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## Celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Einstein- Montefiore Orthopaedics!

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This year marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Einstein/Montefiore Department of Orthopaedic Surgery. We are all very excited about the upcoming events and hope that all of you can join us on Thursday, June 16, 2005 at the Jack D. Weiler Campus. We plan for a great day of celebration, orthopaedic lectures/presentations from the PGY-4 class, and a luncheon to celebrate the success of the Department. Please, RSVP to Tanya Riedl at 718-920-2966 or email her at [triedl@montefiore.org](mailto:triedl@montefiore.org).

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## The View From The President's Perch

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### Letter from the Alumni President

50 years is a very impressive period of time in any lifetime. In recognition of this important milestone, the Einstein-Montefiore Orthopaedic Alumni Association is sponsoring a "not-surprise" celebration on the occasion of the annual Selznick Memorial Alumni Day Symposium, June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2005.

The morning session will start with the presentation of the Senior Resident research projects—always interesting for the creativity of the topics, project designs, and the professional quality of the presentations. These will be followed by three guest speakers: **Richard Laskin, M.D.** (Professor and Attending Physician, Co-Chief of Knee Service, Hospital for Special Surgery), **Piet deBoer, M.A., F.R.C.S.** (York District Hospital), and **Edward T. Habermann, M.D.**, Professor and Chairman Emeritus, who will present a historical perspective of the Department and parallel histories of orthopaedic progress during that era.

The luncheon will be held in the Mazer Faculty Club Dining Room and will be highlighted by **Jo Hannafin, M.D., Ph.D.** (Associate Attending Physician,

Director of Orthopaedic Research, Hospital for Special Surgery), speaking about the importance of research in an academic training program. This will be followed by the Chairman's Report on the State of the Department, 2005. For dessert, **Leonard Seimon, M.D.** will take us back to those fabled *Days of the Giants* when he first arrived on these shores from Durban, South Africa.

Dinner will be held at the elegant Westchester Country Club in honor of the graduating Chief Residents. The evening will begin with a tribute to the first Professor and Chairman, **Arthur J. Helfet, M.D.**, delivered by his son, **David L. Helfet, M.D.** (Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery, Weill Medical College of Cornell University, Director of the Combined Orthopaedic Trauma Service, Hospital for Special Surgery and New York-Presbyterian Hospital). We will then proceed with the graduation ceremonies: presentation to the Chief Residents of their diplomas, Chairman's remarks to the graduating class, induction into the Alumni Association by the President, and congratulatory remarks and nostalgic reminiscences by the guest speakers, our *celebrated* alumni and representatives of the distinguished British Fellows.

This promises to be a very interesting, enjoyable, and spectacular day and evening. Please put the date aside, as it is a once in a career event.

Looking forward to seeing you and celebrating together.

David M. Hirsh, M.D.

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## The Chairman's Corner

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### Letter from the Chairman

As we move into spring we are about to send another group of young people out into the orthopaedic world. These are some of the finest individuals to have come through our program and they will be undertaking some of the most prestigious fellowships in the United States. Three will be entering sports medicine fellowships; one at Jefferson, one with Doug Jackson in California and one with Mark Sherman in New York. We will be sending a graduate to St. Luke's-Roosevelt in hand surgery for the second year in a row. Finally we will send two people to Harvard, in Joint Replacement and Orthopaedic Oncology. As these new orthopaedic

surgeons move on we will miss them but we will also welcome, what is without a doubt, the best group of interns ever. The quality and intensity of the students entering orthopaedics today is astonishing.

Our laboratory is gaining momentum and is beginning to turn out some really exciting results. We are making great strides in our attempt to understand the immunologic basis of osteolysis. We hope to have several significant publications out by the end of this year. Those of you that are able to attend this June's celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of Orthopaedic Surgery at Einstein will be able to preview some of this work. Our lab has been a fledging effort until very recently but now stands on firmer ground. We are very excited that **Dr. John Hardin**, who heads up the lab, will be with us three to four days a week and will be at his post at the NIH the remainder of the time.

In order to take the lab to the next level we will need support. We hope to reach the point where we can apply for significant grants in the next few years. In the near future you will be hearing from old friends asking for your help. Our lab is exploring some very promising lines of investigation and is extremely important to our residency. I ask all of you to please help by giving back to an institution that helped all of us achieve great things in our lives. I look forward to seeing many of you in June.

Neil J. Cobelli, M.D.

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## Residents' Corner

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We, as residents, are excited about the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Montefiore Orthopedics. We all know of the rich history of the program and have heard various stories about attendings from the past and how they practiced orthopedics in a different era. It would be exciting to meet those who have gone through the program and find out what their perspective is now and how it compares to orthopedics in the past. We hope that we can continue the programs success as well as make the program even better than before.

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## Welcome New Interns!

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**Peter DeNoble**, a graduate of Umass Medical school, spent a semester at the University College London Hospital, learning about the UK public healthcare system. **Paul Thomas Haynes**, a graduate of UMDNJ, started off as a general surgery resident at St. Luke's in NY, but found the light and changed to orthopedics. He spent a year with Dr. Mark Sherman, completing a sports medicine fellowship prior to starting this residency.

**Farzin Kabaei**, a proud UCLA Bruins, enters with two other medical students from a strong class at the Albert Einstein medical school. The other two, **David Ratliff** and **Arash Yaghoobian** (whose father was the Director of Orthopaedics at Cedars Sinai in Los Angeles), both have extensive research experience in the basic science laboratory at Albert Einstein, directed by Dr. John Hardin. David yields from M.I.T. as an electric engineer major and is an active marathon runner. Lastly, we have **Philip Rotter**, coming from Eastern Virginia Medical school, hopes to improve our basketball team, the Bronx Boners, despite having his ACL reconstructed. Welcome to all of them and good luck in their training.

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## 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration - Selznick Memorial Alumni Day Presentations

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Please note the date change for The annual Selznick Memorial Alumni Day Presentations: **Thursday, June 16, 2005.**

Location: **Jack D. Weiler Hospital  
First floor auditorium  
(next to the gift shop)**

Time: 8:00 am

### PGY-4 Resident Presentations:

**John Kuri, M.D.**  
**Jennifer Lord, M.D.**  
**Jason Simon, M.D.**  
**Adam Wollowick, M.D.**  
**Hector Vargas, M.D.**

**All alumni are welcome!**

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