Mission

The Steadman-Hawkins Research Foundation is dedicated to keeping people of all ages physically active through orthopaedic research and education in the areas of arthritis, healing, rehabilitation, and injury prevention.

History

Founded in 1988 by orthopaedic surgeon Dr. J. Richard Steadman, the Foundation is an independent, tax-exempt (IRS code 501(c)(3)) charitable organization. Known throughout the world for its research into the causes, prevention, and treatment of orthopaedic disorders, the Steadman-Hawkins Research Foundation is committed to solving orthopaedic problems that limit an individual’s ability to maintain an active life. In 1990, Dr. Steadman was joined by renowned shoulder surgeon Dr. Richard J. Hawkins. Together, they brought the Foundation’s research production in knee and shoulder studies to a new level.
The Foundation has influenced the practice of orthopaedics — from diagnosis to rehabilitation. Recognizing that the body's innate healing powers can be harnessed and manipulated to improve the healing process has led to exciting advances in surgical techniques that are used today by orthopaedists in many practices. The microfracture technique, for example, is now accepted as a treatment that may make it possible to postpone or even eliminate the need for knee replacement surgery.

One of the largest independent orthopaedic research institutes in the world, the Steadman•Hawkins Research Foundation has become one of the most productive and innovative foundations in orthopaedic research and education. Philanthropic gifts are used to advance scientific research and to support scholarly academic programs that train physicians for the future. Through its Fellowship Program, the Foundation has now built a network of 130 Fellows and associates worldwide who share the advanced ideas and communicate the concepts they learned in Vail.

The Foundation’s primary areas of research and education are:

- **Basic Science Research** - Undertakes studies to investigate the mysteries of degenerative arthritis, cartilage regeneration, and arthritic changes in the knee and shoulder.
- **Clinical Research** - Conducts "process" and "outcomes" orthopaedic research that aids both physicians and patients in making better-informed treatment decisions.
- **Biomechanics Research Laboratory** - Performs knee and shoulder computer modeling and related studies in an effort to reduce the need for surgical repair.
- **Education and Fellowship Program** - Administers and coordinates the physicians-in-residence Fellowship Program, hosts conferences and international medical meetings, and produces and distributes publications and videotapes.

Since its inception, the Foundation has helped people of all ages remain physically active through orthopaedic research and education. It continues to pursue its goals of:

- Understanding and enlisting the body's innate ability to heal.
- Designing and validating surgical and rehabilitation techniques, as well as non-operative treatments for arthritis.
- Producing and publishing scientifically validated research in leading medical and scientific journals.
Dear Friends:
In this 2004 Annual Report you will read about the work and achievements of our dedicated staff. You will learn of the discoveries of Dr. William G. Rodkey, Director of Basic Science Research and a leading contributor to the universal success of microfracture, a procedure to grow repair cartilage. In 2004, Dr. Rodkey's Basic Science Research team continued to work on improving microfracture and cartilage healing. For the first time, they were able to demonstrate that an experimental model of cartilage healing using gene therapy can be used to successfully enhance the growth and repair of cartilage.

In the Clinical Research Department, Karen Briggs, M.P.H., M.B.A., has maintained the largest database of surgical details and outcomes in the world, with comprehensive records of more than 12,000 knee and nearly 3,000 shoulder surgeries. The information stored in the database has been the source for numerous peer-reviewed publications written by the Foundation. More importantly, the work of Ms. Briggs has allowed researchers to identify risk factors for arthritis and has led to significant discoveries that will help prevent this leading cause of disability worldwide.

Dr. Michael R. Torry and his team in the Biomechanics Research Laboratory are successfully mapping joints and creating three-dimensional models that mimic natural movements and pressures. Using computer technology, they are determining how muscles, tendons, and ligaments are stressed during various activities. Knowing how and why injury and disease occur can be the first step in successful prevention and treatment. Though still in its infancy, three-dimensional modeling is giving physicians and researchers incredible views and increased understanding of why less-invasive surgical treatments are effective in restoring normal load bearing in joints. This understanding will allow physicians to select procedures that are most appropriate for the individual patient. The development of a virtual shoulder model has been a top priority for the laboratory and in 2004 the work continued to scientifically validate the model. Once in use, this technology will help us understand how the shoulder moves and which muscles and ligaments are involved.

Academic medicine continues to take notice of our research. The number of publications in medical journals is a primary consideration in assessing the strength of an academic department or organization. The three major medical journals in orthopaedic sports medicine are the Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery, the American Journal of Sports Medicine, and Arthroscopy. The Foundation tracked its number of publications in these journals from 2002 to 2004 and compared the results to four other top academic programs. The Steadman-Hawkins Research Foundation ranked first in number of publications in these three journals. This is important to us because we want to be sure that our research findings are disseminated to the broader world of orthopaedics for the benefit of mankind. But publications would be just basic research reports without practical application. In this report you will meet Al Perkins and learn of his 25-year journey to remain active so he could continue to participate in his son's activities. His search allowed him to benefit from the Foundation's development of joint preservation techniques.

For 16 years, we've helped people such as Al perform at their highest level possible, but the name "Sports Medicine" implies that we only treat athletes. In reality, our research has benefited people from all walks of life. And thanks to our many donors and supporters, the Foundation is a world leader in orthopaedic research. Because of this, we changed our name to the Steadman-Hawkins Research Foundation.
We’re giving credit where credit is due. This Foundation was created for the purpose of keeping people active for life—elite athletes, weekend warriors, high school heroes, mid-lifers, and even those of us who hung up our skis, cleats, and baseball gloves many years ago. We all benefit from the work of the Steadman™ Hawkins Research Foundation, and the Foundation benefits tremendously from you. Since 1990, the Foundation has spent $25 million on research, education, and support programs. We could not have done this without the commitment, dollars, and concerns of many individuals.

The desire of each of us to lead a full, active life has been the driving force for the groundbreaking treatment protocols pioneered by the Foundation and its unique philosophy of treating and helping prevent degenerative arthritis. Because we believe that the body’s own tissue is the optimum restorative medium, we’re focused on how the body heals itself and on developing leading-edge research and treatment techniques to harness and accelerate that ability.

But our commitment does not end here. We’re also dedicated to sharing what we learn through our world-renowned Fellowship Program, thousands of scientific research papers and presentations, and a clinical database. Of course, there’s a great deal more to be done and we need continued support to do it.

Our core values haven’t changed, and our dedication will never waiver. It’s an exciting time at the Steadman™ Hawkins Research Foundation— one we hope to share with you.

Sincerely yours,

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An Active Legacy

Dr. Richard Steadman wants to be known for far more than surgically salvaging the careers of superstar athletes.

By David O. Williams

Editor’s note: This article first appeared in the holiday 2004 edition of Vail Beaver Creek magazine.

Dr. Richard Steadman’s skills with a scalpel have earned Olympic medals, NFL sack records, Super Bowl rings and countless world championships, but the “surgeon of the stars” would much rather be remembered for something other than salvaging or prolonging the careers of skiers such as Phil Mahre, Picabo Street, and Bode Miller and football greats such as Joe Montana, John Elway, and Bruce Smith. “Steady,” as a bevy of hall-of-fame athletes call him, would rather be known as the doc who kept millions of weekend warriors out on the links or on the slopes late into life.

“I’d much prefer to be known for figuring out a procedure that helps people with arthritis, or gets people back in action that have had cartilage injuries, or an easier way to recover from an ACL surgery,” says Steadman. “I’d rather be known for that than the fact that I’ve treated some famous athletes. I’m proud to have treated them, and I’m honored that they came to me, but if I wanted to be known for something, I’d rather be known for these things that affect everybody, me included.”

One of the key factors that led Steadman to relocate his practice to Vail, Colorado, from the Lake Tahoe area in 1990 was the degree to which the community embraced his non-profit scientific research and education efforts. The Steadman Hawkins Research Foundation has tracked more than 12,000 knee surgeries — one of the largest orthopaedic databases in the world — and has meticulously conducted research validating a slew of successful breakthrough surgical techniques.

Microfracture, which regenerates cartilage in joints by using small incisions, was used only by about one percent of orthopaedic surgeons worldwide in 1994. Ten years later, that statistic is up to 85 percent, and while his Clinic has blazed the trail in performing the revolutionary technique, it was the Foundation that painstakingly validated its effectiveness and shared it with the world.

“(Steadman) is willing to push the envelope,” says three-time overall World Cup champion Phil Mahre, whose ankle was rebuilt by Steadman less than a year before he won a silver medal at the 1980 Winter Olympics in Lake Placid. “They’re willing to try new things and do new things, and it just furthers everybody’s careers and everybody’s athletic experience, whether you’re a competitive athlete or just an average Joe who wants to be competitive on weekends.”

Mahre, who went on to win a gold medal at the 1984 Winter Olympics in Sarajevo, has benefited from Steadman’s expertise both as an elite athlete and as a backyard ballplayer. Mahre’s second Steadman surgery was a healing response 10 years after the man who is arguably America’s greatest ski racer of all time had retired. He had torn his ACL playing flag football.

Degenerative arthritis, the debilitating deterioration of joint cartilage, impacts one in three adults and more than half of everyone over the age of 65. And his office may be plastered with tributes from his three decades of operating on world-class athletes, but the soft-spoken and unassuming Steadman seems sincere when he says it’s the millions of lives touched by the acceptance and spread of microfracture surgery that bring him the most joy.

“It’s always fun to treat an elite athlete, but there’s only about a thousand of them in the world, so there’s no way you can treat all of them anyway, and there are millions of people who want to be athletic, so that’s really our Foundation’s focus,” Steadman says.

“That’s where we’re really going with this Foundation, to help that person, and I’m honored that high-profile people come see me, but if I’m going to be remembered for something, I’d rather it be more on the side of the things that the Foundation is doing than being somebody’s doctor.”

The concept of a charitable research and education foundation was born in 1988 while Steadman was still based in Tahoe. It started as a mechanism for taking the guesswork out of his practice by studying, tracking, and validating various surgical techniques. Very early on, Steadman decided none of the data the Foundation uncovered should be privileged.

“We’ve taken the path that if we come up with a good idea proven at the Foundation, then we provide that to physicians worldwide,” Steadman says. “So frequently we adopt a
technique and it helps people around the world instead of just helping us in our practice.

“So I think that’s the thing that distinguishes us from business. If IBM comes up with an idea, they put a screen around it, whereas if we come up with an idea that’s good, and we’ve actually come up with some ideas that are good, it becomes an honor for us to have other people accept our ideas in areas that we work on.”

The Foundation is one of the most highly regarded in the orthopaedic community, frequently publishing influential papers and attracting top surgeons from around the world to its fellowship program. Ask people from far-flung places what they know about Vail, and the first thing they’ll say is it’s a great place to ski, but then, surprisingly, many will mention that famous clinic where all the athletes go to be repaired after career-threatening injuries.

Steadman and his shoulder-and-arm-specialist partner Dr. Richard “Hawk” Hawkins are perhaps victims of their own wild success when it comes to their public image. Surgical consultants for the Denver Broncos, Steadman and Hawkins have also operated on everyone including Monica Seles right after she was stabbed by a deranged fan.

So it should come as no surprise that the media tend to fixate on the famous and that reporters’ eyes glaze over when the topic turns to cutting-edge biomechanics research or the latest peer-reviewed article in a leading medical journal. It’s tough then for the general public to make the distinction between the famous for-profit Clinic and a charity-funded Foundation that relies primarily on the largess of donors.

“I think some people just misunderstand the Clinic and the Foundation,” says Steadman. “Although they work hand-in-hand, the physicians don’t have any income from the Clinic and the Foundation, the nonprofit organization receives funds from past patients who are indoctrinated in the role the Foundation plays in substantiating and improving the surgical and rehabilitation techniques.

Then there are the special events such as the Colorado Classic, a weekend of dinners, wine tastings and golf at the Sonnenalp Golf Club in August that raises about five percent of the foundation’s annual operating budget.

“At an event like this the money raised is going directly to the Foundation—not straight into the hands of Drs. Steadman and Hawkins at the Clinic,” says Foundation board member and 11-time Steadman patient Cindy Nelson. She was the first American to win a World Cup downhill (1974) and a bronze medalist at the 1976 Winter Olympics in Innsbruck, Austria. “In fact, the doctors are some of the biggest contributors to the Foundation.”

Nelson was Steadman’s first elite athlete patient in 1972 and was later working as the director of skiing at Vail when Steadman was considering relocating from Tahoe. Nelson and the owner of Vail at the time, George Gillett, were instrumental in persuading the surgeon to head east. But as a Foundation board member and former superstar patient, Nelson perhaps better than anyone understands the challenges of differentiating the work of the Foundation from the high-profile successes of the Clinic.

“Because they’ve become so famous and so expert at what they do, they’ve created their own recognition. That’s a good thing because it has a ring of quality to it, but it sometimes has a negative impact in that people think we’re talking Clinic when we’re really talking Foundation. We wrestle with it on the board all the time,” Nelson says.

“We have a need for people to understand that the Foundation is not the Clinic, and that the Foundation actually supports the work of doctors in the Steadman-Hawkins Clinic as well as worldwide.”

Despite her extensive surgical history, Nelson continues to live an incredibly active lifestyle, and she attributes it to the work of Steadman, through both the Clinic and the Foundation. “Here I am, 11 surgeries later, I’m very active. I had
some bad injuries and I'm really in the middle of my life and I want to continue to stay active. I don't want these injuries to become so arthritic that I become lame or I can't do things pain-free,” Nelson says. “I believe that the work that has been done by this Foundation will have a great enough impact on the medical profession that, in my future, I can be as active as I want to be for as long as I want to be. That is great. I feel a sense of relief.”

But Nelson is a rarity—an athlete who gets it when it comes to the Foundation. She thinks it’s critical to educate athletes on the role of the Foundation so they can become de facto spokespersons for its invaluable research and education work. That tireless analysis led to microfracture surgery and its groundbreaking technique of tapping into the body’s own stem cells to regenerate cartilage, but most athletes—and the general public for that matter—don’t realize the depth of the Foundation’s critical contributions. Miller, for example, likely does not fully grasp how the Foundation helped develop and validate healing response. He only knows that it helped get him back on skis in time for the Olympics.

“He got a great benefit from the Foundation,” Steadman says. “Ten years from now he might be able to focus on it, but right now he’s focused on his career.” Indeed, with age comes wisdom. Phil Mahre’s brother, Steve, who finished with a silver medal right behind his sibling at the 1984 Winter Olympics, clearly understands the importance of the work going on at the Foundation. Also an 11-time Steadman patient, he has had four microfracture surgeries.

“For me, what the Foundation is doing is studying physical well-being, trying to focus more on prevention and that side of things and get the message out to people that this is what you have to do to prolong the joint’s health to make it work longer for you down the road,” Steve Mahre says. “Also, they’re trying to learn what is causing some of the injuries and how you can try to prevent them from happening.”

It’s definitely not as sexy as patching up John Elway’s shoulder in time for him to finally win two Super Bowl rings late in his career. It’s not as career-prolonging as getting All-Pro defensive lineman Bruce Smith back on the field for another five years so he could set the all-time quarterback-sack record. But it’s important work nonetheless, particularly if you’re a weekend duffer who can’t stand the thought of not being able to go out to try and break a hundred on the local links.

A Lasting Legacy

In some respects, it’s too late. The Steadman-Hawkins name will always be associated with greatness. When you resurrect or prolong the careers of such legendary athletes as tennis greats Martina Navratilova, Billy Jean King, and Lindsay Davenport, golf superstar Greg Norman, NFL Hall-of-Famer Dan Marino, singer/songwriter Judy Collins, and countless stars in every sport from skiing to baseball to hockey, it’s bound to cement your reputation as the surgeons of the rich and famous.

Internationally, Steadman-Hawkins has become synonymous with soccer, or football as it’s known outside our borders, for the Clinic’s work on such global sensations as Ronaldo, Alessandro Del Piero, Oliver Kahn, and Lothar Matthaus.Hardly household names in the States, but only a visit by David Beckham would garner more worldwide media attention than that quartet.

But for all the glitz and glam of slicing and dicing celebs, the serious side of Steadman-Hawkins always finds its way to the forefront. Take, for example, a former Foundation fellow stationed at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Maj. John Tokish, M.D. He used his knowledge obtained at Steadman-Hawkins while commanding a Mobile Forward Surgical Team in Afghanistan, treating U.S. Special Forces troops shortly after the invasion.

Soldiers, civilians, elite athletes, or weekend warriors, everyone wants to stay mobile and active after injuries, Steadman says. Helping people realize that dream is what he wants as his lasting legacy.

“The more people realize that it’s not just the famous people, the better,” Dr. Steadman concludes. “I think there’s just as much satisfaction getting somebody back who has had not a career-ending, but a recreation- or athletics-ending injury. A high-profile athlete can find 20 doctors who will take care of him, and fortunately for me, a lot of them come here. But the standard person who just wants to stay active, he or she doesn’t have that access, so what we’re trying to do is create that access.”
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He knew it was a serious injury the moment it happened. Al Perkins, a 215-pound defensive back at the University of New Hampshire, took a hit to the side of his left knee. It caused an anterior cruciate ligament tear and the loss of a piece of cartilage nearly the size of a quarter.

What Perkins didn’t know was that the injury would be the beginning of a 25-year journey that led him to be a Steadman-Hawkins patient, then a member of the Steadman-Hawkins Research Foundation Board of Directors, and now co-chairman of the Foundation’s Development Committee.

“After the injury, we just let it sit for a few months,” remembers Perkins. “Back then, treatment was based as much on a gut feeling as anything else. I went through the usual physical therapy routines, but there was just too much pain and I eventually had reconstructive knee surgery. After the surgery, I was looking at a life that would have been vastly diminished by severe arthritis. Within the next decade I was told to stop running and playing basketball, and to limit skiing. Bicycling and walking a golf course caused unbearable pain and swelling. The prognosis was bleak. After having been involved in sports all of my life, the thought of having a knee replacement at the age of 36 was depressing and unacceptable.

“By the 1990s, my activity was even more limited,” says Perkins. “This was particularly disappointing because my son was becoming increasingly involved in skiing, soccer, and baseball. All I could do was hope that science would delay my need for a knee replacement and allow me to be active enough to share a few experiences with him.”

While the condition of Al’s knee was going downhill, the direction of his business career took off in a decidedly upward direction. In 1987, less than ten years out of college, he founded Darwin Partners, an information technology company based in Wakefield, Massachusetts. Darwin developed a national client base that included Nextel, Bank of America, Pfizer, Unisys, and AT&T Wireless, and his company surpassed the $100,000,000...
revenue mark. In 1992, Perkins founded Edgewater Technology, an IT outsourcing firm that generated $20,000,000 in revenue within its first few years of operation. The company was sold in 1999, delivering significant value to its shareholders. Today, Perkins serves as chairman of Darwin Partners.

The Steadman-Hawkins Connection

Things began to change for Perkins’ bad knee in the early ’90s. “I knew a member of the U.S. Ski Team who told me about a Dr. Richard Steadman in Colorado. Patients were being treated by Dr. Steadman for knee injuries similar to mine with a procedure called microfracture, an arthroscopic technique used to repair cartilage through small incisions.” To Perkins, the results seemed almost too good to be true. Athletes with potentially career-ending knee injuries were returning to compete at the highest levels in their sports.

“I eventually flew to Colorado and met with Dr. Steadman. He said simply, ‘I think we can help you.’ I got goose bumps over the possibilities. You can’t imagine the relief I felt after being told so many times by doctors on the East Coast that there wasn’t much that could be done about my condition.”

The microfracture surgery was performed in 1996. “I’m never going to have a young knee again, but I am relatively pain free and I can ski with my son, play doubles in tennis, ride a bike, and do lots of things that never would have been possible without Dr. Steadman’s help. His emphasis was not on joint replacement, but on joint preservation. I was so grateful, I just wanted to sit down and write a check to support the work being done in Vail.”

A Different Idea

But the Steadman-Hawkins Research Foundation had a different role in mind for Perkins. Five years ago, he was asked to serve on its Board of Directors. “I think they asked me because I bring an unbridled enthusiasm for spreading the message of research, service, and education that is being provided by the Foundation. Great things are coming out of its work, but more people need to know about it. The doctors are too modest to talk about it and too busy to promote it. Their time needs to be spent treating patients and supervising research that continues to produce medical breakthroughs, not in trying to raise money.”

As co-chairman of the Development Committee (with Earl Graves, founder of Black Enterprise magazine), raising money for the Foundation’s projects is one of Perkins’ responsibilities. “People who support the Foundation can specify that their contributions go to one or more of several programs. It just depends on their particular interests. Money is needed for the Steadman-Hawkins Fellowship Program, to continue the development of the microfracture technique and the ‘healing response’ — an alternative to full ACL reconstruction, to find ways to treat or prevent osteoarthritis, and to support the Foundation’s Basic Science, Biomechanics, and Clinical Research departments. There is a laundry list of programs from which to choose.”

Lessons Learned

Perkins’ contributions of time, money, and energy have not been a one-way street. He is quick to tell you about the valuable lessons learned in the non-profit environment of the Steadman-Hawkins Research Foundation that he has taken back to his world of highly competitive business. “The biggest thing I’ve learned is compassion. An experience like this makes you step back, realize how lucky you are, and understand that there are things in life other than being successful in business. My professional success wouldn’t have happened without the healthy lifestyle the Foundation’s research provided me.

“There are many projects worthy of supporting,” concludes Perkins, “but this is one you can put your hands on. The Foundation’s programs are changing people’s lives in a way that will affect generations to come. I’ve been fortunate enough to see it have a direct impact on my life, and I want others to be able to share the same experience.”
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Dr. Feagin authored and edited *The Crucial Ligaments*, a medical text now in its third printing. This book has been characterized by reviewers as “a must for orthopaedic surgeons” and “a major contribution to the subjects of cruciate anatomy, biomechanics, and principles of repair and reconstruction.”
In 2004, we received contributions and grants from 838 individuals and foundations. This combined support, including special events, amounted to more than $1.4 million.

The Steadman Hawkins Research Foundation is grateful for this support and to those who have entrusted us with their charitable giving.

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For the twelfth year, NFL Charities, the charitable foundation of the National Football League, has awarded a substantial research grant to the Steadman-Hawkins Research Foundation for new and continuing work on the causes, treatments, and prevention of sports-related injuries. The research project is titled “Three-Dimensional Analysis of In Vivo Shoulder Motion.”

One of the most significant problems plaguing shoulder biomechanics research lies in the difficulty in tracking the motions of the upper arm, collarbone, and scapula. These motions are complex, three-dimensional, take place beneath the skin, and are difficult to quantify. The objective of this research is to measure the three-dimensional motion of the shoulder joint.

The study will provide valuable information that can later be utilized in a sophisticated model of the upper extremity to quantify and explain the roles of the individual muscles of the shoulder and elbow in standard motions.

The immediate benefits of the study’s findings will provide the scientific knowledge to cause a paradigm shift in the manner in which shoulder rehabilitation is approached. The new information provided by this study will offer change in the health care provided to the shoulder patient, allowing better outcomes, as well as increasing quality of life in these patients.

The principal investigators are Michael R. Torry, Ph.D., Director of the Foundation’s Biomechanics Research Laboratory; Kevin Shelburne, Ph.D., Assistant Director; and Staff Scientists Takashi Yanagawa, M.S., and Erik Giphart, Ph.D.

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A lifetime of excellence was on display during August in Vail as the Steadman-Hawkins Research Foundation hosted the “Colorado Classic,” a two-day athletic and culinary extravaganza presented by PepsiCo. Proceeds from the Classic support the research and educational programs of the Foundation.

The “Colorado Evening” presented by WestStar Bank featured superb cuisine, courtesy of some of the Vail Valley’s finest restaurants; award-winning wines from Shafer Vineyards and Chappellet W inery; and opportunities to bid on dreams of a lifetime.

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Wyeth Pharmaceuticals provided a grant to support two symposiums for the public, titled Non-Surgical Management of the Arthritic Knee. Dr. Jason Folk, on behalf of the Foundation, conducted two symposiums on how people can take care of their arthritic knees without facing surgery. Arthritis and chronic joint problems will plague 50 percent of all Americans over the age of 65, making it one of the most prevalent diseases in the United States. The painful effects of arthritis limit physical activity more frequently than heart disease, cancer, or diabetes.

Dr. Folk spoke at the Vail Valley Medical Center in August and again in September at Keystone Resort. "I discussed the many innovative techniques designed to manage pain associated with arthritis in the knee," says Dr. Folk. "Among these topics were bracing techniques, medications, injections, and visco-supplementations."

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The Foundation has been selected by Pfizer, Inc., through its inSCOPE Awards Program, as a Center of Orthopaedic Excellence. This designation will allow the Foundation to apply for research and education grant support from Pfizer. In 2004, inSCOPE grants supported three projects.

The first project was an educational grant to support a preceptorship October 28 and 29 for 13 Pfizer sales representatives. The two-day preceptorship consisted of instructional sessions, surgery observations, and rehabilitation clinic rounds. Dr. J. Richard Steadman, Dr. William I. Sterett, and Dr. David C. Karli made presentations that addressed many of the current treatments in the changing field of orthopaedics.

Pfizer also supported a study directed by Dr. Michael Torry investigating the efficacy of selective COX-2 inhibitors in chronic treatment of golf-related osteoarthritic back pain. Preliminary results are encouraging.

The third project was funded through the inSCOPE Orthopaedic Fellowship Awards Program. The program is designed to support fellowship programs at leading centers of orthopaedic excellence. The grant is to be used to support the research project Clinical and Biomechanical Analysis of Patellar Tendon Adhesion. Steadman-Hawkins Fellow Dr. Jason Dragoo is the principal investigator. The purpose of this research is to describe and determine the treatment as well as the clinical outcomes of a well-recognized yet poorly understood condition that is often observed in chronic knee osteoarthritic patients. These data will provide the scientific foundation for a new clinical tool that could be utilized to diagnose and assess many forms of knee disorders. It could also be used to evaluate the surgical repair and/or the conservative drug treatment therapies often employed in orthopaedics to avert advanced stages of knee arthritis.
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The area of regenerative medicine is an exciting one. There are many new and innovative techniques under investigation by scientists around the world. In 2004 we focused our efforts almost exclusively on regeneration of an improved tissue for resurfacing of articular cartilage (chondral) defects that typically lead to degenerative osteoarthritis. We have been working in the promising area of gene therapy in collaboration with Drs. Wayne McIlwraith and David Frisbie at Colorado State University. The following provides some background information and a summary of our most recent findings. This work is ongoing, and the encouraging results presented here will allow us to continue to focus on this work in the coming years.

Osteoarthritis is a debilitating, progressive disease characterized by the deterioration of articular cartilage and accompanied by changes in the bone and soft tissues of the joint. Traumatic injury to joints is also often associated with acute damage to the articular cartilage. Unfortunately, joint cartilage is a tissue with very poor healing potential. Once damaged, cartilage typically does not heal, or it may heal with fibrous tissue that serves no purpose. This tissue does not possess the properties of the original cartilage, so the integrity of the articular surface and normal joint function are compromised. The result is often osteoarthritis.

The significance of osteoarthritis must not be underestimated. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimate that in the next 25 years, at least 71 million Americans (15 percent to 20 percent of the population) will have arthritis, including degenerative arthritis that developed after the original injury to the joint. Osteoarthritis is the most significant cause of disability in the United States and Canada, moving ahead of low back pain and heart disease. By the year 2020, more than 60 million Americans and six million Canadians will be affected by some degree of osteoarthritis of the knee. The economic impact is enormous. Osteoarthritis alone consumes $85 billion of direct and indirect costs to the American public. The intangibles of this terrible disease include the chronic pain and psychological distress on the individual and the family unit. We believe that our research can have far-reaching effects by greatly enhancing the resurfacing of damaged or arthritic joints before the disease process reaches the advanced and debilitating state.

The purpose of our Basic Science Research is to gain a better understanding of factors that lead to degenerative joint disease and osteoarthritis. Our focus is to develop new surgical techniques, innovative adjunct therapies, rehabilitative treatments, and related programs that will help prevent the development of degenerative joint disease. In 2004, we collaborated with various educational institutions, predominantly Colorado State University and Michigan State University. We believe that our combined efforts will lead directly to slowing the degenerative processes, as well as finding new ways to enhance regeneration of injured tissues.

MICROFRACTURE

Several of our earlier studies have shown that a technique called microfracture is a successful method to promote cartilage healing. Microfracture consists of making small perforations in the bone to gain access to the cells and growth factors in the underlying bone marrow. The technique relies on the existing cell population and healing proteins present in the marrow to promote healing, thus avoiding concerns of immune reactions to transplanted tissues or the need for a second surgery to collect grafts or cells. When we evaluated the healing of full-thickness cartilage defects in horses, we were able to show that the use of microfracture increases the amount of repair tissue present in the defect and that it improved the quality of cartilage repair by increasing the amount of collagen present in that repair tissue. Although microfracture was able to increase the major component of articular cartilage extracellular matrix, it did not enhance the production of proteoglycans, which is the other major component of cartilage thought to be necessary for long-term joint health. Also, we have found that the mechanical aspect of removing a deep layer of the cartilage is critical for the formation of repair tissue and healing to the bone.
We re-evaluated our earlier work on removal of the calcified cartilage and made additional observations. Incomplete removal of calcified cartilage appears to be associated with less-than-optimal repair tissue attachment. Furthermore, evaluation of cartilage tissue removed by arthroscopy demonstrated that removal of calcified cartilage was not obvious using standard arthroscopic equipment. We compared chondral healing with and without the removal of calcified cartilage in experimentally created chondral defects. Our observations confirmed significantly better repair tissue at 12 months after surgery in defects where the calcified cartilage layer (CCL) had been removed, compared to defects where the CCL remained intact. MRI results revealed thinner and more incomplete repair tissue filling defects where the CCL remained intact, compared to when it had been removed. This study suggests that care should be taken in the removal of clinical cartilage lesions to ensure complete removal of calcified cartilage. Removal of the CCL significantly improves the healing of cartilage defects.

**GENE THERAPY**

We are investigating the potential of genetic medicine to activate the body's own restorative power in enhancing the growth and quality of repaired cartilage. This innovative approach to healing will greatly empower researchers and physicians in their quest for ways to preserve the body's own joints and tissues.

The imbalance between the synthesis and degradation of cellular components may be responsible for the inability of cartilage to heal itself. Interleukin-1 (IL-1), an inflammatory molecule, is considered the predominant factor involved in cartilage degradation. Blocking IL-1's inflammatory effects and simultaneously using interleukin-1 receptor antagonist protein (IRAP) seemed like an attractive approach. In addition, insulin-like growth factor-1 (IGF-1) has been demonstrated to enhance cartilage healing and appeared to be another logical candidate to promote healing. Unfortunately, the use of these molecules has been limited by a lack of an effective delivery system to the joint. Even with direct injections into the cartilage tissue, these molecules are rapidly cleared from the joint and necessitate repeated injections, increasing the risk of joint injection complications and the cost of treatment.

An alternative method to the repeated injection of these proteins is the use of gene therapy. Viral vectors carrying the genes of IRAP and IGF-1 can be injected into the diseased joint after arthroscopic removal and microfracture of the lesion. The modified virus would infect the cells of the membrane and use the cellular machinery to produce large amounts of IRAP and IGF-1 and, hopefully, improve cartilage healing. The advantage of this technique is the relatively long-term existence of the molecules (three to four weeks), which eliminates the need for repeated injections. Therefore, we undertook the task of evaluating the effect of the one-time injection of viral vectors carrying the genes of IRAP and IGF-1 on the healing of cartilage defects treated by microfracture. Our hypothesis was that the combined anti-inflammatory effects of IRAP and the growth-promoting activities of IGF-1 delivered to the joints by gene transfer would significantly improve the quality of the repair tissue found in cartilage defects.

We have completed all of the laboratory and data analyses. In summary, the measurement of IRAP concentration in the synovial fluid confirmed that the joints that received gene therapy produced significantly more IRAP protein than the joints not treated. These results indicate that the viral vectors were able to infect the cells of the joint and use the cell machinery to produce the proteins encoded by the transferred gene and to persist for a period of three weeks.

Overall, gene therapy did not affect the composition or the amount of repair tissue found in the defects and had no effects on the bone porosity. We did observe increased amounts of proteoglycans in the repair tissue of the treated joints as well as in the non-treated ones, probably because the growth-
enhancing properties of IGF-1 were able to increase the synthesis of proteoglycans by the cells present in the repair tissue. The IGF-1 may have increased cell growth and facilitated differentiation into chondrocytes of cells recruited into the defect from the bone marrow. This process would have increased the number of cells capable of producing proteoglycans. For the first time, we were able to demonstrate in an experimental model that gene therapy using a growth factor that stimulates matrix synthesis and an anti-inflammatory molecule blocking the degradation effects of IL-1 can be used successfully to enhance cartilage repair. While positive effects were demonstrated, there were indications of possible immune response within the joints. We also observed considerable reaction in the synovial fluid to a second injection of IL-1Ra using the viral vector. Thus, we recognized the need for an improved vector that will provide less reaction, or at least if it can only be administered once, will last longer than the one seen with the vector described above. The reason for developing an improved vector is that not only will it allow gene therapy to be used clinically in the horse, but that it will offer a realistic clinical option for human patients. Consequently, our next study will be to develop and refine a more acceptable viral vector for use in gene therapy.

HEALING RESPONSE

The “healing response” (HR) technique developed and validated by the Foundation serves as an alternative to anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) reconstruction in the knee in certain instances. The healing response provides treatment for certain types of ACL injuries arthroscopically, which reduces surgical risk and immobilization. The HR uses microfracture holes in both the bone where the injured ligament connects as well as in the ligament itself to induce a “super clot.” This clot stimulates an enriched environment for tissue healing. The ligament end then gradually reunites with the bone on its own without the necessity for mechanically attaching it. By avoiding a more invasive procedure, this straightforward method greatly reduces recovery time and health-care costs.

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Arthritis

A chronic, debilitating disease, arthritis breaks down the cartilage in the joints causing pain, stiffness, swelling, deformity, and sometimes outright disability. The toll on both the individual and this country’s economy is enormous, as the statistics below indicate.

- One in every three adults is affected by arthritis and chronic joint problems, making it one of the most prevalent diseases in the United States.
- America spends $65 billion annually on treating arthritis, its complications, and the disability it causes. This includes the indirect costs associated with wage losses and an estimated medical bill of $15 billion each year for doctor visits and hospitalizations.
- The painful effects of arthritis limit everyday physical activity more than cancer, heart disease, or diabetes.
- Arthritis is the most frequent cause of lost wages in the country.
- At least 50 percent of people age 65 or older will be afflicted with arthritis.
- With the aging of America’s population, the number of individuals suffering from this disease will increase dramatically.

For arthritis caused by certain joint and cartilage disorders, the Foundation’s innovative—and now widely used—surgical techniques that enlist the body’s ability to grow “repair” cartilage can bring significant relief from painful symptoms. At the Foundation, we understand the negative impact that arthritis has on the individual, which is why we focus so much of our resources on preventing and treating this destructive disease.
There is a great opportunity to learn from patients before and after they have surgery. Future research will focus on predictors of disability caused by arthritis, predictors of successful surgery, predictors of patient satisfaction, patient expectation of treatment, and patient outcomes following surgery.
Clinical Research at the Steadman Hawkins Research Foundation gathers data from patients who seek treatment for knee and shoulder disorders. Information is stored in a database and is the key to our research. There is a great opportunity to learn from patients before and after they have surgery. Future research will focus on predictors of disability caused by arthritis, predictors of successful surgery, predictors of patient satisfaction, patient expectation of treatment, and patient outcomes following surgery. The goal of this research program is to carry out clinical outcomes research in the area of orthopaedic medicine that will aid both physicians and patients in making better-informed decisions regarding medical treatment.

OSTEOARTHRITIS

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (www.cdc.gov/nccdphp/arthritis), 43 million Americans have been diagnosed with arthritis or other rheumatic conditions, with an additional 23 million having chronic joint symptoms undiagnosed as arthritis. This makes arthritis one of the most prevalent diseases in the U.S. and the leading cause of disability.

Osteoarthritis is a chronic disease causing deterioration of the joint cartilage (the softer parts of bones, which cushion their connections to each other) and the formation of new bone (bone spurs) at the margins of the joints. As the population continues to age, the prevalence of osteoarthritis will increase. With increased numbers comes increased health-care expenditures. The CDC estimated that arthritis costs are approaching $100 billion per year in total costs.

To decrease the burden of arthritis, early diagnosis and management of arthritis is necessary. If individuals seek early treatment, they may decrease pain, improve function, stay more productive, and lower the cost of treating the arthritis. The CDC recommends several steps for individuals to take an active role in the management of arthritis.

Arthroscopic Treatment of the Osteoarthritic Knee to Delay Total Knee Replacement

The goal of arthroscopy in the degenerative knee is to help patients continue their active lifestyle, decrease disability, and delay the need for total knee replacement. Surgical management of the arthritic knee in active patients presents a challenge to the orthopaedic surgeon. Few procedures have been developed to address the degenerative knee arthroscopically. However, in response to a negative report about arthroscopic treatment of the degenerative knee in the New England Journal of Medicine, the Arthroscopy Association of North America stated that, given a conscientious orthopaedic surgeon and appropriate patient selection criteria, arthroscopic surgery in the degenerative knee is capable of producing long-lasting relief. In an effort to help define the proper patient selection criteria, we looked at factors that predict success or failures following arthroscopic treatment of the degenerative knee. As this research continues, we hope to aid patients in making decisions regarding management of osteoarthritis of the knee prior to total knee replacement.

We evaluated the outcomes of patients with severe osteoarthritis of the knee who underwent a comprehensive arthroscopic treatment regimen. Arthroscopic treatment includes joint insufflation (a technique to stretch the contracted joint lining), lysis of adhesions (removal of scar tissue), anterior interval release (removal of scar tissue behind the patella tendon), contouring of
cartilage defects and meniscus tears to a stable rim, synovectomy (removal of part or all of the synovial membrane), removal of loose bodies, and removal of osteophytes (bony outgrowths) that affect extension. In these patients, with an average age of 57, all had been told by other physicians that they needed a total knee replacement. At a two-year follow-up, 83 percent had not had a knee replacement. Patients experienced improvement in function and activity level, and they were highly satisfied. Our initial analysis showed that patients with worse preoperative function and knee alignment problems had less improvement in function. This comprehensive, arthroscopic treatment regimen improved function and activity levels in patients with end-stage osteoarthritis. More long-term results are needed to determine what factors are associated with success and how long knee replacement can be delayed by treatment with this protocol.

Measuring the Severity of Arthritis with Radiographs

In order to compare treatment protocols, it is necessary to determine how severe the patients’ arthritis is for different treatment groups. The Kellgren Lawrence (K-L) grading system was developed in 1957 and accepted by the World Health Organization in 1961 as the gold standard for cross-sectional and longitudinal epidemiological studies. It is the most widely used radiographic classification of osteoarthritis. Studies have shown that the radiographic score can differentiate the severity of osteoarthritis when using an MRI as a standard. However, correlation of the K-L score with arthroscopic findings has not been done. We completed a study to correlate arthroscopic findings of knees with severe osteoarthritis with the K-L grade. Patients’ radiographs were examined by two orthopaedic surgeons and arthroscopic data were collected. Grade IV is the worst score, while a Grade I is minimal arthritis. In our study we saw that Grade IV knees had more chondral damage and were more likely to have meniscus abnormalities. Grade IV Kellgren-Lawrence scores correlated with more severe chondral degeneration and meniscal pathologies. The study showed that the K-L scale can differentiate between moderate and severe osteoarthritis.

High Tibial Osteotomy

Medial opening wedge high tibial osteotomy is a procedure for treatment of varus (knock-knee) malalignment of the knee. Malalignment in the knee is a condition that leads to premature deterioration of the cartilage and meniscus of the knee joint. For the past ten years, Dr. Sterett has been performing these procedures on patients who are young and active and who would like to postpone total knee replacements as long as possible.

Prior to high tibial osteotomy surgery, determining the amount of correction needed is essential to obtaining accurate postoperative alignment. Preoperative planning consists of using x-rays to calculate the millimeters necessary to restore appropriate realignment of the leg and clinically evaluate the patient’s gait. X-rays are taken from the hip to the ankle with either a double-leg stance or a single-leg stance. Controversy exists as to whether the patient should be standing on one leg or both legs, as the weight-bearing change may alter the “bow-leggedness” of the patient. Therefore, we asked the question: What is the variability, if any, between single- and double-leg stance x-rays and does a varus thrust contribute to this variability?

We looked at radiographs of over 50 patients who underwent a high tibial osteotomy. They were evaluated on both single- and double-leg stance x-rays. We found that patients who had a varus thrust had differences on measurements between their single-leg and double-leg stance x-rays. For example, patients with a varus thrust were estimated to need a greater correction on single-leg stance x-rays than on double-leg stance x-rays.
We concluded that patients who are undergoing a high tibial osteotomy and show evidence of a varus thrust should have single-leg stance x-rays routinely incorporated in their preoperative planning.

Because of the anatomy of the tibia, an opening wedge osteotomy may produce correction in two planes. We conducted a study to find out if we are changing the posterior slope of the tibia by performing a high tibial osteotomy. In addition, if we are changing the posterior slope, does this change have an effect on range of motion or functional outcome scores?

We found out that by performing a high tibial osteotomy, we are significantly increasing the posterior slope of the tibia. We then focused on whether or not this change affects the range of motion of the knee or the functional outcome of the patient. We concluded that an increase in posterior slope of the tibia did not have a negative effect on range of motion or changes in functional outcomes scores.

GLENOHUMERAL ARTHRITIS

Glenohumeral arthritis or arthritis of the shoulder is common, affecting up to 20 percent of patients over 65. Osteoarthritis of the glenohumeral joint is a common cause of shoulder pain and can lead to total shoulder replacement. It can result in restricted range of motion and loss of function. Arthritis in the shoulder can develop following trauma, shoulder surgery, or an inflammatory joint condition.

Association Between Glenohumeral Arthritis and the Degree of Long-Standing Anterior Instability of the Shoulder

There are many potential causes for glenohumeral arthritis, the most common being a traumatic injury to the surface of the cartilage and inflammatory arthritis. There is a large subset of patients who develop shoulder arthritis in which the mechanism is unknown. The cause is generally ascribed to "wear and tear." Wear and tear is described as microtrauma and shear stress across the cartilage surface as a result of excessive movement in the shoulder. It results in progressive cartilage loss and the eventual development of arthritis. We hypothesized that patients with longer-standing symptoms of instability and excessive movement within the shoulder documented at surgery would have more severe arthritis.

To test our hypothesis we evaluated the degree of shoulder arthritis present in over 200 patients with varying degrees of anterior shoulder instability. All patients had symptoms for more than three months and had not had a prior surgery on the affected shoulder. Data collected at the time of surgery included the grade of damage, as well as the grade and direction of instability.

Our study found an association between increasing grades of instability and the development of arthritis. Patients with more severe instability were at highest risk for the development of arthritis. This risk increased with the presence of a labral tear called a Bankart lesion. Independent predictors of arthritis were age, duration of instability, and increased level of translation.

Chronic shoulder instability is a potential contributor to the development of shoulder arthritis. The patient noted to be at highest risk for the development of glenohumeral arthritis were those over age 35 with long-standing instability, a Bankart lesion, and higher levels of translation. These patients were nearly five times more likely to have arthritis.

INJURY TREATMENT TO MAINTAIN FUNCTION AND ACTIVITY

Microfracture Update

More than 20 years ago, Dr. Steadman began performing the microfracture technique for the treatment of cartilage defects. The technique was developed to enhance chondral resurfacing by providing a suitable environment for new tissue formation and to take advantage of the body’s own healing potential. The rehabilitation program following treatment of chondral defects of the knee by microfracture is also crucial to optimizing the results of surgery.
Over the last several years, the Department of Clinical Research has completed and published several studies to help with the validation of the use of the microfracture technique for full-thickness chondral defects in the knee. Microfracture was shown to be effective in athletes, including professional football players. The athletes had improvement in their symptoms and were able to return to their sport. Another study showed that microfracture can reduce symptoms and improve function over several years. One study documented improvement in patients on average of 10 years, with the longest follow-up being 17 years.

Recently, other institutions have begun to study the outcome of microfracture. A study funded by the Norwegian Ministry of Health and published in the Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery compared autologous chondrocyte implantation (using the body’s own articular cartilage tissue) with microfracture. This was a randomized trial that compared 40 patients who had microfracture and 40 patients who had autologous chondrocyte implantation. Both groups showed improvement in function and decrease in pain. However, for physical functioning, the microfracture group had more improvement. The microfracture group also had fewer failures and fewer patients needed additional arthroscopic removal of the tissue. This study helped validate the microfracture technique as a treatment option for articular cartilage defects of the knee.

Anterior Interval Release

Pain in front of the knee has been a common postoperative complication in ACL reconstruction patients. Many of these patients have extensive scar tissue formation within the region between the patellar tendon and the anterior tibia. This scarring causes decreased knee motion and patellar mobility. A Department of Basic Science study sponsored by the Foundation showed that this scar tissue altered both patellar and tibial movements and contact, potentially resulting in arthritis. To address this problem, an arthroscopic procedure to release the scar tissue within the anterior interval was adopted and termed Anterior Interval Release (AIR).

Currently, we are conducting a study tracking the outcomes of patients who have undergone the AIR procedure. We will compare pre- and postoperative scores of both activity level and knee function. Preliminary results show improvement in function and activity. Due to the highly specific criteria, we have a limited patient population. However, with the increasing number of patients who have this type of scarring and who require AIR, we are optimistic that adequate numbers of patients will be followed to show the effectiveness of this procedure.

Is the Meniscus Harmed With an ACL-Deficient Knee?

Tears of the meniscus are commonly found in association with anterior cruciate ligament injuries. Recent studies have shown that patients requiring meniscus treatment in addition to ACL reconstruction have worse outcomes than patients who do not require meniscus treatment. We completed a study to determine the factors associated with meniscus damage in the ACL-deficient knee. More than 2,900 patients were identified from our database who had a torn ACL. Analysis of the data showed that the presence of a meniscus tear was not associated with age. Time from injury to surgery was significantly higher in patients with meniscus tears as compared to patients without meniscus tears. Time from injury to surgery was also associated with increasing severity of meniscus damage. A patient with a degenerative tear of the meniscus had a significantly longer time from injury compared to a simple tear.

Unstable knees demonstrated more degenerative and complex tears than stable knees. This study showed that the presence of meniscus tears in the ACL-deficient knee was associated with time from injury to surgery and the degree of knee stability. These factors were also associated with the severity of meniscus damage. The findings of this study suggest that stabilization should be performed as soon as possible. Furthermore, stabilization of unstable knees may lead to fewer meniscus tears and potentially improve patient outcome following the procedure.
Factors Associated With Location of Complete Tears of the Anterior Cruciate Ligament

The anterior cruciate ligament is like a rope that connects the femur to the tibia and it provides stability. When an injury happens, this ligament can tear at different places. The most common tear is a tear in the middle of the ligament — a mid-substance tear. Few studies have reported the prevalence of tears near the femur (proximal tears). We analyzed over 2,000 knees in our database to see where the ACL had been torn. The prevalence of complete proximal tears was 44 percent. Women were more likely to have a proximal tear and the younger patient was more likely to have a mid-substance tear. Mid-substance tears were associated with a competitive sports injury and proximal tears were associated with skiing injuries. In conclusion, the prevalence of proximal tears in this study was higher than previously reported. Pre-injury factors associated with the location of tears included gender, age, and type of sporting injury, specifically skiing. Post-injury factors associated with tear location included instability, meniscus abnormality, and plica. These factors may have implications on the diagnosis and treatment of ACL tears and associated injuries.

Clinical Outcome After Revision Anterior Shoulder Stabilization Procedures

Much has been published on the results of open and arthroscopic surgical techniques for the management of the unstable shoulder. It is generally accepted in the orthopaedic literature that the recurrence rates for open surgery techniques are between 2 percent and 8 percent, with results for arthroscopic procedures far more wide-ranging. However, relatively few studies report the outcomes of patients who have failed a primary surgical intervention. Determining the exact cause of failure can be difficult for the treating physician. In addition, patients are frequently and
understandably apprehensive after having undergone a previous surgery for the same problem with poor results. The purpose of this study is to assess clinical results following revision surgery for anterior instability of the shoulder.

From 1992 through 2001 the senior surgeon performed 404 surgeries for anterior instability. Forty-nine patients met the requirements for this study. Patients with major co-pathologies at the time of revision surgery, such as full-thickness rotator cuff tears or shoulder replacements, were excluded. Patients who had a third instability surgery on the revised shoulder were classified as failures.

The criteria for inclusion in the study were having had anterior instability surgery followed by continuing symptoms and treatment of the same problem with a minimum two-year follow-up. To determine whether the patients had successful or unsuccessful outcomes, we set the criteria for failures as any of the following: (1) a third surgery for instability, (2) American Shoulder and Elbow Surgeons score of less than 75 out of 100 points, or (3) repeat dislocation following the revision procedure.

Minimum two-year data were obtained on 39 patients (80 percent). Sixteen of 39 patients, or 41 percent, failed the revision procedure. Those patients who required a third procedure went an average of 1.6 years between their second and third procedures. Of the patients who did not require a third instability procedure, there was an average follow-up of 3.9 years. In this group of non-failures, 18 procedures were performed using open techniques and five used arthroscopic techniques. The average ASES score in this group was 93 out of a possible 100 points and satisfaction with surgical outcomes averaged 9.5 on a 10-point scale.

Current published clinical outcomes studies of revision instability procedures report fair to poor results that range from 0 percent to 35 percent. Failures of surgical intervention can be numerous and quite complex due to misdiagnosis, technical errors, re-injury, and other patient factors, all of which can influence outcomes.

In this study, the failure rate was 41 percent. This demonstrates the challenge and complexity of treating an unstable shoulder that has already failed one procedure. But patients with successful outcomes generally functioned at a high level with very little, if any, limitations in their lifestyles. The main goal of both types of surgical repair of the unstable shoulder is focusing on the tendon-ligamentous complex.

**Psychometric Properties of Outcome Scores**

In previous studies, the Department of Clinical Research has investigated the psychometric properties of several different outcome scores. The ASES was developed for the shoulder and the results of this study will be published in *The Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery*. The Lysholm score has been validated for use with ACL injuries, cartilage injuries, and meniscus injuries. The properties we use include the content validity, criterion validity, construct validity, and responsiveness of the Lysholm score. Test-retest reliability is determined by having a group of patients complete an original questionnaire, followed by a retest of the same questionnaire within four weeks of the original test. The Lysholm score demonstrated overall acceptable psychometric performance for outcomes assessment of meniscus injuries of the knee. However, in the original development of the Lysholm score, it was recommended that it be used with a measure of activity — the Tegner activity scale. We determined the psychometric properties of the Tegner score in patients with meniscus pathology.

The Tegner activity scale is numerical, with values of 0 to 10. An activity level of 10 corresponds to competitive sports including soccer, football, and rugby at the elite level. An activity level of six corresponds to recreational sports, and a level of zero.
corresponds to a person on sick leave or disability pension because of knee problems. Activity levels of five to 10 can be achieved only if the patient participates in recreational or competitive sports.

In our study, the Tegner activity scale generally demonstrated acceptable psychometric parameters to justify its use in outcome measures for meniscus pathologies of the knee.

Clinical Database
The key to successful research is effective management of data. For Clinical Research, patient and physician data must be collected, stored, and reported in an appropriate manner. At the Foundation, data are collected on all knee and shoulder patients. These data consist of both patient and physician assessment of improvement over the preoperative status. The goal of the database is to collect accurate data in a timely manner. These data allow us to do research and help define changes in the patients who participate in our studies.

The key to any system is for it to be both stable and adaptable. In Clinical Research at the Steadman•Hawkins Research Foundation, the data collection system is an “in-house” process. This allows us to update the system, add new questions, and develop new forms. This flexibility lets us expand our research without having to wait for system update. We develop the scannable forms and program computers that the physicians use to record data. This process has led to the development of the Steadman-Hawkins Clinical Research Database.

Currently, the database holds more than ten million data points. This includes over 4.5 million data points for knee surgeries, over three million for knee subjective, over one million for shoulder subjective, and more than 400,000 for shoulder surgery. One subjective data point is one patient’s assessment of pain or function for one factor. These data have resulted in 18 publications during the last two years.

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MISSION AND GOALS

The Biomechanics Research Laboratory’s mission is to further the scientific understanding of basic biological processes and to develop innovative approaches for the understanding, prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of musculoskeletal disease.

Our goals are to:
(1) Foster excellence in teaching, research, scholarship, and service in orthopaedic biomedical engineering.
(2) Prepare orthopaedic medical doctors with functional capabilities to utilize biomedical technology that will enhance patient care.
(3) Educate the medical profession on the uses of such technical equipment in the clinical decision-making process.
(4) Serve as a center for education and research in biomedical engineering.
(5) Prepare students for careers in biomedical engineering characterized by leadership and communication skills and a commitment to lifelong learning.
(6) Educate the public about the uses of biomedical engineering in orthopaedic medicine.
(7) Publish scholarly research in scientific, peer-reviewed journals in order to increase the quality of orthopaedic care in general.

OVERVIEW

The Foundation’s Biomechanics Research Laboratory (BRL) is a multidisciplinary laboratory in which the principles of engineering are applied to solving problems in orthopaedic medicine. It applies quantitative, analytical, and integrative methods to the field of orthopaedic medicine. The staff of kinesiologists, biomechanists, and mechanical and biomedical engineers integrates clinical care, research, and education with the resources of world-renowned medical doctors in order to improve the treatment of musculoskeletal diseases. This focused approach is designed to maintain and enhance athletic performance, health, and quality of life for the professional, semi-professional, collegiate, high school, and the recreationally active individual. The programs provided by the Biomechanics Research Laboratory are unique, diverse, and encompass a complete range of services for the physically active or those wishing to return to an active lifestyle after injury.

The work production of the BRL for the year 2004 has been exemplary, with seven refereed abstracts presented at four national and international conferences. The group has also produced 10 original full-length research papers (seven publications, three in press). The quantity of the work is backed by substantial quality. “Each year our research gets stronger and we are receiving recognition from our peers for the quality of our work,” states Dr. Michael Torry. Some of the research that the BRL has initiated and/or completed in the year 2004 is described below.

Determination of How the Knee Carries Load During Activities

Many individuals suffer from osteoarthritis of the knee. The degeneration of the knee joint often becomes more painful during activities of daily living such as walking or hiking. Joint degeneration often begins with an injury or mild malalignment at the knee that alters its normal load bearing. Many conservative and surgical treatments for osteoarthritis are based on the theory that restoring the normal load-bearing capability of the knee will delay the onset and progression of the disease. However, until recently, it was not known what types of mechanical
loads are distributed throughout the knee. Dr. Kevin Shelburne, assistant director, and Dr. Marcus Pandy at the University of Melbourne, Australia, have developed a computer model of the knee and lower extremity that can determine loads inside the knee joint during walking.

Dr. Shelburne presented an abstract to the Orthopaedic Research Society that details where and how loads in the knee joint are distributed during a walking cycle. The model has shown that most of the load-bearing area arises on the medial side (inside) of the knee. This is not surprising, as our doctors often observe more severe osteoarthritic conditions on the (medial) inside side than on the (lateral) outer side. A unique finding of this research is that the total load in the knee can reach upwards of 449 pounds during simple walking, with nearly 334 pounds distributed on the medial side. Furthermore, the distribution of force at the knee, largely determined by the alignment of the leg (malalignments include bow-leggedness and knock-knees), can shift more or less load to the medial or lateral side of the knee joint, as well as shifting the force in the muscles spanning the knee. Ligaments have a role as well, but it is the muscles and structure of the bones that keep the knee stable during activity. This study only investigated loads in a knee that is considered to have normal alignment.

However, ongoing work is focused on how ligament injuries and knee malalignment affect knee loads during a variety of activities.

Dr. Shelburne’s research helps physicians better understand how and why conservative and surgical treatments are effective in restoring normal load bearing at the knee. This research also provides a basic understanding of the loads that a knee must be able to withstand, which allows physicians to select surgical procedures most appropriate to meet those demands in the active individual.

Analysis of the Golf Swing Mechanics in the Amateur Golfer Aged 60+

In amateur golfers, back injuries and back pain constitute 27 percent of golf injuries requiring loss of playing time and medical treatment. The incidence of back injury is followed closely by elbow injury and to a lesser extent, hand, wrist, shoulder, and knee maladies (Figure 1).

Golf is one of the most popular sports among older adults. Unfortunately, golf also requires excessive and repetitive rotary motion about the spine. This motion frequently develops into low back pain that is often made worse by the presence of spine osteoarthritis in this age group. Although some clinicians believe the rotary motion may cause spine-related osteoarthritis, this has not been proven. Very little information exists to describe the motion of the body in the aging golfer. The Biomechanics group is spearheading a large project to investigate the golf swing mechanics in the golfer over the age of 60. The study includes building an indoor swing center that allows for unrestricted swing analysis using high-speed video. With this technology, we can actually see if the golfer keeps his or her lead arm straight, when he/she breaks the hips, and we can even measure the popular X-factor, a leading variable that teaching professionals use to define trunk rotation. The study was initiated in August 2003, and any golfer over age 55 who wishes to have his/her swing analyzed can call Dr. Torry for more details. “Once we understand more about what happens to the knees, hips, shoulder, and back in the senior golfer, we will be able to focus on specific injuries that often plague this age group at each joint,” states Dr. Torry. “If you want to participate in our golf program I can’t promise I’ll make you a better golfer, but I’ll promise a good time trying!” encourages Dr. Torry.
Determining How ACL Injuries Occur During Landing From a Jump and Why Females Tear Their ACL More Than Males

Since the inception of Title IX in 1979, the incidence of females tearing their ACL in non-contact sports such as soccer has been alarming, with some reports estimating women to be four to eight times more likely to tear their ACL than their male counterparts in comparable sports. Understanding how and why this gender disparity occurs has been a three-year endeavor for the Steadman-Hawkins Biomechanics group. Most recently, the group published a paper that detailed specific landing-from-a-jump differences that exist between age and activity level-matched male and female athletes. In short, women land in a more erect position (less knee flexion), which would tend to create higher loads on the ACL.

However, measuring a person’s performance in the laboratory has disadvantages because the landings cannot be harmful in any way. In addition, the landing problem only answers part of the question. To further understand how and why the ACL is sometimes injured in both men and women, Kevin Shelburne, Ph.D., and Michael Torry, Ph.D., in conjunction with Marcus Pandy, Ph.D., have conducted a study in which the landing data measured on subjects in the laboratory were used to guide a computer model of the motion. With the computer model, the scientists are able to determine what is happening inside the knee during the motion, which tissues are being loaded, and the factors that are contributing most to the injury. Unlike testing human subjects, the model can be made to perform in a manner that actually tears its ACL. “How people tear their ACL when landing from a jump is a very hot topic in research right now. This study represents a tremendous leap forward in technology and in the understanding of just how this injury might occur,” says Dr. Torry. Dr. Torry has been recognized as a leader in studying female ACL injuries, serving on three scientific committees that discuss and provide leadership for research being conducted in this area. Dr. Torry’s work was also showcased in the October 2004 issue of Shape Magazine in an article titled “Take a Soft Approach to Landings.”

Determining How and Why Little League Baseball Pitchers Get Injured

After four years of investigating major league baseball pitching mechanics and injuries, Dr. Torry and the BRL team have focused their efforts on understanding the mechanics behind the Little League pitchers’ throwing patterns and how these patterns contribute to their injury potential. Clinically, the injuries seen in younger pitchers are much different from those observed in professional pitchers.

This observation led us to believe that the pitching mechanics are most likely very different as well. Recently, the BRL has published several abstracts and papers that detail the pitching mechanics of Little Leaguers and, in conjunction with our professional pitching database, we are able to compare throwing patterns of developing young pitchers to successful, mature pitchers. Although significant differences do exist, there are many more similarities.

For instance, the Little Leaguers only throw about 50-65 mph fastballs. However, given the shorter distance from home plate to the pitcher’s mound, this translates into a professional pitch velocity equivalent of 80-95 mph to the batter. Our research has also shown that Little League pitchers actually execute the pitch sequence in a similar manner, with major differences from the pros being partly attributed to height, weight, and physical strength. So why are the injuries patterns so different? This is most likely due to the physical strength and the skeletal maturity of the athletes. As we mature, the tissues become more rigid and able to withstand higher forces. An outcome of our research clearly shows that young players (as early as 13 years old) need to have proper techniques...
taught to them because, at this age, these kids are already developing pitching mechanics they will carry with them into adolescence.

Understanding 3-D Motion of the Shoulder Complex

The first step in preventing and determining how shoulder injuries occur is to understand and quantify normal motion of the shoulder complex: the clavicle, scapula, and humerus. However, conventional biomechanics research methods are ineffective, primarily because the scapula and clavicle motions are three-dimensional and are obscured by the surrounding muscle and tissue. The Biomechanics Research Laboratory has overcome these obstacles by performing a unique set of experiments. Rather than the traditional method of attaching reflective markers to the skin, markers are attached to a pin drilled into the clavicle, scapula, and humerus. High-speed cameras then record the motion of the markers, which are duplicating the exact motion of the shoulder bones.

This method allows the investigators to clearly identify how each bone is moving relative to another bone during basic movements such as raising the arm, as well as during skilled activities such as throwing a football or hitting a golf ball. Data from one subject has already been collected and analyzed. For example, as the arm was elevated from 20° to 135°, the scapula rotated upward a total of 35° (Figure 2) and tilted back 12°. Five more subjects have volunteered and will be tested within the next several months.

These motion data are important and numerous research centers around the world are anxiously awaiting our results. Furthermore, these data will be instrumental in helping advance our theoretical model of the shoulder.

Interested readers can see a computer animation of these data by visiting http://www.shsmf.org/Flash/abduction_model_x.swf.

The Virtual Shoulder

Like the virtual knee model, the Biomechanics Research Laboratory (under Dr. Kevin Shelburne and Takashi Yanagawa), in association with Dr. Marcus Pandy at the University of Melbourne, Australia, are leading the way in the development of a revolutionary virtual shoulder model. After the knee joint, a shoulder joint is next in terms of being prone to injury because of its complexity. It has four joints and involves four bones and many muscles that surround it. Many other structures also contribute to the joint stability of the shoulder. Determining just how each of these structures contributes or fails to contribute to the shoulder joint stability is paramount to being able to surgically treat the shoulder more successfully.

The virtual shoulder model allows for many individualized research questions to be asked and investigated. For instance, we may ask how much force is applied to the gleno-humeral joint if one of the rotator cuff (or
any combination of) muscles is weak or injured? Thus, the shoulder model can be applied to nearly any "what if" scenario that an orthopaedic surgeon could ask. Engaging in this type of research would be financially impractical utilizing conventional methods with cadavers.

As with any virtual model, prior to being applied clinically, it must be validated. "Takashi Yanagawa has been working very hard in validating our current model," states Dr. Torry, "and this validation process is no small endeavor because the computational process is very tedious. We are close to applying the model in a very useful and clinically relevant manner. I have no doubt that this model will revolutionize our basic understanding of how the shoulder really moves and which muscles and ligaments are involved."

**Clinical and Mechanical Validation of Lysis of Knee Adhesion Surgical Procedures**

Knee adhesions, often referred to as "scarring" of the knee joint, cause changes in the way the knee joint normally moves. This altered motion leads to abnormal loading inside the knee joint that can eventually degrade the cartilage of the knee and result in the development of osteoarthritis. In the United States alone, the cost for treating osteoarthritis and its complications is almost $65 billion. When considering its worldwide economic impact, this figure is estimated to be over $750 billion annually. Although most orthopaedic surgeons acknowledge the presence of these adhesions in persons who are experiencing pain at the front part of their knee, it has been difficult to surgically address this condition because the science behind the treatment is lacking. Getting rid of the adhesions may require a surgical procedure to promote normal motion and spare the joint from further degeneration.
This proposed project would be conducted using a multidisciplinary approach. It will integrate engineering as well as radiological and surgical experts from some of the world’s most renowned orthopaedic and bioengineering research institutes in order to determine the best approach to alleviate knee adhesions. The results of this investigation will serve to improve the quality of life of millions worldwide.

This study aims to provide surgical, clinical, and scientific validation that the knee adhesion surgical technique can spare the knee joint from excessively high loads that would otherwise cause degenerative osteoarthritis.

The proposal will integrate international leaders in musculoskeletal experimentation, modeling, MRI, and clinical medicine to describe and determine the anatomy, dynamic imaging, biomechanics, clinical diagnosis, and arthroscopic treatment, plus assessment of clinical outcomes at various intervals. These goals will be accomplished by a three-step research approach involving two research centers and three departments: Musculoskeletal Research Center (MSRC), Department of Bioengineering, University of Pittsburgh; Department of Clinical Research, Steadman-Hawkins Research Foundation; and Department of Biomechanics, Steadman-Hawkins Research Foundation. The MSRC will integrate with orthopaedic surgeons of the Steadman-Hawkins Clinic to identify, enroll, test, and track the treatment and rehabilitation of patients undergoing dissolution of adhesions for the relief of knee pain. Moreover, the MSRC and the Department of Biomechanics at the Steadman-Hawkins Research Foundation will collaborate in experiments and computational mechanics designed to describe the mechanical influences of knee adhesions on internal loading and knee joint function.

We think the identification and description of the successful surgical treatment of knee adhesions will provide knowledge that identifies the significant factors of the disease based on the altered knee. Then, appropriate treatment strategies can be designed. We will also be able to demonstrate changes in knee motion and mechanics associated with the successful treatment of this disease by utilizing computer modeling techniques developed as part of the investigation.

At the conclusion of this study, we anticipate the identification and description of the successful surgical treatment of patellar tendon adhesions. Additionally, we will provide biomechanical evidence that identifies the significant factors that determine the pre-treatment mechanics associated with knee pain due to the adhesions. In this pre-treatment, post-treatment design, we will also be able to demonstrate changes in knee kinematics and mechanics associated with the successful treatment of this disease utilizing the dynamic MRI technique.
There is the appeal of both clinical and scientific impact associated with this research project. Clinically, this research will have wide-reaching appeal across the field of orthopaedics, as this clinical problem is encountered across most of the sub-disciplines of orthopaedics. Many surgeons will benefit from the knowledge gained in both surgical treatment and patient satisfaction after these procedures. Although we have focused on the knee, this research may also allow experts working within other joints (shoulder, wrist, etc.) to apply and expand upon the techniques developed in this proposal to their own needs. This would allow for addressing issues of adhesions across a wider range of patients. Scientifically, we feel that the development and application of a dynamic MRI technique that employs new 3-D computer modeling methods will have a great impact on clinical use of dynamic MRI for diagnostic purposes related to the knee. It will also allow for technological advances in the non-invasive measurement of human motion.

The future direction of this research lies in the ability of scientists to generate subject-specific, anatomically correct, 3-D images of each patient. It will also apply motion to integrate that anatomy with computer modeling and simulation techniques that can show precise bone segment rotations and translations and estimate intra-articular forces as they occur. Once established and validated, these methods can be applied before and after medical treatment. This will allow for the assessment of subtle post-treatment changes in anatomic motions, as well as for advances in computer modeling to explain and even predict successful surgical outcomes.

**NEW RESEARCH INITIATIVE: A STEP INTO THE FUTURE**

The Biomechanics Research Laboratory has excelled over the past four years, winning five international and national research awards in acknowledgment of its pioneering work in orthopaedic research. “Conducting research is easy, but to excel and remain at the cutting-edge level in our research, we must persistently develop new technology to meet the needs of the orthopaedic surgeon and ultimately the patient. That is the hard part,” states Dr. Torry. This 2004 Annual Report constitutes a major turning point in our research agenda. In the last four years, we have successfully accomplished all our planned five-year goals. Thus, for the next five-year plan, the Biomechanics group is proposing an ambitious, innovative research initiative that will keep its work at the forefront of orthopaedic technology. Titled A Step Into the Future, the Biomechanics Research Laboratory proposes the development of a 3-D Dynamic Motion Imaging System to investigate human motion at a level of detail and scrutiny that has not been possible until recently.

So the fundamental basis for this new research initiative is quite simple — to combine the MRI and x-ray data with patient’s motion and report the movements of the bones while the patient is actually moving, thus creating a set of 3-D dynamic motion images that can be viewed from any perspective. The potential for this information in its practical application to orthopaedic surgery is limitless. “We will start with simple motion such as walking (hence the title, A Step Into the Future) and then progress into more dynamic motions. But this project offers a unique opportunity to investigate numerous research questions that are persistently plaguing the orthopaedic practice,” remarks Dr. Torry.

This new development will also allow for collaboration with such noted researchers as Dr. Savio Woo at the University of Pittsburgh, and it will allow us to compete at the top tier for National Institutes of Health and National Science Foundation grants.
The Foundation currently maintains a network of more than 130 Fellows who share advanced ideas and inspire each other to higher levels. We are fortunate in Vail to work with the best and the brightest young physicians in the world. Their insight and enthusiasm during this rewarding program has demonstrated to us many times over that we, too, learn as we teach.
FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM:
Learning As We Teach

Considered one of the most prominent and rigorous academic fellowship programs in orthopaedics, the Steadman-Hawkins Fellowship Program is at the core of the Foundation’s educational effort. Each year, six young orthopaedic surgeons are chosen from more than 100 candidates to become Steadman-Hawkins Fellows. They are with us for an intensive 12-month training period to refine their skills in orthopaedic surgery and to investigate the causes, prevention, and cures of degenerative arthritis as well as the treatment and prevention of injuries. Our goal is to prepare our Fellows to be the leaders in the field of orthopaedic medicine for the remainder of their careers.

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2004-05 FELLOWS

The six new fellowship surgeons spend their year refining skills and learning new surgical techniques, as well as participating in research with Foundation scientists. Each Fellow has the opportunity to be actively involved in Clinical Research, Basic Science, and Biomechanics Research. They also experience hands-on medical coverage of major league baseball’s Colorado Rockies, the NFL’s Denver Broncos, The U.S. Ski Team, and Eagle County High School sports teams.

The stream of knowledge and information flows both ways. The Fellows, having completed their formal training in leading orthopaedic programs, share knowledge they have gained from years of training with the physicians and scientists of the Foundation.

Kevin Crawford, M.D.

Dr. Crawford attended Baylor University as an undergraduate student of biology. He continued his studies at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School to earn his medical degree and was named to the Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honor Society. He completed his orthopaedic residency at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center. Dr. Crawford has been practicing with Lubbock Sports Medicine Associates in Texas.

Reaching Out to the World

The Foundation’s research findings are shared with physicians and scientists around the world. We offer training throughout the year to physicians-in-residence, visiting medical personnel, and participants at international medical conferences. In addition, the Education Department produces videotapes and educational programs on the Internet. Members of the staff report their research through publications, presentations and posters. The Education Department provides administrative support for educational programs and conferences, responds to the press, and teaches high school students about human anatomy and injury.

The Foundation’s primary mission is to conduct research that can be applied directly to orthopaedic medicine. To this end, education is also an important part of our work. We offer training throughout the year to physicians in residence, visiting medical personnel, and participants at international medical meetings. In addition, the Education Department produces videotapes and educational programs on the Internet. Members of the staff report their research through publications, presentations and posters. The Education Department provides administrative support for educational programs and conferences, responds to the press, and teaches high school students about human anatomy and injury.
Where are they now...
The graduating class of 2003/2004 Steadman-Hawkins Fellows are busy establishing new careers in orthopaedics.

Timothy Bolom, M.D., joined the Orthopaedic and Neurosurgical Center of the Cascades in Bend, Oregon.

Andrew Chen, M.D., is practicing at the Littleton Orthopaedics in Littleton, New Hampshire.

Doug Lowery, M.D., moved to Evansville, Indiana, and is practicing with the Orthopaedic Associates.

Charles May, M.D., joined the Orthopaedic & Sports Medicine Center of Northwest Georgia in Rome, Georgia.

Arun Ramappa, M.D., is a member of the faculty at Harvard and a sports medicine physician at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center.

Michael Terry, M.D., returned to the University of Chicago to practice medicine as Assistant Professor of Surgery and Sports Medicine.

He is currently a member of several organizations, including the American Orthopaedic Society for Sports Medicine and the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgery.

Jason L. Dragoo, M.D.

Dr. Dragoo graduated summa cum laude from Cal Poly State University with a degree in biological sciences/sports medicine and then studied medicine at the University of Arizona Medical School, where he was named Top Medical Student by the University of Arizona Foundation. He completed his residency in orthopaedic surgery at the University of California, Los Angeles. Dr. Dragoo has received numerous awards for his work in basic science and clinical research. He has been published in the Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery, American Journal of Sports Medicine, Arthroscopy, and Tissue Engineering.

Matthew Dumigan, M.D.

Dr. Dumigan graduated magna cum laude from Louisiana State University, where he earned a degree in microbiology. He continued his studies at Louisiana State University School of Medicine and was named to the Alpha Omega Alpha National Honor Medical Society. He received the award for outstanding student in orthopaedic surgery and graduated fourth in his class. Dr. Dumigan completed his residency in orthopaedic surgery at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas.

Sanjipal (Sonny) Gill, M.D.

Dr. Gill graduated summa cum laude from Boston University with a degree in medical science. He attended Boston University School of Medicine and graduated cum laude. He completed his residency in orthopaedic surgery at the University of...
Education

Virginia in Charlottesville. Dr. Gill has won numerous research awards, including the 2003 Albert Trillat Young Investigator’s Award by the International Society of Arthroscopy, Knee Surgery, and Orthopaedic Sports Medicine Committee. He has presented his research at numerous forums and has been published in journals such as Arthroscopy and Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery. He recently completed a prestigious spine fellowship at Emory University.

Allston J. Stubbs, M.D.

Dr. Stubbs earned an undergraduate degree in biology and a master of business administration in finance/biotechnology at the University of North Carolina. He continued his studies at the Duke University School of Medicine. Dr. Stubbs completed his orthopaedic residency at Duke University Medical Center, where he was awarded the Herodicus Society Award for Orthopaedic Research in 2002.

S. Austin Yeargan, M.D.

Dr. Yeargan studied chemistry as an undergraduate at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He attended medical school at the East Carolina University School of Medicine, where he was named to the Alpha Omega Alpha National Honor Medical Society. Dr. Yeargan completed his orthopaedic residency at the John A. Burns School of Medicine at the University of Hawaii.

Foundation Ranks First in Production of Scientific Journal Publications

By Mininder S. Kocher, M.D., M.P.H.

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Academic medicine has three primary focuses: patient care, research, and teaching. The benchmark for performance in medical research is publication in major medical journals. The number of publications in major medical journals is a primary consideration in assessing the strength of an academic department or organization and in the promotion of an academic physician.

The three major medical journals in orthopaedic sports medicine are the Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery, the American Journal of Sports Medicine, and Arthroscopy. The Steadman-Hawkins Research Foundation tracked its number of publications in these three journals from 2002 through 2004 and compared the results to four other top academic sports medicine programs: The Cleveland Clinic, The Hospital for Special Surgery in New York City, The University of Pittsburgh, and Methodist Sports Medicine in Indianapolis (see Table). The Steadman-Hawkins Research Foundation ranked first in number of publications in these three major medical journals.

Medical journals disseminate state-of-the-art research findings to physicians. Physicians may change the way they treat patients based on articles in medical journals. The process of publication in major medical journals is very rigorous. After a research study has been completed and presented at major medical meetings, the study is written as a scientific manuscript. The manuscript conforms to a standardized style: introduction, methods, results, discussion, references, and figures. The manuscript is then submitted to a medical journal. The editors of the medical journal review the manuscript and send it to three or more experts for review. This peer review process is the key in ensuring quality research. The reviewers are “blinded” to the identity of the authors and the authors are blinded to the identity of the reviewers. The editors of the journal consider the reviewers’ comments and either reject or accept the manuscript. Once accepted, the manuscript undergoes several revisions based on comments and suggestions from the editors and reviewers.

Such benchmarking in terms of number of publications in major medical journals is very important in assessing the quality and quantity of medical research produced by an academic department or organization. In addition to the superior educational strength of the Fellowship Program, the Steadman-Hawkins Research Foundation is the leader among academic sports medicine programs in terms of quality and quantity of research publications.

Knee and Shoulder Publications: 2002 - 2004

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A primary goal of the Foundation is to distribute the results of its research. In 2004, principal investigators and Fellows published 28 papers in scientific and medical journals and delivered 136 presentations to a variety of professional and lay audiences worldwide.
2004 PRESENTATIONS


“Rehabilitation of the Athlete’s Shoulder,” American Shoulder and Elbow Surgeons Biennial Meeting, Monterey, Calif., October 14-17, 2004.


Kocher, M.S., M.P.H., M.D.; Horan, M.P.; Briggs, K.K., M.P.H., M.B.A.; Richardson, T.R.; O’Holleran, J.D., M.D.; Hawkins, R.J., M.D.:

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“Articular Cartilage: Basic Science and Rationale for Chondral Resurfacing,” Invited Presidential Guest Lecturer, 10th Brazilian Congress of Knee Surgery and 11th Brazilian Congress of Arthroscopy, Iguassu Falls, Brazil, April 14-17, 2004.

“Collagen Meniscus Implants (CMI): A New Device to Reconstruct the Damaged Meniscus,” Invited Presidential Guest Lecturer, 10th Brazilian Congress of Knee Surgery and 11th Brazilian Congress of Arthroscopy, Iguassu Falls, Brazil, April 14-17, 2004.

“Future of Meniscus Surgery: Repair, Regeneration, or Replacement,” Invited Presidential Guest Lecturer, 10th Brazilian Congress of Knee Surgery and 11th Brazilian Congress of Arthroscopy, Iguassu Falls, Brazil, April 14-17, 2004.

“Tendinosis and Tendinitis: Pathophysiology and Etiologic Factors,” Invited Presidential Guest Lecturer, 10th Brazilian Congress of Knee Surgery and 11th Brazilian Congress of Arthroscopy, Iguassu Falls, Brazil, April 14-17, 2004.


“Thermal Modification of Connective Tissue: Basic Science Facts You Need to Know,” 11th European Society of Sports Traumatology, Knee Surgery and Arthroscopy; and 4th World Congress on Sports Trauma, Athens, Greece, May 5-8, 2004.


“Microfracture Technique to Treat Full-thickness Chondral Defects: Rationale, Surgical Technique, Clinical Outcomes, and Ongoing Research,” Visiting Professor, Grand Rounds, University of Florida Department of Orthopaedics and Rehabilitation, Gainesville, Fla., October 1, 2004.


“Patellar Tendinosis and Tendinitis,” 10th Brazilian Congress of Knee Surgery and 11th Brazilian Congress of Arthroscopy, Iguassu Falls, Brazil, April 14-17, 2004.

“The Healing Response Technique,” 10th Brazilian Congress of Knee Surgery and 11th Brazilian Congress of Arthroscopy, Iguassu Falls, Brazil, April 14-17, 2004.

“The Treatment of Degenerative Joint Disease of the Knee: Methods to Delay TKA,” 10th Brazilian Congress of Knee Surgery and 11th Brazilian Congress of Arthroscopy, Iguassu Falls, Brazil, April 14-17, 2004.

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“The Microfracture Technique to Treat Full Thickness Chondral Defects in Athletes,” 10th Brazilian Congress of Knee Surgery and 11th Brazilian Congress of Arthroscopy, Iguassu Falls, Brazil, April 14-17, 2004.
“ACL Reconstruction in the Professional Athlete,” 10th Brazilian Congress of Knee Surgery and 11th Brazilian Congress of Arthroscopy, Iguassu Falls, Brazil, April 14-17, 2004.


“Partial Tears of the ACL in Young Athletes,” Moderator, Round Table. ACL Study Group Meeting, Sardinia, Italy, June 2004.

“Why Partial ACL Tears Are a Problem,” Round Table. ACL Study Group Meeting, Sardinia, Italy, June 2004.


Steadman, J. R., M.D.; Cameron, M. L., M. D.; Briggs, K. K., M. P. H., M. B. A.; Rodkey, W., D. V. M.:


Sterett, W. I., M. D.:


2004 PUBLICATIONS


The Steadman-Hawkins Research Foundation is proud of the many advances it has made in 2004. These achievements are examples of the quality contributions made to orthopaedics and science.

American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons Recognizes Award-Winning Poster

After months of reviewing 3,300 submitted poster abstracts, members of the Program Committee of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons selected the poster presentation Factors Associated with Disability and Activity in Patients Seeking Care for Osteoarthritis as one of 12 prestigious award winners. The authors of the peer-reviewed poster are Karen K. Briggs, M.P.H., M.B.A.; J. Richard Steadman, M.D.; Tim O’Brien, M.D.; and Dave Wing. This study identified decreased range of motion and patient-reported stiffness as determinants of decreased activity and function in patients with osteoarthritis.

“Karen came to me and presented the data from our database," said Dr. Steadman of Karen Briggs, the lead author of the study. “She did this all on her own.”

“The criteria for the scientific posters have become much more stringent through the years," said Jon J.P. Warner, M.D., chair of the Central Program Committee. Posters are judged on several criteria, including originality, soundness of scientific reasoning, whether the conclusions are supported by data, and whether the poster presents any new information that makes a difference in the quality of care.
“I have been playing this game a long time,” said the 40-year-old, who wore a burgundy robe with the inscription “All Time” on the front. “I’ve had a lot of surgeries. A lot of very important people were instrumental in prolonging my career.”
FUTURE PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAMER BRUCE SMITH SETS CAREER SACK RECORD — CREDITS DR. STEADMAN

The long awaited moment came for the Washington Redskins’ Bruce Smith in a game against the New York Giants in East Rutherford, New Jersey, when he sacked quarterback Jesse Palmer for a record-setting 199th career sack. Reggie White held the old mark of 198.

“I have been playing this game a long time,” said the 40-year-old, who wore a burgundy robe with the inscription “All Time” on the front. “I’ve had a lot of surgeries. A lot of very important people were instrumental in prolonging my career.”

Immediately following the game and from the locker room, Smith called Dr. Steadman at home to express his appreciation. Smith, voted the National Football League’s 1996 Defensive Player of the Year, knew back in 1992 that his 29-year-old knees were quickly deteriorating from his years on the college and pro gridiron. He had one surgery on his left knee earlier, but he tried to come back too early and his knee started giving way again, this time with major fragments breaking away.

“Then,” said Smith, “I decided to pay Dr. Steadman a visit.” Smith had heard about Dr. Steadman’s work from his agent and from the Bills’ staff. “I decided to go to Dr. Steadman because he was operating on people—skiers mostly—with knees far worse than mine. The first time I met him and saw the way he was built—like me, he’s a little knock-kneed and we’re pretty much similar from the waist down—I knew he was my man.”

After that day in March 1992 (and his microfracture surgery that same month), Smith was back at his peak. Said former Buffalo Bills quarterback and Foundation board member Jack Kemp, “That surgery added at least five years to Bruce’s life.”

Smith has now undergone two microfractures. The first was in March 1992 and it was followed by another, on his right knee, in February 1996. He agrees with Jack Kemp. “If I hadn’t met Dr. Steadman, there’s a good chance my career would have come to an end.”

Smith was honored during halftime of the Redskins final home game, December 27, 2003, at FedEx Stadium in Washington, D.C. He was introduced by Jack Kemp. Smith was presented with a life-size plaque designed in his 6-foot-4, 262-pound form. In front of 76,000 fans, he expressed appreciation to Dr. Steadman for saving his career. “This is a very humbling experience,” said Smith, surrounded by a dozen or so family members. “Thank you from the bottom of my heart.”

[Source: David Elia, The Washington Times; Adam Scheffer, The Denver Post.]
The annual Steadman-Hawkins Colorado Classic generated $100,000. Held August 14-16, the Colorado Classic, presented by PepsiCo, featured an evening of fine wine and world-class dining, along with the American Express Colorado Classic Golf Tournament.
The Foundation maintained a steady pace during a challenging year in 2004, adding new donors and bringing the total for the year to 816 individuals or foundations contributing gifts.

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

The Foundation organized three special events in 2004:

*The winter winemaker dinner series, “An Evening In Bordeaux,” at Vail’s La Tour Restaurant and Larkspur Restaurant included some of the best wines ever produced in France. The January 16-17 event featured the vineyards, winemakers, and executives of Château Latour, Château Pichon-Longueville-Comtesse de Lalande, Château L’Angélus, and Château Cos d’Estournel.*

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*The Colorado Evening Winemaker Dinner, presented by WestStar Bank, kicked off the festivities at the Ritz-Carlton, Bachelor Gulch, highlighted by award-winning Napa Valley wines from Chappellet Winery and Shafer Vineyards, as well as culinary delights from nine of the Vail Valley’s premier restaurants, including Beano’s Cabin, The French Press, Grouse Mountain Grill, Larkspur Restaurant, La Tour Restaurant, Remington’s at the Ritz, Splendido at the Chateau, Terra Bistro Restaurant, and The Wildflower.*
In September, the Foundation hosted its first Steadman-Hawkins Golf Classic, presented by RE/MAX International, at the Sanctuary, a premier golf resort located south of Denver. Sanctuary organizes and hosts charitable events to support organizations devoted to the arts, children, health care, and crisis management. More than 75 charities have raised more than ten million dollars to benefit the constituents they serve. The Steadman-Hawkins Research Foundation is grateful to Dave and Gail Liniger, owners and co-founders of RE/MAX International, who created this unique opportunity for the Foundation to develop and enhance relationships with those who support our mission.

In March, an appreciation event was held in San Francisco during the annual meeting of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons for corporate sponsors, donors, and former Steadman-Hawkins Fellowship surgeons. In November, the Foundation hosted a fundraising event in New York City. In addition to private donations from the event tallying upwards of $45,000, NFL Charities announced an $89,000 donation to the Foundation. NFL Charities was represented by Joe Brown, senior vice president of communications, NFL Hall of Famer Jim Kelly, and Edward Rutkowski. Kelly and Rutkowski both played for the Buffalo Bills.

Rachele Palmer, Development Coordinator

Rachele Palmer joined the staff of the Development Department at the Steadman-Hawkins Research Foundation in May 2001. The Development Department is instrumental in raising the much-needed funds that ensure the research and educational programs will continue to prosper and grow.

She helps with five major mail solicitations produced throughout the year, maintains the donor database, manages all the donations that are received, and is instrumental in the planning of our fundraising events.

Rachele, a native of Great Falls, Montana, comes from a military family and has four sisters. Being fourth in line, she learned early on the virtue of appreciation. “I enjoy the very simple pleasures that life has to offer. It doesn’t take much to make me happy.”

In 1987, she and her family (husband Brad and sons Dustin and Nicklas) left Montana for Denver to seek a new future. After eight years in Denver, they felt the “big city” was too big for raising children. Having an opportunity to live in the mountains, they moved to the smaller community of Leadville, Colorado, about 45 miles south of Vail. Dustin has since graduated from high school and is currently serving in the Navy aboard the USS Abraham Lincoln aircraft carrier. Nicklas is a senior in high school and a few months after graduation he will be heading off to the U.S. Marine Corps. “You just have to love them. I’m so proud of my boys!”

After working five years at a neighboring ski resort as a staff accountant, she found her way to the Steadman-Hawkins Research Foundation. “I love working at the Foundation. I learn something almost every day and that makes me happy that I work here. Everyone is ‘first class’ in my book!”
ASSOCIATES

The Steadman Hawkins Research Foundation is proud to recognize its team of associates, who carry out the Foundation’s research and educational mission in Vail. The staff has been selected for its diverse training and background in biomechanics, engineering, clinical research, veterinary science, and computer science. Together, the staff members take a multidisciplinary approach to their work in solving orthopaedic problems.

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John Welaj, M.B.A.
Chief Operations Officer

Amy Ruther
Human Resources Manager

Karyll Nelson
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Vice President for Program Advancement

Rachele Palmer
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Marilee Horan
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Jean Claude Moritz
Director

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Joe Kania
Audio-Visual/Multi-Media Manager
INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS’ REPORT

Board of Directors
Steadman●Hawkins Research Foundation
Vail, Colorado

We have audited the accompanying statements of financial position of Steadman●Hawkins Research Foundation as of December 31, 2004 and 2003, and the related statements of activities, cash flows and functional expenses for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Foundation’s management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Steadman●Hawkins Research Foundation as of December 31, 2004 and 2003, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

BKO LLP
March 22, 2005
Colorado Springs, Colorado
## Statements of Financial Position

### ASSETS

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### LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

#### Liabilities

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#### Net Assets

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**Total liabilities and net assets**

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# Statements of Activities

**Year Ended December 31, 2004**

## Revenues, Gains and Other Support

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## Expenses

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## Other Income

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## Change in Net Assets

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## Net Assets

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## STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES

### YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003

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### Net Assets, Beginning of Year

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### Net Assets, End of Year

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See Notes to Financial Statements
### Statement of Cash Flows

#### Years Ended December 31, 2004 and 2003

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| **Investing Activities**                                                |            |            |
| Purchase of property and equipment                                      | (11,564)   | (281,062)  |
| Purchases of investments                                                | (131,800)  | (1,006,813)|
| Sales of investments                                                    | 254,005    | 1,102,605  |
| Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities                     | 110,641    | (185,270)  |

| **Increase (Decrease) in Cash**                                         | 636,846    | (188,316)  |
| **Cash, Beginning of Year**                                             | 255,752    | 444,068    |
| **Cash, End of Year**                                                   | $ 892,598  | $ 255,752  |

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Total: $ 389,090 $ 222,085 $ 314,403 $ 204,176 $ 174,797 $ 1,304,551 $ 414,875 $ 442,434 $ 2,161,860

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<td><strong>$ 259,457</strong></td>
<td><strong>$ 248,614</strong></td>
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<td><strong>$ 577,243</strong></td>
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NOTE 1: NATURE OF OPERATIONS AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Nature of Operations
Steadman-Hawkins Research Foundation (the Foundation) is a not-for-profit foundation located in Vail, Colorado that is organized for educational and scientific purposes to advance medical science and research. The Foundation’s primary sources of support are public donations, grants and corporate partners.

Corporate Partners
The Foundation has agreements with several corporations where the Foundation’s research and product development is provided to the corporation in exchange for an annual payment to the Foundation. These agreements are recorded as income in the year payment is due.

Contributions
Gifts of cash and other assets received without donor stipulations are reported as unrestricted revenue and net assets. Gifts received with a donor stipulation that limits their use are reported as temporarily or permanently restricted revenue and net assets. When a donor-stipulated time restriction ends or purpose restriction is accomplished, temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets and reported in the statements of activities as net assets released from restrictions.

Gifts of land, buildings, equipment and other long-lived assets are reported as unrestricted revenue and net assets unless explicit donor stipulations specify how such assets must be used, in which case the gifts are reported as temporarily or permanently restricted revenue and net assets. Absent explicit donor stipulations for the time long-lived assets must be held, expirations of restrictions resulting in reclassification of temporarily restricted net assets as unrestricted net assets are reported when the long-lived assets are placed in service. Unconditional gifts expected to be collected within one year are reported at their net realizable value. Unconditional gifts expected to be collected in future years are reported at the present value of estimated future cash flows. The resulting discount is amortized using the level-yield method and is reported as contribution revenue.

Cash
At December 31, 2004, the Foundation’s cash accounts exceeded federally insured limits by approximately $535,000.

Accounts Receivable
Accounts receivable are stated at the amount billed to customers. The Foundation provides an allowance for doubtful accounts, which is based upon a review of outstanding receivables, historical collection information and existing economic conditions. Accounts receivable are ordinarily due 30 days after the issuance of the invoice. Accounts past due more than 120 days are considered delinquent. Delinquent receivables are written off based on individual credit evaluation and specific circumstances of the customer.

Property and Equipment
Property and equipment are depreciated over the estimated useful life of each asset. Leasehold improvements are depreciated over the shorter of the lease term plus renewal options or the estimated useful lives of the improvements.

Investments and Investment Return
Investments in equity securities having a readily determinable fair value and all debt securities are carried at fair value. Investment return includes dividend, interest and other investment income and realized and unrealized gains and losses on investments carried at fair value. Investment return is reflected in the statements of activities as unrestricted or temporarily restricted based upon the existence and nature of any donor or legally imposed restrictions.

Use of Estimates
The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues, expenses, gains, losses and other changes in net assets during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Income Taxes
The Foundation is a qualifying organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and a similar provision of state law. Consequently, no provision for income taxes has been made in the financial statements.

Reclassifications
Certain reclassifications have been made to the 2003 financial statements to conform to the 2004 financial statement presentation. These reclassifications had no effect on the change in net assets.

NOTE 2: INVESTMENTS AND INVESTMENT RETURN

Investments at December 31 consist of the following:

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At December 31, 2004 and 2003, approximately 89% and 86%, respectively of the Foundation’s investments consisted of equity securities and equity mutual funds.

Investment income during 2004 and 2003 consists of the following:

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NOTE 3: CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVABLE

Contributions receivable at December 31 are due as follows:

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Approximately 100% and 37% of total contributions receivable at December 31, 2004 and 2003, respectively, are from one donor.

The Foundation receives support and pledges from members of the Board of Directors and employees. These pledges receivable are included in contributions receivable, related party.

NOTE 4: PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Property and equipment at December 31 consists of the following:

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NOTE 5: TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS

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NOTE 6: RELEASE OF TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS

Net assets were released from donor restrictions by incurring expenses satisfying the restricted purposes or by occurrence of other events specified by donors as follows:

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<td>Time restrictions expired</td>
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<td>Collection of contributions receivable</td>
<td>87,333</td>
<td>15,001</td>
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<td>436,485</td>
<td>815,144</td>
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NOTE 7: OPERATING LEASES

Noncancellable operating leases for property and equipment expire in various years through 2006. Two of the property leases require the Foundation to pay all executory costs (property taxes, maintenance and insurance).

Future minimum lease payments at December 31, 2004 are:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Year</th>
<th>Amount</th>
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<tr>
<td>2005</td>
<td>$56,628</td>
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<tr>
<td>2006</td>
<td>2,787</td>
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<td>59,415</td>
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Rental expense of $73,512 and $97,603 for the years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003, respectively, is recorded in the statements of activities.

NOTE 8: PENSION PLAN

The Foundation has a defined contribution retirement plan under IRS Section 401(k). The plan is open to all employees after one year of employment. The Foundation’s contributions to the plan are determined annually. The Foundation elected to match 50% of participants’ contributions up to 6% during 2004 and 2003. Under this formula, the Foundation made contributions of $17,515 and $14,488 for the years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003, respectively.

NOTE 9: SIGNIFICANT ESTIMATES AND CONCENTRATIONS

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require disclosure of certain significant estimates and current vulnerabilities due to certain concentrations. Those matters include the following:

CORPORATE PARTNERS

During 2004 and 2003, approximately 46% and 70%, respectively, of all corporate partner support was received from two corporate partners and three corporate partners, respectively.