

COUR 2011 VISITING SCHOLARS AT POSNA ANNUAL MEETING



Hitesh Shah, MD is Associate Professor, Department of Orthopaedics, Kasturba Medical College, Manipal, India 576104 and has been in this position since 2007.

He completed his pediatric orthopaedic fellowship at Kasturba Medical College, Manipal from 2005 to 2007.

During his scholarship visit his POSNA sponsor was Dr Viral Jain of Cincinnati Children's Hospital.

He attended the POSNA Annual Meeting, 11-14 May, 2011, Montreal, Canada. At a special POSNA COUR meeting, Dr. Shah presented the talk "Delivering Pediatric Orthopaedics Care in India".

His research and clinical interests include: CPT, Perthes, tibial hemimelia, skeletal dysplasia, clubfoot and congenital knee dislocation

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Francel Alexis, MD is currently a Pediatric Orthopaedic Fellow at Adventist Hospital, Port au Prince, Haiti.

His home Les Cayes, Haiti, which is in the far western section of the country.

He graduated from Haiti State University Hospital, Port-au Prince, Haiti. During 2010-2011 he received CURE fellowship to train at the Cure Hospital in the Dominican Republic and at the Adventist Hospital in Port-au-Prince, where he plans to continue working after he completes the fellowship.

He attended the 2011 POSNA meeting in Montreal. His sponsor was Robert Cady MD, Syracuse, NY. He had an opportunity to visit Baxter Willis before the meeting, May 1-6, 2011.

His academic interests include: clubfoot, scoliosis, congenital limb deformity and lengthening, osteomyelitis, tumors. At the annual meeting he gave a presentation on the challenges of clubfoot care and pediatric orthopaedics in Haiti.

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COUR 2010 VISITING SCHOLARS at IPOS



Since September 2001, **Atul Rajeshwar Bhaskar MD** has served as Assistant Professor of Orthopaedics, KJ Somaiya Medical College, Mumbai, India.

He is presently working as a Paediatric Orthopaedic Consultant, Bombay Hospital Institute of Medical Sciences.

His clinical fellowship was at the Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto 2000-2001

For the POSNA scholarship, his sponsor was Dr. Toni Herring, TSRH.

He attended IPOS 2010, Orlando and did an observership at Texas Scottish Rite Hospital from 1 Dec 2010 until 17 Dec 2010.

Academic interests include social and economic factors in recurrence of clubfoot deformity, DDH, pediatric orthopaedics and pediatric spine and also neglected paediatric trauma. Dr. Bhaskar has written a textbook on the care of children's fractures, which is widely sold and read in India. Kaye Wilkins wrote that Atul has the potential to be the 'Mercer Rang' of India, and that he has the gift of making paediatric fracture care simple and accessible to other doctors.

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Mahzad Javid, MD has worked at Milad Hospital, Tehran Iran, since March 2008.

Her fellowship training was at The Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto.

Sponsor: J Eric Gordon, Washington University.

Research interests include one stage shoulder release and tendon transfer for obstetrical birth paralysis in older children, which was accepted for presentation at the 2008 POSNA Annual Meeting.

Kaye Wilkins has described her as one of the rising stars in pediatric orthopaedics in both her country and Europe and is well respected by her orthopedic peers as a leader in pediatric orthopedic education in Iran.

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Taral Vishni Nagda MD

Director and Chief Pediatric Surgeon Institute of Pediatric Orthopedic Disorders, Parakh Hospital, Mumbai India, since 2005.

His sponsors were Kay Wilkins and Andy Sullivan.

He attended IPOS, Orlando 2010. And visited with Dr. Wilkins and Dr. Sullivan after the meeting.

Clinical interests include: Pediatric Fractures, spinal deformities, cerebral palsy.

By organizing several POSI-POSNA outreach courses in India and Bangladesh, Dr. Nagda has become one of the leaders in outreach continuing education in India.

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COUR 2010 VISITING SCHOLARS AT POSNA ANNUAL MEETING

This year's two visiting scholars distinguish themselves by having attained medical degrees and training in countries with limited resources that have recently undergone dramatic social upheavals, military conflicts, and significant loss of civilian lives. Through their dedication and hard work, each has risen to esteemed positions of medical leadership and teaching in their countries to enhance the treatment of children with musculoskeletal problems.



Dr. Vuthy Chhoeurn is a general surgeon from Phnom Penh, Cambodia who pursued a trauma fellowship at the Leuven University in Belgium and pediatric orthopaedic fellowship experience in Springfield, Illinois and Brisbane, Australia. He now works in the major pediatric hospital in Cambodia where he teaches pediatric orthopaedics to surgical residents, noting that orthopaedics is one of the least developed fields in Cambodia. His major interests reside in the Ponseti method of clubfoot casting and the correction of lower limb deformities in children.

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Dr. Thanh Van Do is from Danang, Vietnam, having trained in orthopaedic surgery in Danang and pediatric orthopaedic surgery in Hanoi. From 2003-2009 he spent one to three months on four different occasions at the Seattle Children's Hospital and also at hospitals in California. His interests lie in the use of the Ponseti casting treatment for clubfeet and the results of early surgical management of DDH. As the Vice-Chair of orthopaedic surgery at the Danang Orthopaedic and Rehabilitation Hospital where he is a pediatric orthopaedic surgeon, he is emerging as one of the leaders in pediatric orthopaedics in Vietnam.

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COUR 2009 VISITING SCHOLARS AT POSNA ANNUAL MEETING



2009 COUR Scholars to Boston. From left to right: Kongkham Sounthavong, MD (Laos), Ali A Ahmed Al-Iedan, MD (Iraq), Eliiha Nzeki Muteti (Kenya), Thy Vann, MD (Cambodia).

Kongkham Sounthavong, MD, kongkham@laotel.com, Vientiane, Laos PDR. Dr. Sounthavong received much of his orthopaedic education in France, including one year pediatric orthopaedic surgery training at Nancy Hospital of University Center as well as additional training in plastic, reconstructive and reparative surgery in Paris. Dr. Sounthavong is currently on staff at the Friendship Hospital in Vientiane and is deputy head of orthopaedic surgery. As the only pediatric orthopaedic surgeon in Laos, he has taken on the responsibility of training other surgeons and students. He is considered the best person in Laos to develop a pediatric orthopaedic program for the country. Research interests include etiology and treatment of congenital foot disorders, supracondylar fractures of the humerus in children, treatment osteomyelitis, LCP in Laos, treatment of congenital pseudarthrosis in NF1 and intramedullary elastic nailing. Sponsor is Fred Dietz, University of Iowa. Post meeting visit is planned to University of Iowa. At the COUR symposium Dr. Sounthavong presented a 6 year follow-up of pseudarthrosis of the tibia and fibula.

Ali A Ahmed Al-Iedan, MD, draliedan@yahoo.com, Basrah Iraq. He is currently a lecturer at Basrah Medical School. Dr. Al-Iedan has overcome tremendous adversity to develop his interest and expertise in pediatric orthopaedics in Iraq. Research projects have included “Missile hand injuries in Basrah” and “Skeletal traction in older children with DDH”. His desire is to become the first true pediatric orthopaedic surgeon in Iraq. Dr. Al-Iedan was sponsored by Dr. James Roach. His plans for the scholarship include a visit to Salt Lake Shriners Hospital before the 2009 Annual meeting in Boston and to

TSRH after the meeting. Dr. Al-Iedan had previously visited Salt Lake and San Antonio in 2007. At the COUR symposium, Dr Al-Iedan presented “Infected non-union fracture of the femur with marked shortening”.

Eliiha Nzeki Muteti, enmuteti@yahoo.com or emuteti@curekenya.org, lives in Kijabe Kenya. He currently works at the AIC-Cure International children’s hospital and is a staff member and honorary lecturer at Moi University. He was trained at the only approved orthopaedic residency at that time in East Africa, Kampala, Uganda. Since his return to Kenya, he has been a leader and teacher in the new orthopaedic residency in Kenya and was actively involved in initiating this program in 2008. Research interests have included quadriceps fibrosis, femoral neck fractures with femur fractures and mirror hand ulna dimelia. He is a dedicated pediatric orthopaedic surgeon and is known to be soft-spoken, humble intelligent and hard working. He is sponsored by Marybeth Ezaki with a planned trip to TSRH after the 2009 annual meeting in Boston. At the COUR symposium Dr. Muteti presented a talk on infected non union of the femur with fibrous dysplasia.

Thy Vann, MD of Siem Reap, Cambodia, vannthy2003@yahoo.com. He attended University of Health Sciences, Phnom Penh and did some fellowship training in Singapore in 2006. Since 2001 he has worked at the Ankor Hospital for Children as a general pediatric surgeon. In his current position Dr. Vann is responsible for the general surgical needs of a large population of children at his hospital. This included all of the pediatric orthopaedics surgery. Because of the historic problems in Cambodia and a loss of a generation of educated physicians, there is no pediatric orthopaedic surgeon at the hospital. Dr. Vann is sponsored by Desmond Brown, Boston University and plans a visit with him as well as to Children’s Hospital, Boston, after the meeting. Dr. Brown has been working with Dr. Vann in Cambodia to develop pediatric orthopaedic surgical capabilities.