

# Orthopaedics Department Endowments

Thank you for your support of our work in Orthopaedics at MetroHealth. Your generosity helps patients receive the best care possible, and it provides tomorrow's caregivers with invaluable experience. Your partnership makes it all possible. I'm pleased to share an update and highlights from the past year.

## **FUND UPDATES**

# Clyde L. Nash Jr., MD Professorship in Orthopaedic Education

The annual Clyde L. Nash, Jr. MD Professorship in Orthopaedic Education events are held each May and feature two lectures by a visiting professor and patient case presentations by faculty, fellows and staff from Case Western Reserve University academic departments. The 2023 event featured Visiting Professor Stuart Weinstein, MD, Ignacio V. Ponseti Chair and Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery and Professor of Pediatrics at the University of lowa.

Dr. Weinstein is an internationally known pediatric spine surgeon and longtime friend of Dr. and Mrs. Nash. The event was well attended by 100+ residents and attending physicians from the major Cleveland hospitals.

#### Orthopaedic Research Endowment (ORE)

In 2023, the ORE helped to support:

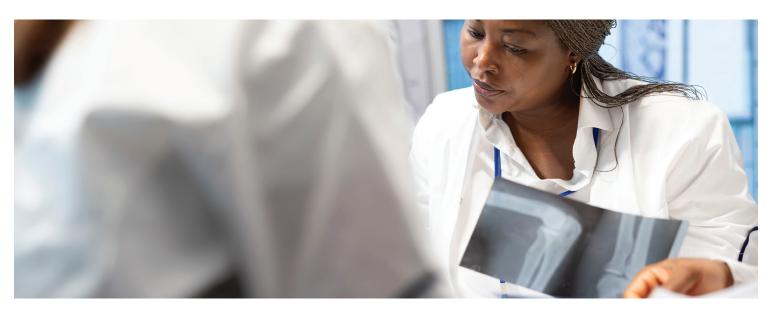
 New technical engineering staff in the MetroHealth Center for Rehabilitation Research. These staff are developing implantable medical devices (neuroprostheses) that enable individuals who are paralyzed from a spinal cord injury to regain functions

- such as the ability to use utensils, write, control their bladder, and, in some cases, stand up and take steps. ORE funding is critical to supporting new staff while they work to become self-sufficient through federal grants.
- Pilot research studying skin impedance to measure blood pressure. If successful, this work may result in an easily wearable (or possibly implantable) device for measuring blood pressure to warn the individual of potentially dangerous changes in blood pressure (hypertension or hypotension), allowing early treatment in a manner that is not possible today.

### Hansjörg Wyss Professorship in Orthopaedic Traumatology

- Since 1995, this endowment has provided support for an orthopaedic trauma fellow, conference attendance and orthopaedic trauma research. It has also supported advanced educational opportunities, including a digital preoperative planning platform. Recent orthopaedic trauma fellows have included Mohammed Saad Malik, MD, in 2022-2023 and Boshen Liu, MD, in 2023-2024.
- The inaugural Wyss Visiting Professorship event will occur in fall 2024. Event details and the speaker are being planned.





# **DEPARTMENT UPDATES**

New MetroHealth Orthopaedic staff includes:



**Anas Saleh, MD**Orthopaedic reconstruction and total joint arthroplasty



**Baris Yildirim, MD**Hand and upper extremity
with special interest in shoulder
arthroplasty



**Jensen Kolaczko, MD**Sports medicine with special training in hip arthroscopy



**Alex Benedick, MD**Orthopaedic trauma with special interest in deformity correction



Thank you again for your role in making these activities possible through your vital support. The echo of your generosity can be heard for years to come, and for that, we are infinitely grateful.

With gratitude,

John H. Wilber, MD Chair, Orthopaedics