Donnis K. Harrison, MD elected President in 2014

Donnis Harrison, MD of Bienville Orthopaedic Specialists was recently elected President of the Mississippi Orthopaedic Society at the annual meeting of the state society in Oxford.

He has gained an immeasurable amount of experience in many aspects of general orthopaedics including Sports Medicine, Joint Replacement, and Trauma with a specialty interest in Shoulder and Elbow disorders and Sports Medicine.

After graduating from the University of Mississippi Medical Center, Dr. Harrison completed his orthopaedic residency at Medical College of Georgia.

In addition, Dr. Harrison completed a post-residency Fellowship program in Shoulder and Elbow in Dallas, TX to complement his broad experience in general orthopaedics.

Dr. Harrison is a Board certified surgeon dedicated to providing exceptional orthopaedic care.

Other recently elected board members for the Mississippi Orthopaedic Society are:

Vice President, Lance Line, MD of Southern Bone and Joint Specialists in Hattiesburg; Treasurer, Russell C. Linton, MD of Columbus Orthopaedic Clinic in Columbus; AAOS Councilor, George Russell, MD of the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson; Member at Large, Kurre Luber, MD of Oxford Orthopaedics and Sports Medicine in Oxford; Member at Large, William McCraney, MD of Capital Orthopaedic and Sports Medicine Center in Jackson; and Past President, Kerk Mehrle, MD of Mississippi Sports Medicine and Orthopaedic Center in Jackson.
The annual National Orthopaedic Leadership Conference was held this past May in Washington, DC. The event is attended by orthopedists from across the United States.

Members of the Mississippi Orthopaedic Society Board of Directors attend each year to learn more about policy issues affecting the specialty and to inform the Mississippi Congressional delegation of important issues to the practice area.

Members of the Mississippi Orthopaedic Society who attended this year’s conference were Dr. Kerk Mehrle, MOS President and Dr. George Russell, AAOS Councilor. Dr. Geoff Watson, Resident, the University of Mississippi Medical Center and Spence Flatgard of Capitol Resources attended as well.

CMS Confirms ICD-10 Deadline

October 1st, 2015, is the deadline for healthcare providers to implement the twice-delayed ICD-10 code set, federal officials confirm.

HHS will release the final rule, Administrative Simplification: Change to the Compliance Date for the International Classification of Diseases, 10th Revision (ICD–10–CM and ICD-10-PCS) Medical Data Code Sets, in the Federal Register August 4.

The one-year delay will allow US healthcare providers to reap the benefits of ICD-10 as soon as possible and is also the least expensive option, HHS stated in the final rule.

CMS was adamant about keeping October 1, 2014, as the compliance date. However, Congress passed H.R. 4302, “Protecting Access to Medicare Act of 2014” in March. The bill included this statement:

• The Secretary of Health and Human Services may not, prior to October 1, 2015, adopt ICD–10 code sets as the standard for code sets under section 1173(c) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1320d–2(c)) and section 162.1002 of title 45, Code of Federal Regulations.

President Obama signed the bill into law April 1 and as a result, HHS was forced to move the ICD-10 implementation date.
Though born in Havre de Grace, Maryland on the Chesapeake Bay, Dr. Cole originally comes from a small New England town outside of Boston, but moved when he was ten to Caracas, Venezuela with his family where he spent almost four years developing a love for the Latin culture and a fluency in Spanish. The family moved to Lighthouse Point, Florida, where he spent his High School years and which has been a family home base for many years. The other lasting home base and his emotional favorite is Cape Cod, Massachusetts to where all the Coles escape annually.

He received his undergraduate degree from Emory University in Atlanta, before taking a two year research fellowship position at Washington University in Saint Louis, the city from which his lovely wife Nancy hails. After this influential period in an elite diabetes and vascular research laboratory, he moved back to South Florida to attend the University of Miami School of Medicine.

He subsequently fulfilled his internship and residency at Brown University in Providence before two sequential fellowships in Orthopaedic Traumatology at Brown University-Rhode Island hospital and then at Harborview Medical Center in Seattle, Washington. He took his first academic position at the University of Mississippi School of Medicine in Jackson, where he began to develop new techniques for complex orthopaedic pathology, as well as a profound sense of responsibility to indigent care and missions.

He was recruited by the University of Minnesota Department Chair in 2002 to build an orthopaedic trauma division for the Regions Hospital Level I Trauma Center in Saint Paul. Within a few years, HealthPartners wanted to help grow, under his leadership and collaboration with the University, a full service line orthopaedic department which has become one of the most influential Orthopaedic practices in the Twin Cities.

As a full time Professor, of the University of Minnesota, practicing out of Regions Hospital, Dr. Cole has developed a worldwide reputation as an educator and researcher on advanced trauma topics including surgery of complex joint injuries, bone malunions, pelvic ring injuries. He is a leading expert in minimally invasive fracture care and complex shoulder girdle injury, and has the largest experience on record for the treatment of scapula fractures. Underlying these clinical, administrative, and investigative accomplishments is a passion for creative problem solving and an undying desire for the betterment of medicine for The Patient.

Dr. Cole and his wife Nancy founded and operate a medical ministry in the Peruvian Amazon called Scalpel At The Cross. www.scalpelatthecross.org

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Most Sincere Thanks to Dr. Kurre Luber

The MOS Board of Directors gratefully acknowledges Dr. Kurre Luber for his service as Program Chairman for the Mississippi Orthopaedic Society Annual Meetings for the past three years in Biloxi and Oxford. Dr. Luber’s dedication to assembling an exceptional panel of speakers and topics for the Annual Meetings is sincerely appreciated.

Dr. Kurre Luber joined Oxford Orthopaedics and Sports Medicine in 2008. Prior to his professional return to Oxford, Dr. Luber was an honors graduate of the University of Mississippi and obtained his medical degree from the University of Missouri Medical School. Dr. Luber’s professional training in orthopedic surgery includes his residency in orthopedic surgery at the University of Mississippi Medical Center. During residency, Dr. Luber completed an AO International Orthopedic Trauma Fellowship in York, England. Rounding out his hands-on training, residency was followed by an accredited fellowship in sports medicine and arthroscopic surgery at the Tulane Institute of Sports Medicine and Mississippi Sports Medicine and Orthopedic Center where he trained under distinguished, world renowned surgeons. During his training, he also assisted in the management of athletes with the NFL New Orleans Saints and Colleges: Tulane, Jackson State, Alcorn State, Mississippi Valley State, Millsaps, and Belhaven Universities.

Dr. Luber currently serves as an Orthopedic Surgeon and Sports Medicine Specialist for The University of Mississippi (Ole Miss) athletic teams. As an Orthopedic Surgeon for Ole Miss’s Health and Sports Performance program, Dr. Luber is dedicated to both prevention and treatment of sports related injuries. Dr. Luber utilizes his specialty in sports and arthroscopic surgery to care for Ole Miss athletes of all sports and active people of all ages. Dr. Luber performs minimally invasive arthroscopic surgery of the shoulder, elbow, wrist, hip, knee and ankle joints.

Dr. Luber’s accomplishments and drive have not gone unnoticed by fellow medical professionals as he was selected by orthopedic colleagues as a member of the American Orthopedic Association Emerging Leaders Program. Dr. Luber also received the Citizenship Award during his year as Chief Orthopedic Resident at the University of Mississippi Medical Center.

Dr. Luber and his wife, Tara, live in Oxford with their three children where they remain active in community activities.
ALEXANDER D. BLEVENS, MD

Dr. Alexander D. Blevens is an orthopaedic surgeon practicing with Bienville Orthopaedic Specialists. He is board certified by the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery and has a Certificate of Added Qualification in Hand Surgery by the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery. Dr. Blevens attended medical school at Northwestern University in Chicago, Illinois and completed his orthopaedic residency at Loyola University Medical Center in Maywood, Illinois. He then completed a Hand Surgery Fellowship at Loma Linda University Medical Center in Loma Linda, California. Due to his special interest, training and expertise in hand surgery, the majority of Dr. Blevens’ practice involves the surgical reconstruction and rehabilitation of degenerative, traumatic, congenital and inflammatory conditions of the hand, wrist and elbow. Dr. Blevens believes that communication and knowledge are the keys to providing the finest medical care.

Dr. Blevens is a former President of the Mississippi Orthopaedic Society and served on the Executive Committee from 1999 - 2011. He served as the representative for the State of Mississippi on the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons Board of Councilors from January 2005 – 2010.

Dr. Blevens has participated, as a member of MS Orthopaedic Society and AAOS, in numerous National Orthopaedic Leadership Conferences in Washington, D.C. He has been involved in support of legislative issues affecting healthcare, the practice of orthopaedics as well as the patients served by orthopaedic surgeons.

Dr. Blevens encourages membership in the Mississippi Orthopaedic Society. He feels that membership provides opportunities for Orthopaedic colleagues throughout the state to communicate and unite on current issues involving patient care, research, recruitment and many other orthopaedic practice issues. He encourages members to attend MOS Annual Meetings and other regional MOS Meetings which gives attendees the opportunity to network, establish and foster relationships, and learn from each other.

When not practicing, Dr. Blevens enjoys tennis, backpacking and reading.

JAMES MOSS, JR., MD

James Moss, Jr., is a native of Jackson, Mississippi and received his undergraduate degree from the University of Mississippi in Engineering. While attending the University of Mississippi Medical Center, Moss received a number of awards including the Donald T. Imrie Orthopaedic Award presented to the senior medical student for outstanding performance. More recently, Moss was awarded the Orthopaedic In Training Exam Award for the highest score on the OITE. Moss currently serves as Orthopaedic Representative to the GME Residency Review Subcommittee.

In his spare time, Dr. Moss enjoys spending time with his wife Britney and their two sons. His other interests include carpentry, hunting, fishing and playing sports.
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