Orthopaedic family, fortifying old bonds and establishing new ones. We remain dedicated to educating, conducting research, training the future of generations of orthopaedics and caring for patients.

As you read through the pages of this fourth issue, I hope that all of you will consider contributing to the success of future issues of this publication.

We are Duke Orthopaedics: a strong family, with a rich tradition that I am proud to be part of.



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