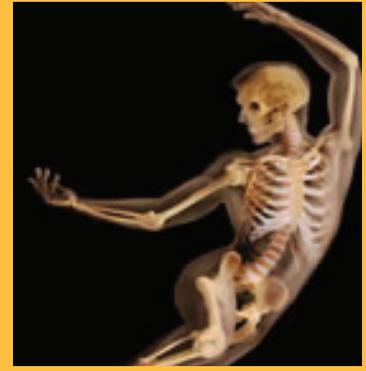


# Orthopaedic Surgery NEWS

## UCDAVIS HEALTH SYSTEM

*Celebrating 40 years of service*



### MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

After 8 years of planning and construction, August marked

the beginning of the move for several departments into their new home in the UC Davis Surgery and Emergency Services Pavilion.

This 472,000 square foot facility includes an emergency room, operating rooms, burn unit, surgical intensive care unit, cafeteria, pathology laboratory support, cardiology services, and radiology services.

As a surgeon, my greatest anticipation and excitement entailed the opening of the surgical suites on September 14. This state-of-the-art facility affords Orthopaedic surgeons a new flexibility in operating in any Pavilion room, as all operative rooms are the same dimension. Additional upgrades include new sleep rooms and computer station work rooms. Our residents are now able to benefit from a new workout facility in the Pavilion.

Former Department Chair, Dr. Mike Chapman, has been an integral part of the Pavilion's success. The trauma and emergency department, the Michael W. Chapman Trauma

Center, has been named in his honor; the adjacent waiting room recognizes his wife, Elizabeth, and has been named the Elizabeth C. Chapman Emergency Department Waiting Room. Dr. and Mrs. Chapman participated in the ribbon cutting ceremony here on July 10, 2010.



*Dr. Michael and Betty Chapman*

**Paul Di Cesare, MD**  
Chair, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery  
UC Davis Health System



### Our clinic welcomes new MOSC Supervisor, **Sherry Clayson**

*I am thrilled and honored to be part of the UCD Orthopaedic Department.*

I began my medical career as an Office Manager for Dr. James Cuilla and Dr. Fred Hirschburg, pediatricians. I was there for 21 wonderful years. After this practice was purchased by Foundation Health, I became an Office Manager for the very first FHP Healthcare Center, where we had 13 physicians in four specialties: Pediatrics, Family Practice, Internal Medicine and Emergency Medicine. After that I went to Urology Oncology for 13 years, and lastly to Trauma Reconstructive Plastic Surgery.

*My goal here is to work closely with the management team to create an excellent experience for our patients, and for the department as well. I look forward to many happy years with the UCD system!*

### *A tribute to Dr. Dan Benson*

Dr. Dan Benson was honored for his 34 years of exceptional service to the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery at a reception held on August 27 at the MIND Institute. The event was attended by faculty and staff, both current and former, along with family, friends, and past residents and fellows. Many in attendance took the opportunity to pay tribute to Dr. Benson for the many contributions he has made to this department.



*Dr. Benson, residents and fellows*

The following are excerpts from a tribute that was compiled for the occasion by the Spine Service Administrative Assistant, Darcy Branum:

*Dr. Daniel Benson was and continues to be instrumental in making UC Davis Orthopaedics a world-renowned and distinguished department. Dr. Benson is well-respected by his colleagues, well-loved by his friends and admired by his patients. We are indeed honored to call him one of our own.*

*Daniel Rolfe Benson was born in the small town of Berwyn, Illinois on July 12, 1939. He had an older brother, Peter, and a younger sister, Kristin. When he was 15, the family moved to Downers Grove, Illinois.*

*Dan graduated from Downers Grove High School in 1957, lettering in baseball and football. He delivered the homecoming speech and made National Honor Society.*

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## Dan Benson Tribute continued.....

His beginning major at Miami University was engineering and in 1959 he switched to pre-med. In 1961, he was elected Student Body Vice President and was accepted to the University of Illinois Medical School. In medical school, Dan spent 4 months in Chile as a Smith Kline French Fellow, taking care of Mapuchi Indians. At age 25, he joined the Navy Ensign program and became "Ensign Benson". Dan began an internship at the Philadelphia Naval Hospital after medical school graduation, and in 1966, he ended up in Danang, Vietnam as a military triage officer.

At age 30, Dan began his Orthopaedic residency here at UC Davis. He was one of the first residents of the new program developed by Dr. Paul Lipscomb. He became chief resident in 1972, and in 1974 he completed a spine surgery fellowship at St. Luke's Hospital in Chicago. In 1974, Dan returned to Sacramento and took the position of Assistant Professor with our department, and was very instrumental in building the first spine service here.

Dan was active in the community as well, developing a scoliosis screening program for the junior high schools that set a standard still in use today. He was presented with the Lynn Smiley Award by California School Nurses. In 1979, Dan started the "Fingers to Toes" Conference to educate general practitioners, which is held every year at the Sierra Camp in Lake Tahoe. Dr. Benson remains a co-chair.

Dr. Benson is a Distinguished Toastmaster; he's assisted with the Oral Orthopaedic Board Examinations; he's served as President of the Scoliosis Research Society; he was called back into active duty in the US Navy during Desert Storm. His contributions and accomplishments are too numerous to mention.

Dr. Benson continues to teach our new residents and fellows and works each week at Shriner's Hospital. His knowledge, wit and kindness are greatly appreciated by all who have the honor of learning from or working with him.

Thank you for the gentle care you have given your patients and thank you for the immeasurable knowledge you have passed on to your fellows and residents.

Please see Winter edition for conclusion of Dr. Benson's department history article.



*Friends and Colleagues*

*The best portion of a good man's life - his little, nameless, unremembered acts of kindness and love.*

*- William Wordsworth*

## *Please Join us for the* **2010 Research Symposium** **Friday, October 15, 2010 - 7:30 am to 12:30 PM** **Medical Education Bldg, Lecture Hall 1222**

located at 4601 X Street (on the corner of 45th and X Streets) in Sacramento



With guest speaker, David Mooney, PhD  
Robert B. Pinkas Family Professor of Bioengineering  
Harvard School of Engineering and Applied Sciences  
Presenting "Programming Cells in Situ with Polymers"

Dr. Mooney is a Core Faculty Member of the Wyss Institute for Biologically Inspired Engineering. His laboratory is focused on the design and synthesis of microenvironments, or niches, that regulate the fate of either transplanted cell populations or cells already resident in tissues. These polymeric systems mimic the native extracellular matrix in their spatiotemporal control of information presentation to cells, and may find special utility in controlling stem cell populations. The application of these systems includes the regeneration of damaged or diseased tissues (tissue engineering), or the targeted destruction of undesirable tissue masses in the body.

Dr. Mooney was previously a faculty member at the University of Michigan, and his education and training is from the University of Wisconsin, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and Harvard Medical School. He is a fellow of the American Institute of the Medical and Biological Engineering, an NIH MERIT awardee, and has received the NSF CAREER award, the Society for Biomaterials Clemson Award, and the IADR Distinguished Scientist Award. His inventions have been licensed by ten companies for development and he is active on industrial scientific advisory boards.

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# A Warm Welcome to our new Fellows

## Adult Reconstructive



**Jeffrey Arthur, DO**, earned his DO degree from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, and did a residency in Orthopaedic Surgery at St. Vincent Mercy Medical Center in Toledo.

## Spine



**Joshua Ellwitz, MD**, earned his MD degree from the Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee and he completed his residency in Orthopaedics at Michigan State University, Kalamazoo Center for Medical Studies.

## Trauma



**Thomas Jones, MD**, earned his MD degree from the Medical College of Georgia, Augusta and completed his residency in Orthopaedics at the University of Wisconsin in Madison.

## Hand/Upper Extremity

**Meryl Singer, MD**, earned her MD degree from the University of Arizona College of Medicine in Tucson, and completed residencies in General Surgery, Plastic Surgery, and Microsurgery at UC San Francisco.



**Vivek Mohan, MD**, earned his MD degree from and completed his Orthopaedics residency at the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Medicine



**William Min, MD**, earned his MD degree from the New Jersey Medical School in Newark. He completed a residency in both General and Orthopaedic Surgery at NYU Hospital for Joint Disease.



## Sports Medicine

### Pediatrics



**Lisa Maskill, MD**, earned her MD degree from Southern Illinois University School of Medicine in Springfield, and she did a residency in Orthopaedics at Grand Rapids Medical Education and Research Center, Michigan State University.



**Ho Lee, MD**, graduated from the Medical Science Training Program at UC Los Angeles, with an MD and PhD degree. He completed a residency in Orthopaedics at the Cleveland Clinic, and a fellowship in Adult Reconstructive Surgery at Stanford University.



**Chukwunye Osuji, MD**, earned his MD degree from Baylor College of Medicine in Houston and completed an Orthopaedic Surgery residency at UC Los Angeles.

# Accolades

**Dominik Haudenschild, PhD**, was awarded a Summer Salary Research Grant for \$4,000 for his "MicroRNA Response to Mechanical Stimulation in Human Articular Chondrocytes and Bone Marrow Stem Cells" proposal.



*Congratulations, Dr. Haudenschild!*



**Eric Klineberg, MD**, has received the AO Spine Hansjörg Wyss Research Award for \$30,000.

*Kudos, Dr. Klineberg!*

**Blaine Christiansen, PhD**, was accepted to participate in the *US Bone and Joint Decade's* Young Investigators Grant Mentoring Program for this fall.



*Congratulations, Dr. Christiansen!*

**Mark Lee, MD, (right) and J. Kent Leach, PhD**, Biomedical Engineering, were awarded a Department of Defense Peer Reviewed Orthopaedic Research Program FY09 Idea Development Award of more than \$400K over the next three years. Their research proposal is titled "NMP-Potentiated BMP-2 Presentation for Enhancing Bone Formation with Adipose Stem Cells."



*Great news, Dr. Lee and Dr. Leach!*



**Kirk Lewis, MD**, Sports Medicine Fellowship Director, was recently notified that our UC Davis Sports Medicine Fellowship Program received initial ACGME accreditation.

*Well done, Dr. Lewis!*



**Philip Wolinsky, MD**, has accepted to serve on the Faculty Personnel Committee for the School of Medicine for three years, effective September 1, 2010 to August 31, 2013.

*Bravo, Dr. Wolinsky!*

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*Save the  
date!*

## **Lipscomb Lectureship**

**Wednesday,  
November 3, 2010**

in the

Medical Education Bldg  
Room 1222

Reception begins at 5:30 pm  
Lecture at 6 pm

***with special guest speaker***

*Thomas Vail, MD*

Chair, Department of  
Orthopaedic Surgery, UCSF

*Dr. Vail will be presenting  
Updates in Joint Replacement*

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SPOTLIGHT ON OUR

## **FOOT AND ANKLE SERVICE**



The Orthopaedics Foot and Ankle Service at UC Davis has grown substantially since 2008 when Dr. Eric Giza accepted the position of service chief, and now has

two busy clinic and surgical days each week. The goals of the service are to provide Sacramento and Northern California with the highest quality of care for the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of foot and ankle injuries, and to provide the surrounding communities with a tertiary referral center for complex foot and ankle problems.

Dr. Giza continues to educate and train the PGY4 residents, and has

had numerous publications in the past two years. The highlight publications include a two-year outcome study on cartilage transplantation in the talus, a cadaver study on Achilles tendon repair with augmentation and a Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery publication on treatment of Achilles tendon rupture.

The Foot and Ankle Service began the Orthopaedic Summer Scholar program in 2009 by providing research opportunities to students interested in Orthopaedics between their first and second year of medical school. The 2009 candidate has one publication and two accepted abstracts, and the 2010 student developed a cadaver study protocol. This service will be expanding by adding a fellowship and a second faculty member in 2012 or 2013.

Dr. Giza participated as a faculty instructor at the Foot and Ankle Fellows Course in Naples, Florida in April 2010.

There, he instructed over 30 of the current Orthopaedic Foot and Ankle Fellows in the US. In July 2010, Dr. Giza presented an abstract, gave a lecture and moderated sessions at the American Orthopaedic Foot and Ankle Society Annual Meeting in Baltimore, Maryland. Dr. Giza continues to work with Major League Soccer as their medical information coordinator. In January 2011, Dr. Giza will present his work on the development of an injury and medical record system for Major League Soccer at the Annual Soccer Industry Sports Medicine Symposium.

