Dedicated to Keeping People Active...
The Steadman-Hawkins Sports Medicine Foundation wishes to express deep appreciation to John P. Kelly who donated many of the stock photos in this year’s Annual Report, and contributed his time to photograph the many Foundation and operating room subjects.

Kelly is a renowned sports and stock photographer who approaches every photo shoot like a commando. His sense of motion combines with his obvious love of natural light to produce vibrant graphic images. He shoots extensively for a variety of prominent manufacturers in the sports and recreation industry; and his experience includes numerous assignments at the Olympics, Wimbledon, U.S. Open Golf, and World Cup Skiing. When Robert Redford needed a poster that reflected the spirit of his movie “A River Runs Through It,” he called Kelly. More recently, Redford employed Kelly’s photographic talents during the making of the “Horse Whisperer.” Whether covering the Olympics or trekking in the Himalayas, Kelly is always ready for his next photographic adventure.
As we look back on the year, we wish to thank our many donors and corporate sponsors who have supported our mission. Since our founding in 1988, nearly 1,800 individuals, foundations and corporate sponsors have made more than 5,000 gifts to the Foundation. At the same time as we recognize these friends, we also want to welcome a new corporate sponsor, Ormed, a German manufacturer and distributor of orthopaedic products.*

The year will be remembered as a period of progress and exciting development in our Basic Science research. Our collaborative effort with the Equine Science Center at Colorado State University has been devoted to unlocking the promise of gene therapy in treating cartilage defects. We are encouraged by these findings this year which indicate that by combining growth factors with gene therapy we can control the quality of cartilage repair tissue.

One of the important objectives of our research is to develop highly replicable surgical procedures that are minimally invasive. We have been involved in pioneering a system that helps simplify rotator cuff repair while aiming to match the outcomes of open procedures. Thanks to a series of groundbreaking biomedical innovations, this arthroscopic procedure has shown great promise.

Through our clinical research, we continue to learn from our patients. Our focus has been on determining predictors of disability and satisfaction, patient expectations, and patient outcomes from surgical procedures. In 2002, we completed several studies, such as those on Microfracture and Healing Response, that investigated the outcome of techniques developed here in Vail. In both cases, findings showed that patient activity level had increased and the patients were highly satisfied. We hope these and other outcomes will help establish future guidelines and expectations in the treatment of patients.

The quality of our research has attained a level of excellence recognized throughout the world. The American Society of Biomechanics selected an abstract authored by Biomechanics Research Laboratory Staff Scientist Kevin Shelburne, Ph.D., and Director Michael Torry, Ph.D., as winner in the 2002 Journal of Biomechanics Award competition. This is one of the most prestigious international awards conferred in Biomechanics.

An important part of our mission is education. In August we held the second International Cartilage Symposium. Sponsored by Pfizer, it was attended by more than 150 physicians and featured a world-renowned, international faculty of orthopaedic surgeons, each of whom has pioneered innovative procedures for treating articular cartilage injuries.

We also wish to recognize our staff, Fellows and principal investigators for the papers and studies they have published. Foundation principals published more than 25 papers and delivered 89 presentations worldwide. Additionally, nearly one-third of all of the educational videos accepted by the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons at the 69th Annual Meeting in Dallas were produced by our Visual Services Department. Of these eight videos produced by the Foundation, one was an award winner. Since only 25 videos were accepted, this is a significant achievement.

Inside this Annual Report, we take time to recognize some inspirational people who have not only benefited from the Foundation’s work but have shown us that anything is possible when it involves the human spirit and the body’s amazing ability to heal. We hope you will enjoy getting to know people like Olympian Bode Miller and singer/composer Judy Collins, who tell us their stories of overcoming difficult injuries at the peak of their careers. You will read about Air Force Major John Tokish, M.D., who immediately following his Fellowship year was dispatched to Afghanistan to become the first orthopaedic surgeon to command a Mobile Forward Surgical Team in the war zone. Many of the skills he learned during his Fellowship year were put into practice repairing soldiers from U.S. Special Operations.

All of these noteworthy achievements and uplifting stories would not be possible without considerable support. As we look back at the accomplishments of our 14th year and look to the future, we feel a deep sense of gratitude toward those friends who make our research and educational programs possible. On behalf of the Board of Trustees and staff, we wish to express our heartfelt and sincere appreciation to the many individuals, foundations, and corporations for their valued support.

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

We are especially pleased to honor the individuals, foundations, and corporations who have provided this support. Their gifts and partnership demonstrate a commitment to keep people active through innovative programs in medical research and education. Without this support, our work could not take place.

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The Steadman Hawkins Sports Medicine Foundation is grateful to the following individuals, corporations, and foundations for their support of the Foundation in 2002 at a level of $50,000 or more. Their vision ensures the advancement of medical research, science, and care, as well as the education of physicians for the future. We extend our gratitude to these individuals for their generous support:

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To honor and thank these friends, the Founders’ Legacy Society was created to recognize those individuals who have invested not only in our tomorrow but also in the health and vitality of tomorrow’s generations.

Our future in accomplishing great strides—from understanding degenerative joint disease, joint biomechanics, and osteoarthritis, to providing high-quality health care, treatment, and rehabilitation, and to providing education and training programs—is assured by the vision and forethought of friends and supporters who include us in their plans. The Foundation’s planned-giving program was established to help donors explore a variety of ways to remember the Foundation. We are most grateful to these individuals for their support in becoming founding members of the Founders’ Legacy Society:

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For the 11th consecutive year, NFL Charities, the charitable foundation of the National Football League, has awarded a substantial research grant to the Steadman Hawkins Sports Medicine Foundation for new and continuing work on the causes, treatments and prevention of sports-related injuries. The research project, “Force in the Upper Extremity Muscles with Intact and Ruptured Biceps Tendons: Part II,” is a continuation of a 2002 grant from NFL Charities to broaden our knowledge of how to treat biceps tendon injuries. The principal investigators are Drs. Richard J. Hawkins, Kevin B. Shelburne and Michael R. Torry of the Foundation, and Dr. Marcus Pandy of the University of Texas.

The study will utilize 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. This computer model was developed by Dr. Marcus Pandy and Dr. Brian Garner at the University of Texas at Austin. The goal of this investigation is to quantify the functional roles and interactions of the biceps tendons (long head and short head) and the subscapularis muscle on glenohumeral joint reaction forces during active arm motions. This study will help in the understanding of the specific role and relative contributions of the subscapularis to shoulder stability and function in an intact shoulder, and a biceps-ruptured and tenodesed shoulder, allowing physicians to inform patients of the relative risks and benefits of both conservative and surgical treatment.

Upon completion, this project will be one of the most comprehensive analyses of the functional role of the biceps brachii muscle and subsequent treatments, both surgical and conservative, as well as the functional roles of the subscapularis rotator cuff muscle in normal and abnormal glenohumeral joint function.

This joint research effort between the University of Texas and the Steadman Hawkins Sports Medicine Foundation has already produced several quality abstracts that were recently presented by Takashi Yanagawa, M.A. (currently full-time Staff Scientist of the Foundation and former student of Dr. Pandy). “The next year and a half will be very exciting for us, as this research is beginning to capture the attention of noted shoulder specialists around the world,” states Dr. Torry. “This type of research is no small endeavor and we are extremely proud of Takashi and the strides he and his collaborators at the University of Texas have made in developing and applying one of the world’s most comprehensive shoulder models in orthopaedics today.”
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Says Frank Bömers, Ormed director of marketing, “Our cooperation with the Steadman-Hawkins Sports Medicine Foundation marks a new era as we strive for excellent medical products and services.”
Bode Miller: Healing Response and the Comeback Kid

By Richard Needham

The following profile is based on an interview by Richard Needham. Mr. Needham is editor of "Skiing Heritage" magazine and the health newsletter "Arthritis Advisor."

Call it coincidence, but it seems every time world-class athletes in need of a body repair visit Steadman-Hawkins—Bruce Smith, Dan Marino, Joe Montana, Phil Mahre, Steve Mahre, John Elway, Picabo Street, Greg Norman—they return to the playing field in better shape than when they were competing at even their highest level.

Witness Bode Miller. In 2000-2001, the soon-to-be ski-racing phenom already had one World Cup podium finish (giant slalom) and was primed for a big result at the combined downhill/slalom event in St. Anton, Austria. He was fourth in the slalom going into the downhill, but 30 seconds into the downhill course Bode hooked an edge at 80 miles an hour, careened off the course, and crashed into a fence. Result: a complete ACL tear of the left knee coupled with damage to the meniscus. The likely fix: total ACL reconstruction, with an extended rehab period that such a surgery would require.

But something happened along the way. Dr. Steadman opted to use a revolutionary new procedure that he had developed. During Bode's meniscus repair, he performed the “healing response.” This arthroscopic procedure involves making three to 10 small “microfracture” holes in the bone at the femoral origin of the injured ACL. The blood clot from the bleeding bone captures the injured end of the ACL and eventually reattaches the ligament back to the bone. The healing response has many advantages, including a much shorter recovery period, less cost, and because it is less invasive, greatly reduced chances for osteoarthritis to set in later.

Three weeks following his surgery, Bode was fully mobile and without need of a brace. Encouraged, Dr. Steadman suggested waiting another three weeks to determine whether the healing response would take. When the three weeks were up, the news was even more encouraging. “My ACL,” says Bode, “was re-growing entirely on its own.” By July, Bode was back on skis once again, training at Mt. Hood, Ore., and “feeling 100 percent, going right after it right away.” In the season’s first World Cup giant slalom in Solden, Austria, Bode finished a remarkable fifth—eight months after his surgery. Bode’s new knee—and his determination to “go right after it” paid off big last season, with four World Cup victories, a second in the World Cup slalom standings, a fourth in the overall World Cup standings, and two silver medals at the Salt Lake Winter Olympics.

For most, those kinds of results would rank high in the memory bank. For the 25-year-old from Franconia, N.H., however, his most memorable moment was the day he made the U.S. Ski Team. Competing in the U.S. National Championships at Sugarloaf, Maine, Bode came from 30th position in the slalom to capture third. “My family was there, all my classmates were there,” says Bode. “It was the greatest!”

When Bode isn’t on the course, he’s on the court. An all-state tennis player, he has been a coach and counselor at the family’s Tamarack Tennis Camp for years and, as this is written, is “just trying to relax and get the energy systems back up.”

“Tennis,” says Bode, “is a great mental exercise. It’s a longer event than ski racing and it helps you stay focused for a longer period of time.” But wait, there’s more. Golf, for example. A low- to mid-70s shooter, Bode took up the game at 15 but didn’t “get serious” about golf until five years ago. “I really enjoy the game,” he says. “When I retire from ski racing, I’d like to play tournament golf—if I still have the competitive energy.”

Competitive energy isn’t something that Bode is likely to run out of anytime soon. The 2006 Winter Olympics are still ahead (“It’s a long way away, but I plan to be there”) and he’s already looking to compete in tournament tennis if he can bring in some major events locally (“It’s important for the kids to see their coaches compete”).

Besides, he always has the comfort of knowing that the staff at Steadman-Hawkins will be there to make sure the physical part is up to the energy part. “Dr. Steadman and his staff,” says Bode, “are the greatest—supportive and super-friendly. It makes a nice environment to be in when you’re injured, bummed out, and trying to keep your spirits up.”

The Steadman-Hawkins Sports Medicine Foundation is key to the medical breakthroughs that have brought athletes, like Bode Miller, back to their best. It provides the research environment in which important new procedures, such as the healing response, are developed, nurtured, tracked and refined to promote top-of-the-game performance—for world-class competitors and weekend warriors alike.
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HEALING RESPONSE: STIMULATING REPAIR OF ACL INJURIES.

By William G. Rodkey, D.V.M.

Dr. Rodkey is director of Basic Science Research for the Steadman-Hawkins Sports Medicine Foundation.

Defects in the anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) rarely heal spontaneously. The torn ACL sometimes scars to the posterior cruciate ligament (PCL), but this does not result in any significant biomechanical function. ACL injuries continue to present a difficult problem for orthopaedic surgeons because it is difficult to predict whether such injuries will cause severe disability or only minimal impairment.

Consequently, Dr. Steadman has developed a procedure called the healing response as an alternative to formal reconstruction, or to no intervention. This procedure is designed especially for proximal one-third (near the thigh bone) ACL injuries, the type frequently seen in skiers. It is minimally invasive and uses the microfracture awl arthroscopically to produce a “super clot” from microfracture holes located at the femoral origin of the ACL. There is no fixation or immobilization, and we rely completely on the surgically induced “super clot,” which emerges from the bone marrow, to capture and heal the torn ACL.

We believe that the healing response procedure has significant advantages that outweigh the potential disadvantages. It is a technically easy procedure for the surgeon to perform with minimal downside risk.

Rehabilitation The Best Medicine

Bode Miller suffered a torn anterior cruciate ligament in a downhill crash in February 2001 at the World Alpine Championships in Austria and was able to come back for the Olympic year in 2002 thanks to the “healing response” procedure and a heavy exercise program. And to put an exclamation mark on his miraculous recovery, Miller responded with four World Cup victories, a second in the World Cup slalom standings, a fourth in the overall World Cup standings, and two silver medals at the Salt Lake City Winter Olympics.

The Injury

The crash left Miller with a torn anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) and meniscus in his left knee. The ACL is crucial in providing stability to the knee.

The Repair

The meniscus cartilage had dislocated to the front of the knee, causing the knee to lock. ACL reconstruction requires some movement in the knee. Because of this, the meniscus had to be repaired first.

1. Meniscus Surgery
   While working on the meniscus, Dr. Steadman discovered the ACL tear was at the femur. He decided to perform the “Healing Response.”

2. ACL Repairs itself
   Areas on the femur are selected where the ACL will reattach. The repair relies completely on the surgically induced “super clot.”

3. The Outcome
   There is no fixation or immobilization, and the repair relies completely on the surgically induced “super clot,” which emerges from the bone marrow, to capture and reattach the torn ACL.
As one prime example, Dr. Steadman has pioneered a surgical technique—microfracture—that, in 75 percent to 80 percent of patients treated, has provided pain relief and slowed or even stopped the progression of arthritis of the knee. Because of the microfracture procedure, patients with articular cartilage injuries have been able to return to physical activity and significantly delay or even avoid total joint replacement surgery. The procedure involves making small punctures in the bone that underlies the damaged cartilage. These small punctures, or “microfractures,” provide access to the cells and healing factors contained in the bone marrow. These marrow elements are released and form a “superclot” that supports formation of new reparative cartilage. Our research has demonstrated that these various growth factors and other healing modulators significantly enhance the repair process.

Numerous physicians and scientists are helping study the changes that take place following microfracture and other related procedures. Our focus remains on gaining new knowledge and a better understanding of the source of repair cells and biochemical modulators of healing, as well as the interaction of these components. In concert with our collaborators, we are using advanced molecular biological, gene therapy, and biochemical techniques to control and enhance the healing processes.

These and similar studies are examples of work that will enable the Foundation to learn more about the inherent healing abilities of commonly injured tissues. These and other studies will define more accurately why certain tissues tend to degenerate and sustain injury. They also will aid us in determining why some patients heal more quickly and completely than others. Similarly, we seek to learn about the biochemical changes that take place in the tissues surrounding the joints as we age. For us, there is no task more exciting than to investigate novel and innovative approaches in Basic Science Research to accelerate the healing of tissue following injury and/or surgery.

We dedicated the majority of our time and resources in 2002 to a major research project, a brief description of which is provided below:

**MICROFRACTURE COMBINED WITH GENE THERAPY TO ENHANCE CARTILAGE HEALING**

The Foundation and Dr. Wayne McIlwraith, a world-renowned equine arthroscopic surgeon from Colorado State University, have continued to study healing of full-thickness articular cartilage defects in weight-bearing areas of joints. The horse has been used as the animal model because horses, like human athletes, frequently sustain partial or full-thickness defects to the articular cartilage. The horse, like humans, can also be treated arthroscopically. With this animal model, the lesions or injuries can be produced in weight-bearing areas of the joints via an arthroscopic approach. These lesions can then be treated in a manner virtually identical to the surgical technique developed by Dr. Steadman to treat human patients. Also, the thickness as well as the microscopic anatomy of a horse’s articular cartilage is similar to that of humans. Finally, the surgical procedure performed on the horse, as in human patients, allows for retention of the subchondral plate while allowing various biochemical modulators of healing to ingress into the defect without making excessively large holes in the bone. One drawback to the equine model is the fact that it is not possible to keep the horse non-weight-bearing on the operated leg for several weeks as typically is done in human patients. Nonetheless, this model is truly a good test for articular cartilage repair techniques.

During 2002, we extensively revised and submitted a manuscript for publication in a scientific journal. That article now has been published.
The study, on which the article was based, investigated healing of large full-thickness articular cartilage defects during the first eight weeks with and without penetration of the subchondral bone using microfracture in an established equine model of cartilage healing. Chondral defects in the weight-bearing portion of the medial femoral condyle were made in each rear limb of the horse. One defect in each horse was microfractured while the contralateral leg served as the control. The expression of cartilage extracellular matrix components (Type I and Type II collagen and aggrecan) was evaluated using histologic techniques, reverse transcription coupled polymerase chain reaction, in situ hybridization, and immunohistochemistry. This study confirmed an increase in Type II collagen messenger RNA (mRNA) expression in repair tissue as early as six weeks after microfracture. However, while other matrix mRNA and protein levels changed in concentration and tissue location over the course of the study, no significant differences were noted in aggrecan levels in the microfractured defects.

In conclusion, while the microfracture techniques appear to significantly improve function, volume of repair tissue, and augment Type II collagen content, aggrecan content and proteoglycan production remain less than ideal. Therefore, methods to enhance the key matrix components, such as aggrecan and various proteoglycans, after microfracture may further improve repair tissue. This, in part, is one of the ongoing goals of our gene therapy work as noted below.

Our work with gene therapy to enhance tissue regeneration and chondral resurfacing moved forward rapidly and successfully in 2002. We are very encouraged by this work, and we believe that gene therapy may hold the key to future success in chondral resurfacing.

There are two reasons to undertake a gene therapy approach: (1) A perfect administration vehicle to deliver the healing proteins has not yet been developed and there are questions as to the timing of administration and how often growth factors need to be added, and (2) Dr. David D. Frisbie, assistant professor at the Colorado State University Equine Orthopaedic Research Center, and Dr. McIlwraith had excellent success with gene therapy following the delivery of the interleukin-1 receptor antagonist protein (IRAP) gene, with a single injection decreasing the amount of osteoarthritic change in horses.

Dr. Alan Nixon, our collaborator at Cornell...
University, has done *in vitro* work with insulin-like growth factor-1 (IGF-1) and the approach seems extremely promising in providing the metabolic regulation of the chondrocytes. In collaboration with Dr. Chris Evans at Harvard University, an expert in gene therapy for the treatment of musculoskeletal disease, we have taken a major step forward in the use of gene therapy to treat cartilage defects.

Our hypothesis for this study was that the combined anabolic properties of IGF-1 and the anti-inflammatory effects of IRAP would significantly improve the quality and quantity of the repair tissue found in full-thickness chondral defects treated with microfracture, thus improving clinical parameters of joint disease and reducing synovial joint inflammation. Our objectives were to determine the concentration and length of expression of viral-driven expression of IRAP and IGF-1 in synovial fluid of joints with full-thickness chondral defects treated with microfracture, and to determine the effects of these two molecules on synovial fluid in joints with full-thickness chondral defects treated with microfracture. Figure 1 shows how these two molecules can work in concert to improve cartilage healing.

The results of this study showed a significant increase in IRAP production driven by the therapeutic gene for a period of three weeks. Additionally, there was a significant increase in the production of IGF-1 for more than six weeks. The repair tissue in the defects of treated joints showed an increased amount of proteoglycans and Type II collagen content compared to untreated joints as demonstrated by biochemical and immunohistological analyses.

Consequently, we conclude that combination gene therapy using a growth factor (IGF-1), which stimulates matrix synthesis, and an anti-inflammatory molecule (IRAP), which blocks the effects of IL-1, significantly enhanced the quality of the repair tissue found in full-thickness chondral defects treated with microfracture. We are hopeful and encouraged that this successful study will bring us closer to the ability to modulate the production of long-lasting repair tissue in our ongoing efforts to treat articular cartilage defects.

This work continues in collaboration with Dr. Wayne McIlwraith and his staff at the Orthopaedic Research Center, Colorado State University. We gratefully acknowledge Dr. McIlwraith for his continuing cooperation.
Judy Collins: Shoulder On

For a pianist/guitarist with 37 albums, a bevy of top-10 hits and a host of Grammy nominations, a broken shoulder is not only no fun—it can be downright ruinous to a performer’s career.

At the top of her profession four years ago (though most fans will argue that her career hasn’t peaked yet), Judy Collins took a tumble while skiing. It happened at Vail, on Swingsville, and the result was a broken shoulder.

For Judy, it was a bummer. She and 18 other members of the Collins clan had gathered for a March weekend family reunion. “We had come in from all over the map,” she says. “Normally I don’t like to ski the first day because I’ve just flown in from who knows where and I try to spend the time organizing things, making dinner reservations, that sort of thing. But that afternoon I went for a run with my brothers and sisters.

“We had just started down Swingsville when my brother started joking about how famous people run into trees. Well, that did it. I took a dive on the trail’s first pitch and was down for the count. Even though I couldn’t stand up or sit down or move and could barely breathe, we pretty much concluded it was just a displaced shoulder.

“But no such luck. The next step was a visit to Dr. Sterett at Steadman-Hawkins.”

The diagnosis: a fracture and dislocation of the right proximal humerus. The fix: a hemiarthroplasty of the right humerus—or a total right shoulder replacement.

Though the surgery was a success, Dr. Sterett cautioned Judy that she might see her shoulder recover only 60 percent to 70 percent. “But,” says Judy today, “my shoulder is 110 percent.” How come? “Four years,” says Judy, “of disciplined rehab—and I was back on skis within a year.”

Pretty remarkable for someone who claims she was never a jock. “I grew up playing the piano. In fact, that’s all I did. I had absolutely no childhood...but I’m making up for it now.”

Born and raised in Colorado, and now living with husband Louis Nelson in New York City, Judy still pines for the outdoors—hiking, for the most part, and skiing. She has performed as a musician, singer and songwriter her entire life, first as a classical pianist at age 10 (she studied under the famed conductor Antonia Brico, later producing a documentary on Brico’s life that earned her an Academy Award nomination) and later, at 16, as a guitarist and singer as she discovered and embraced the traditional songs of the folk revival of the Sixties.

Playing at the Village Gate in New York in 1961, she was discovered by Elektra Records. Thus began a 35-year involvement with the company. But Judy’s eclectic nature soon blossomed into a broad mixture of songs, a characteristic that has stamped her albums ever since.

She now has her own record label, Wildflower, and a new song—“Kingdom Come,” a tribute to the New York City firemen who perished on September 11, 2001.

What impressed Judy most during her experience at Steadman-Hawkins were the people. “They were the best—so kind and so professional.” It’s one reason for her frequent trips to Vail to perform in fund-raisers for the Foundation. “I’m particularly interested in the Foundation’s research program. I’ve learned so much, so many things about women in sports—about the links to osteoporosis, about how to stay fit—that I never knew before.”

As for her career, it continues to skyrocket. As one music critic recently put it, “Judy continues, with music of hope and healing, to light up a world that needs music that matters and speaks to the heart.”

Nice words. But what matters as much to Judy is skiing with her family, and especially with her granddaughter. “She’s 15,” says Judy, “and she’s one hot skier!”
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JUDY COLLINS
Patient-derived clinical research focuses on the impact interventions have on patient status, which may include symptoms, function, quality of life, and satisfaction. New treatments often make claims for improved outcomes. For these claims to be valid, treatments must be objectively evaluated by long-term outcomes. The publication of outcomes research, which is based on all knee and shoulder patients who have undergone treatment at the Steadman-Hawkins Clinic and stored in a database, will allow patients to evaluate results and participate in decision-making on the type of care they desire. The goal of this research is to carry out outcomes research that will aid both physicians and patients in making better-informed decisions regarding medical treatment.

The future of Clinical Research will be based on learning from the patient. Our research will focus on predictors of disability, predictors of satisfaction, patient expectations, and patient outcomes from surgical procedures.

**PATIENT SATISFACTION AFTER ROTATOR CUFF SURGERY**

From our clinical research database, we were able to identify elements after rotator cuff surgery that correlated with patient satisfaction. Some surgical and objective variables were associated with satisfaction, particularly those related to size of the rotator cuff tear, involvement of the subscapularis, range of motion of the shoulder, impingement, and the acromioclavicular joint (the joint connecting the acromion and clavicle) symptoms. However, subjective variables played an even greater part in patient satisfaction.

There was a significant decrease in satisfaction for patients with continued pain, functional deficit, and work disability. While relief of pain is often the primary goal of surgical treatment, our data suggest that, in addition to pain, function and the ability to work is important to the patient as well.

This study, authored by James D. O’Holleran, M.D.; Mininder S. Kocher, M.D.; Marilee Horan, B.S.; and Richard J. Hawkins, M.D., was presented in 2002 at two national meetings. The paper will be sent to the *Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery* for consideration.

**PREDICTORS OF SATISFACTION WITH OUTCOME AFTER ANTERIOR SHOULDER SURGERY**

A study was completed using the clinical research database to determine predictors of patient satisfaction with outcome after anterior shoulder stabilization. We looked at the questionnaires of 200 patients who were two years out after surgery to determine satisfaction with outcome. Answers were graded on a 1-10 scale, with 10 being highly satisfied, and an analysis was performed to identify determinants of satisfaction. Overall, patients reported an average satisfaction outcome score of 9. Prior surgery or type of surgery performed were not predictors of patient satisfaction. While specific surgical and objective variables were associated with satisfaction, subjective variables of symptoms and function had the strongest associations with satisfaction. An analysis showed that if patients continued to feel pain and instability, they were more likely to be dissatisfied with surgical results. Patients with a re-injury or experiencing pain at work and during recreational activities were also not satisfied with their surgery.

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PATIENT SATISFACTION AFTER SUPERIOR LABRAL ANTERIOR POSTERIOR (SLAP) LESION SURGERY

Another patient satisfaction study, begun in 2002, looked at factors associated with superior labrum surgical intervention that correlated with satisfaction. The glenoid labrum is one of the stabilizing and load-sharing structures in the shoulder and the point where other capsule ligaments attach. SLAP lesions are superior tears in the glenoid labrum. Some injuries are traumatic enough to cause the labrum to peel back in the area where the biceps is anchored to the shoulder joint. SLAP lesions are commonly found in throwers and overhead laborers. Complete demographic, surgical, subjective, and objective data were collected on 151 patients.

On initial analysis, lower satisfaction scores were associated with patients with workers’ compensation status, a re-injury account or a prior shoulder surgery. Patients with abnormal articular cartilage on the glenoid and a large tear of the biceps tendon also tended to be less satisfied. Patients who did not experience pain or tenderness in the acromioclavicular joint but lacked some passive forward elevation were more satisfied. The American Shoulder and Elbow Society (ASES) Shoulder Score, which measures pain and function, correlated highly with patient satisfaction. Some independent predictors of satisfaction were prior surgery, workers’ compensation status and overall ASES score. This study will be completed in 2003.

PATIENT SATISFACTION AFTER HIGH TIBIAL OSTEOTOMY

High tibial osteotomy (HTO) is a procedure used for treatment of varus malalignment (bow-leggedness) of the knee. Malalignment in the knee is a condition that leads to premature deterioration of the cartilage and meniscus of the knee joint. This, in turn, can develop into arthritis. For the past seven years, Dr. William I. Sterett has been performing this procedure on patients who are young and active and would like to postpone total knee replacements for as long as possible.

In 2002, we completed a study that looked at patient satisfaction and functional outcome following HTO on the medial side of the proximal tibia. The study included 61 patients with a minimum of two-year follow-up. Thirty patients were treated with an external fixator, while the other 31 patients were treated with a plate fixation. We found that HTO in the active patient with varus degenerative joint disease produces high patient satisfaction and improved functional outcomes. We also found that satisfaction and outcome were independent of age, gender, fixation technique, or magnitude of correction. We concluded that medial opening wedge HTO is an effective surgical option for treatment of the degenerative varus knee in an active patient.

This study was authored by Bruce Miller, M.D.; Tom Joseph, M.D., Elizabeth Barry; Valerie Rich; and William I. Sterett, M.D. It will be presented at the 2003 Arthroscopy Association of North America Annual Meeting.
OSTEOARTHRITIS

By the year 2020, arthritis will affect more than 18 percent of all people in the United States. According to the Centers for Disease Control, arthritis and chronic joint symptoms currently affect nearly 70 million people, or one of every three adults in the United States. This makes arthritis one of the most prevalent diseases in the United States, and the number continues to increase as the population ages. Osteoarthritis (OA) is among the most frequent and symptomatic medical problems for middle-aged and older people. The costs of arthritis are great. The leading cause of disability in the United States, arthritis is the source of at least 44 million visits to health-care providers, and the estimated medical cost for people with arthritis was $16 billion in 1997.

MICROFRACTURE OF THE DEGENERATIVE KNEE

Surgical management of the arthritic knee in an active patient presents a challenge to the orthopaedic surgeon. Many surgical procedures have been developed to treat articular cartilage lesions of the knee, but few have been shown to be successful in the degenerative knee. Total knee arthroplasty demonstrates predictably favorable results in the treatment of the arthritic knee, but many patients wish to put off a knee replacement in order to maintain a high level of athletic activity. In 2002, we completed a study that investigated the outcome of the microfracture technique when applied to degenerative articular cartilage lesions of the knee. Our study included patients over the age of 40 who had full-thickness degenerative lesions of the knee and underwent microfracture. The study showed that in these patients, averaging 2.6 years following surgery, symptoms and function had improved. Patient activity level had increased and the patients were highly satisfied. We hope our findings will help establish future guidelines and expectations in the treatment of patients with osteoarthritis of the knee.

HIGH TIBIAL OSTEOTOMY

Medial opening wedge high tibial osteotomy (HTO) has gained popularity as a means of decreasing pain and correcting malalignment in young and active patients with medial compartment arthrosis (degenerative disease of the joint) and varus malalignment. In 2002, we completed several studies on this procedure.

COMPLICATION RATES FOLLOWING OPENING WEDGE HIGH TIBIAL OSTEOTOMY

The purpose of this study was to evaluate complication rates following HTO in active patients using either the distraction technique or Puddu plate. Complications were classified as either major (requiring repeat hospitalization or surgery), or minor (not requiring repeat hospitalization). The overall complication rate utilizing both techniques was similar. Sixty-seven percent of patients who underwent an HTO with the distraction technique experienced complications, whereas 65 percent of those in the Puddu plate group experienced complications.
We have previously reported a high improvement in functional outcomes despite a high complication rate. Furthermore, when examining these complications more closely, it appears that the large majority of the distraction technique group experienced minor complications, while the majority of the Puddu plate group experienced major complications. We conclude that the Puddu system may be in need of design modifications to decrease the major complication rate, especially in cases requiring further surgery.

This study, authored by William I. Sterett, M.D.; Valerie Rich; and Elizabeth Barry, will be presented at the 2003 American Orthopaedic Society for Sports Medicine Annual Meeting.

**POSTERIOR TIBIAL SLOPE FOLLOWING MEDIAL OPENING WEDGE HIGH TIBIAL OSTEOTOMY**

Medial opening wedge HTO is a procedure for the treatment of varus malalignment of the knee. Because of the triangular cross-sectional anatomy of the tibia, this procedure may produce biplanar correction. The purpose of this study was to determine whether the posterior slope of the tibia is changed by performing an HTO. In addition, if the posterior slope is changed, does this change have any effect on range of motion or functional outcome?

We found that by performing an HTO, the posterior slope of the tibia is significantly increased. We then focused on whether 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 outcome.

This study, authored by Tom Joseph, M.D.; Bruce Miller, M.D.; Valerie Rich; Elizabeth Barry; and William I. Sterett, M.D., will be presented at the 2003 American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons Annual Meeting.

**CHONDRAL LESIONS TREATED WITH MICROFRACTURE AND MEDIAL OPENING WEDGE HTO**

Between 1995 and 2002, Dr. Sterett and Dr. Steadman performed microfracture combined with a medial opening wedge high tibial osteotomy on more than 150 knees diagnosed with malalignment and medial compartment degenerative joint disease. The purpose of this study was to assess the ability of the combined procedure to regenerate articular cartilage in the knee. This assessment could only be made in patients undergoing subsequent “second-look” arthroscopy. During this second procedure, the doctors assessed the percentage of coverage of the original chondral defect(s) with new, regenerate cartilage. The study found that, on average, 82 percent of the original defects were covered with regenerate cartilage. The longer the period of time between the original procedure and the second-look arthroscopy, the more chondral coverage the knee had, and those patients with more coverage had better post-operative function. This study confirmed that chondral resurfacing is possible in the degenerative knee.

**GLENOHUMERAL OSTEOARTHRITIS**

Osteoarthritis of the glenohumeral joint is a common cause of shoulder pain. It can result in restricted range of motion and loss of function. In the osteoarthritic shoulder the articular surface anatomy may be damaged, leading to pain and loss of function. Arthritis in the shoulder can develop following trauma, shoulder surgery, or an inflammatory joint condition.

The Relative Risk of Glenohumeral Arthritis in Patients with Shoulder Instability

In a previous study, we showed that the prevalence of osteoarthritis is low in patients with shoulder instability. However, we did find a significant association between age and arthritis and between time from injury and arthritis. In this study, the longer the patient was unstable, the greater was the proportion of arthritis. In 2002, a study was completed to estimate the risk of developing osteoarthritis in patients with shoulder instability compared to a control group to determine what other factors may contribute to this risk.

For this study, data were collected in a database from 1993 to 2000. The control group consisted of 83 patients and the instability group included 422 patients who were diagnosed with shoulder instability. The overall prevalence of arthritis in the instability group (15 percent) was significantly higher than the prevalence in the control group (5 percent). Compared to our control group, patients with instability had a three times greater risk of arthritis. In patients over 35 years of age, this risk increased to 4.6 times. In summary, patients with shoulder instability are at increased risk for the development of shoulder arthritis. The risk increases as the patient ages, when a Bankart lesion is present, and as the duration of symptoms increases. A Bankart lesion is a tear to the anterior (front) of the shoulder.
Determinants of Patient Satisfaction Following Shoulder Arthroplasty

Total shoulder replacement (in which both the humeral head and the glenoid are replaced) and hemi-shoulder replacement (in which either the humeral head or the glenoid are replaced) has become the standard treatment for advanced osteoarthritis of the glenohumeral joint.

The objective of this study was to identify determinants of patient satisfaction with outcome following total and hemi-shoulder arthroplasty. Demographic variables, such as age and gender, did not make a difference in patient satisfaction. Some specific surgical variables were associated with satisfaction, including those related to rotator cuff tears of the subscapularis and infraspinatus tendons. Analysis of subjective variables identified pain with activities and work, position of arm without pain, and use of anti-inflammatory medication as predictors of patient satisfaction. Shoulder arthroplasty provides relief of pain and improvement of function in the upper extremity of patients with degenerative osteoarthritis. This study will be completed in 2003.

Glenohumeral Arthritis and Long-Standing Anterior Instability of the Shoulder

The purpose of this study was to determine whether an association exists between the degree of anterior shoulder instability and the development of glenohumeral osteoarthrosis. We hypothesized that patients with longer-standing symptoms and more instability would have increased prevalence of arthritis.

Data from 201 patients with anterior instability were analyzed. We found an association between increasing grades of anterior instability and the development of arthritis. Patients with grade III translation or severe instability were at highest risk for the development of arthritis. This risk increased with the presence of a Bankart lesion and age of over 35. A Bankart lesion is a tear to the anterior (front) of the shoulder. This study found an association between the amount of humeral head translation and the presence of arthritis in joints of patients with anterior shoulder instability. Shoulder instability is a potential contributor to the development of shoulder osteoarthritis.

This study is authored by Michele Cameron, M.D.; Karen Briggs, M.B.A., M.P.H.; Marilee Horan; and Richard J. Hawkins, M.D. It will be presented at the 2003 American Orthopaedic Society for Sports Medicine Annual Meeting.

Injury Treatment to Maintain Function and Activity

Microfracture

Full-thickness chondral defects in the knee are common after traumatic injury. They rarely heal spontaneously, and most patients eventually develop degenerative changes that can be debilitating.

To treat full-thickness chondral defects, the ideal technique would be relatively simple to perform, have a low patient morbidity, be cost-effective, and have a high long-term success rate without jeopardizing the ability to perform future procedures. 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 taking advantage of the body's own healing potential.

**Microfracture to Treat Traumatic Chondral Defects**

Over the past eight years, several studies have been published on functional outcomes. These studies suggested improvement over the preoperative status. In 2002, a study that looked at case series of patients with long-term follow-up was accepted for publication in *Arthroscopy*. This study included follow-up on patients an average of 11 years following microfracture, with the longest follow-up being 17 years.

The study found that arthroscopically performed debridement and microfracture for isolated full-thickness chondral defects in patients under 45 years of age led to significant improvement in function and symptoms. This improvement was maintained a minimum of seven years and up to final follow-up.


**Microfracture in NFL**

Another microfracture study was completed and accepted for publication in 2002. In it, we reviewed the results of microfracture in National Football League (NFL) players. Twenty-five active NFL players underwent the microfracture procedure to treat full-thickness chondral lesions between 1986 and 1997. Symptoms, activity levels, and function improved. Nineteen players (76 percent) returned to football the season following microfracture. Six players retired for various reasons and did not return to play. Those who returned to play averaged 4.6 seasons of participation and 56.8 games after microfracture. These results in high-demand NFL players are encouraging. The microfracture technique is safe, effective, and appears to markedly improve symptoms, function, and activity levels in NFL players. This study, authored by J. Richard Steadman, M.D.; Bruce Miller, M.D.; Spero Karas, M.D.; Ted Schlegel, M.D.; Karen Briggs, M.B.A. M.P.H.; and Richard J. Hawkins, M.D.; will be published in 2003 in the *American Journal of Knee Surgery*.

**Heat Probe**

Instability of the shoulder is often a painful condition characterized by repeated dislocation or subluxation of the gleno-humeral joint. Instability occurs when the ligaments become stretched or torn and the humeral head cannot be constrained in the glenoid socket. A number of arthroscopic techniques have been developed to reduce the capsular volume to treat shoulder instability. Basic science studies have shown that capsular shrinkage can be thermally induced and therefore aid in the treatment of shoulder instability.

In 2002, an abstract on thermal capsularorrhaphy, authored by Sumant Krishnan, M.D.; Richard J. Hawkins, M.D.; Spero Karas, M.D.; Marilee Horan; and Thomas Noonan, M.D., was voted best abstract at the American Orthopaedic Society for Sports Medicine Annual Meeting. This resulted in the opportunity to present the research in more detail at the Annual Meeting of the American Association of Orthopaedic Surgeons. The award included a highly visible cubical in which we presented our research with posters and incorporated an audiovisual element in the presentation. This exhibit highlighted the electrothermal device known as the Heat Probe.

Basic science studies have shown that capsular shrinkage can be thermally induced and may therefore aid in the treatment of shoulder instability. In early 1997, Dr. Hawkins began using the latest generation of thermal shrinking devices, the Heat Probe.
After following the progress of the first 100 patients that were treated with the Heat Probe, initial data revealed a higher than expected instability recurrence rate of 10 percent to 50 percent, depending on the type of instability treated. Previously published arthroscopic failure (recurrent instability) rates for anterior instability approached 50 percent, with recent open anterior failure rates ranging from 0 to 20 percent. Responding to the data, we modified our surgical technique to include capsular plication and rotator interval closure to improve our surgical outcomes. We also reevaluated the length of postoperative immobilization and rehabilitation to compromise between stability and restoration of function. We remain optimistic concerning the use of thermal shrinkage to aid in restoring normal capsular tension in the treatment of instability. Thermal treatment of the capsule is an effective adjunct but may not replace suture repairs (either open or arthroscopic). We will continue to monitor the progress of these patients and hope to validate the belief that these new adjuncts will improve their surgical outcomes.

HEALING RESPONSE

When injured, the anterior cruciate ligament can tear in many different locations with many different types of tears. Mid-substance tears historically have not done well with routine repairs—i.e., placing sutures on each end of the ligament—and thus a reconstruction is warranted to reconstitute the integrity of the ruptured ligament. It is believed that proximal tears heal better than mid-substance tears because of increased blood supply and proximity to the femur. In some proximal tears, half of the cruciate ligament is still attached, or a small strand of ligament is still attached, or the synovium overlying the cruciate is still attached. Because of this, the ligament itself remains in close proximity to its insertion on the femur, yet it still is functionally incompetent.

Because of the continued attachment proximally, Dr. Steadman developed the “healing response” technique to promote repair of proximal ACL tears. Microfracture holes are made into the cortical bone at the origin of the disrupted ligament and into the ligament itself. The surgically induced marrow clot captures the ends of the ligament and provides healing proteins and regenerative cells and, resulting, an enriched environment for tissue regeneration. The ligament ends reunite without other fixation.

In 2002, we continued our project of long-term follow-up on 1,500 patients who have undergone the healing response procedure. In 2002, a study that examined the outcomes of the healing response technique in patients 40 years and older was presented as a poster at the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons Annual Meeting and at the 2002 Arthroscopy Association of North America Annual Meeting. In the study, 198 patients with an average age of 50 years (range 40-74 years) were followed. The average time from injury to surgery was 13 days. Five patients (2.5 percent) suffered a re-injury and underwent reconstruction. At an average follow-up of 41 months, 92 percent of the patients experienced no or minimal pain, 95 percent of the patients experienced no giving way, and 94 percent considered their knee function to be normal to nearly normal. Patients were highly satisfied and for those who returned for clinical follow-up, their KT-1000 Manual Maximum Distance (a measure of knee-joint laxity)
improved from an average of 5.0 mm to 1.9 mm. The study concluded that the healing response technique restored ligament stability and knee function in patients over 40 years of age with torn proximal ACLs.

Another study, entitled “A Minimally Invasive Technique (Healing Response) to Treat Proximal ACL Injuries in the Skeletally Immature Patient,” reviewed 13 adolescent patients with a proximally torn ACL who underwent the healing response procedure. Three patients had a re-injury episode and underwent an ACL reconstruction at an average of 42 months following the healing response. Of the remaining patients, none experienced pain or giving way and all considered their knee function normal. The study concluded that based on this short-term study, the healing response procedure restored stability and knee function in this patient population. Patients were satisfied with the procedure and returned to a high level of sports and activities.

**PATIENT ACTIVITY GOALS**

The goal of orthopedic surgery is often to help patients return to their desired level of activity. The Tegner scale is a subjective assessment of activity ability, ranging from level 0 (sick leave due to knee problems) to level 10 (competitive sports, including soccer, football and rugby). Often before surgery, patients want to reach a higher level of activity, defined as the Tegner goal. The purpose of this study was to determine whether the patient’s goal had an effect on the patient’s satisfaction following surgery.

Thirty patients were assessed pre-operatively and each was tracked post-operatively for an average of 13 months. Pre-operatively, patients reported an average Tegner level of 3, with a Tegner goal of 7. At post-operative follow-up, patients reported a current Tegner level of 5, two levels off their goal, with an improvement of two levels. In order to examine the role of the Tegner goal on patient satisfaction, 30 patients were divided into two groups: a “positive” group that had come within two levels of their goals upon follow-up, and a “negative” group that had not. Initially, the positive group had a lower Tegner score, along with a lower goal, but were able to come within half a level of their goal at follow-up. The negative group actually decreased their Tegner level post-operatively. Of interest, both groups had equivalent satisfaction scores, signifying that attaining one’s Tegner goal was not a major determinant of patient satisfaction.

To observe factors that might differentiate between satisfied and unsatisfied patients, the group was again divided into two groups—a “positive satisfaction” group with a satisfaction of 7 or greater, and a “negative satisfaction” group. Patients with higher satisfaction scores had greater improvement with Tegner scores and higher post-op Tegner scores.

Finally, in comparing patients with degenerative joint disease (DJD) vs. ACL injuries, ACL patients had a near-zero initial Tegner level, with higher Tegner goals than the DJD group. At follow-up, ACL patients were able to come within half a level of their goal, vs. two levels for DJD, and had significantly higher satisfaction.
While many factors probably contribute to patient satisfaction (including time after surgery, severity of original injury, rehabilitation program, etc.), this study showed that the ability of patients to reach their Tegner goal may not have a great effect on patient satisfaction. This study, when more data have been collected, will be completed in 2003.

Can the Impingement Test Predict Outcome After Arthroscopic Subacromial Decompression?

The impingement test, placement of a local anesthetic in the subacromial bursa, is considered a useful tool in diagnosing subacromial impingement syndrome, which occurs when there is contact between the rotator cuff and the overlying coracoacromial arch. A study was undertaken to examine the predictive value of the impingement test with respect to outcome after arthroscopic subacromial decompression. The study found that there was a significant association between successful outcomes and positive impingement test results. Patients with a positive impingement test were more likely to have a positive outcome at 12 months compared to patients with a negative test. The study concluded that the impingement test is a useful component in the examination of patients who have been diagnosed with subacromial impingement. Our evidence indicates that the test results correlate with the outcome of surgery. Therefore, we use the test results as one tool to predict outcome after arthroscopic subacromial decompression.

This study, authored by Scott D. Mair, M.D.; Randy Viola, M.D.; Thomas Gill, M.D.; Karen Briggs, M.B.A., M.P.H.; and Richard J. Hawkins, M.D., was accepted for publication in the *Journal of Shoulder and Elbow Surgery*.

Patient Satisfaction and Outcome Following ACL Allograft Reconstruction

Although autograft ACL reconstruction, which utilizes the patient’s own tissue, is the preferred procedure in the Steadman-Hawkins Clinic, allograft ACL reconstruction, which utilizes tissue taken from a cadaver, is employed when the autograft procedure is inadvisable. This often occurs in patients requiring a revision of a previous ACL reconstruction, as well as in patients with patellar femoral problems. The purpose of this study was to report the post-operative satisfaction and clinical outcome of patients who have undergone allograft ACL reconstruction. The study group included patients for whom the allograft procedure was the first or primary ACL reconstruction, as well as those for whom the allograft reconstruction was a revision procedure. All patients in this study received fresh-frozen patellar tendon allografts. Surveyed two years following their allograft surgery, patients reported an average satisfaction score of 8 (10 = most satisfied) and an average functional score (Lysholm) of 80 out of 100. These results are satisfactory considering that all patients had other knee problems, or had undergone previous ACL surgery, before undergoing the allograft procedure. In line with previous studies, our statistical analysis found that post-operative patient activity level and patient-reported symptoms were the strongest predictors of patient satisfaction following surgery.

SLAP Lesions of the Shoulder

Little is known about the clinical factors and other pathologies associated with high-level (Grade III or IV) tears of the superior glenoid labrum of the shoulder—also known as “SLAP lesions”—due to the rarity of such tears. Grade III lesions are defined as bucket-handle tears with the biceps anchor intact; Grade IV lesions can be recognized by a vertical tear of the superior labrum extending into the biceps. As a result of our extensive database, we were able to identify 56 patients with Grade III or Grade IV SLAP...
tears and describe clinical factors that might assist a physician in identifying a high-level SLAP lesion.

Based on our examination, most patients had a traumatic injury resulting in the tear, often involving sports and sports-related falls (skiing, football, etc.). Despite the severity of an injury that would elicit such a tear, patients waited an average of two and a half years before having surgery. However, there was a difference between the groups: patients with type IV tears waited an average of 3.75 years as opposed to only 1.75 years for type III tears. Factors that eventually led the patients to request medical attention were pain and instability. Patients scored an average of 68 out of 100 in the American Shoulder and Elbow Surgeons (ASES) Standardized Shoulder Assessment test—a subjective assessment of a patient’s shoulder disability. Most patients reported significant pain associated with their work and recreational activities. A high sense of instability in the shoulder joint was reported in many patients. Physicians at the time of surgery discovered that patients had a high degree of instability, often in more than one direction, while under anesthesia.

We also examined surgical findings to uncover other pathologies of the shoulder that often occur with high-level SLAP lesions. Bankart lesions were often found, as was an abnormal labrum outside the site of the SLAP tear. Several patients had damage in the acromioclavicular joint (the joint connecting the acromion and clavicle). Articular cartilage remained normal in most patients. Few patients had tears of other tendons and muscles in the shoulder.

An examination of differences between the two groups was made. The only significant difference between patients with type III SLAP tears and patients with type IV SLAP tears was the number of injuries that resulted from sports. Type IV tear patients had a higher percentage of injuries resulting from sports than did type III patients. In fact, all type IV lesions in patients 40 years or younger resulted from a sports-related injury. Type IV tears also had a higher percentage of associated Bankart lesions, and a higher percentage of abnormal biceps pathology compared to type III tears.

With this examination, it is our hope that physicians can obtain a better knowledge of what to expect when diagnosing these high-level tears of the superior labrum. This study will be completed in 2003.

**CLINICAL DATABASE**

The purpose of the Steadman-Hawkins Clinical Research Database is to gather outcome data on patients undergoing treatment for orthopaedic injuries in an effort to document long-term outcomes. The aim of the project is to document outcomes following orthopaedic procedures and educate patients on outcomes to help them make a more informed decision. Data are collected on all knee and shoulder patients and stored in our database. This permits us to perform an outcome analysis on many different procedures over a period of many years.

Studies at the Steadman-Hawkins Sports Medicine Foundation are case series involving multiple subjects reported with a condition and/or intervention with or without a comparison group. Data are collected on all consenting patients who undergo shoulder or knee surgery. These studies suggest a clinical course and the response to the intervention. The advantage of this type of study is that data can be collected on a large number of patients. Also, the ethical dilemma of a control group is avoided. The disadvantages include a bias in patient selection and no randomized patient selection.

Patient participation is voluntary and patient information is stored anonymously. In 2002, we received Internal Review Board approval from the Vail Valley Medical Center’s IRB for the protocol entitled “Collection of patient data to monitor outcomes following treatment for orthopaedic injuries.”
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**BIOMECHANICS: SEARCHING FOR THE HOW AND WHY**

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**DETERMINING KNEE COMPARTMENT LOADS**

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. Until recently, it was not known what type of mechanical loads are distributed throughout the knee. Dr. Marcus Pandy, professor of Biomedical Engineering, and Dr. Kevin Shelburne, senior staff scientist, developed computer simulations to predict loads inside the knee during walking. These simulations utilized models of the knee and lower extremity developed in Dr. Pandy’s laboratory at the University of Texas.

These researchers have recently submitted an abstract to the Orthopedic 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 of the knee. This is not surprising, since our doctors often observe more severe osteoarthritic conditions on the medial side of the knee rather than on the lateral side. What is a unique finding of this research is that the total loads in the knee can reach upwards of 449 pounds during simple walking with nearly 334 pounds distributed on the medial side of the knee. One can imagine the kinds of loads that might be expected if we were to conduct similar research on joggers or runners. This study investigated only loads in a knee that is considered to have normal alignment. Malalignments of the lower limb, such as knee varus (bowleggedness) and knee valgus (knocked-knees), can exacerbate the osteoarthritic process by shifting more or less of a load to the medial or lateral side of the knee joint.
To correct malalignments, surgeons often perform a surgical procedure called the high tibial osteotomy (HTO), which alters the loading pattern in the joint.

This research is helping physicians understand just how and why their surgical procedures are reducing loads in the medial and lateral compartments of 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.

The Effect of Orthotics in Reducing Knee Loads

People who suffer from knee joint osteoarthritis as well as physicians who treat these individuals are often searching for conservative, inexpensive yet effective options to alleviate knee pain during athletic activities. The use of foot orthotics have long been utilized in this endeavor. However, while testimonials support their use, little evidence has been able to identify the mechanics by which orthotics alleviate knee pain. The Biomechanics Research Lab has embarked on an ambitious project to better understand how and why orthotics reduce knee loads in osteoarthritic patients. Headed by Dr. Michael Torry and staff scientist Mollie Pfum, the BRL will test numerous individuals who fit the criteria of knee osteoarthritis and lower-extremity varus alignment (bow-leggedness). Researchers will outfit each individual with orthotics of varying heights and consisting primarily of a lateral heel wedge. The patients will walk while the BRL group collects motion and force data. Once completed, the analysis will yield the degree by which each orthotic helped (or did not help) reduce the loading in the knee. With this information, our researchers will be able to make recommendations regarding the proper use, fitting, and degree of knee osteoarthritis and lower-extremity alignment that may benefit from orthotic/heel wedge use as well as determine how and why orthotics work.

ANALYSIS OF THE GOLF SWING IN THE OVER-60 GOLFER

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

Golf is one of the most popular sports for men and women over 50 years of age. Unfortunately, golf also requires excessive and repetitive rotary motion about the spine. This motion frequently develops into lower back pain that is often exacerbated 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 capture. With this instrumentation, one can see if the golfer keeps his or her lead arm straight, when the hips break, and can even measure the popular X-factor, a leading variable the golf pros use to define trunk rotation. The study will begin in August 2003. “Once we understand more about what happens to the knees, hips, shoulder, and back in the 60-plus golfer, we will be able to focus on specific injuries that often plague this age group,” says Dr. Torry.

**Gender Differences in ACL Injuries: Why Females Tear Their ACL More Often than Males**

Since the inception of Title IX in 1979, the incidence of females tearing their ACL in non-contact sports (volleyball, basketball, soccer, etc.) has been alarming, with some reports estimating women to be four to eight times more likely to tear their ACL compared to their male counterparts in comparable sports. Understanding how and why this gender disparity occurs has been a three-year endeavor for the Biomechanics group. Most recently, the BRL published a paper that detailed specific landing differences from a jump that exist between age and activity level.
matching male and female athletes. In short, women land in a more erect position (less knee flexion), which tend to create higher loads on the ACL. However, measuring a person’s performance in the laboratory has disadvantages, since the landings cannot be harmful in any way and this answers only some of the questions. To further understand how and why the ACL is sometimes injured (in both men and women), staff scientist Molli Pflum and Dr. Marcus Pandy conducted a study at the University of Texas in which the landing data measured on the subjects in the laboratory were used to guide a computer model of the landing motion. With the computer model, the scientists were able to discretely determine what happens inside the knee during the motion, what tissues are loaded, and what factors are contributing most to the ACL injury. And, unlike testing human subjects, the model can be made to perform in a manner that actually tears its ACL.

**LITTLE LEAGUE PITCHING MECHANICS**

After four years of investigating major league baseball pitching mechanics and injuries, the Biomechanics Research Lab has focused its efforts on attempting to understand the mechanics behind Little League pitchers’ throwing patterns and how these patterns contribute to injury potential.

Injuries seen in younger pitchers are much different from those observed in professional pitchers. This observation led us to believe that pitching mechanics are most likely very different as well. Recently, however, the BRL has published several abstracts and papers which detail the mechanics of Little League pitchers and, in conjunction with our professional pitching database, we have been able to compare throwing patterns of developing young pitchers to those of professional mature pitchers. Although significant differences do exist, there are many similarities. For instance, Little League pitchers throw only 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 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 injury patterns so different? We believe it is due to the physical strength and the skeletal maturity of the athletes. As we mature, our tissues become more rigid and able to withstand higher forces. An outcome of our research distinctly shows that young players (as early as 13 years old) need to have proper techniques taught to them. At this age they are already developing pitching mechanics that they will carry with them into adolescence.

Left figure: Bone pins are inserted into the humerus and scapula to develop 3-D computer generated shoulder model.

Right figure: Three-dimensional model showing the forces that cause patello-femoral loading.
Air Force Major John Tokish, M.D., a Steadman-Hawkins Fellow, has seen his share of action — on the war front and on the athletic field. An orthopaedic surgeon currently stationed at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Tokish is a team physician ministering to the scrapes, pulls and pains of academy athletes.

It’s a job he enjoys — particularly during football season since, as this is written, Air Force is 6-0 for the season and ranks 13th among all college teams in the nation. The Air Force Academy team is a young squad that is already showing signs of soon becoming one of the nation’s top college gridiron teams.

These days at the academy are a lot different for Tokish than they were after the terrorist attack on Sept. 11. Shortly after that tragedy, three months after completing his Steadman-Hawkins Fellowship, Maj. Tokish was dispatched to Afghanistan. As one of the first orthopaedic surgeons in the war zone, he was assigned command of the first MFST (Mobile Forward Surgical Team) unit, where he served on the front repairing soldiers from U.S. Special Operations, the Army’s elite combat group whose soldiers had found themselves on the receiving end of mine or mortar attacks.

“Fortunately,” says Maj. Tokish today, “I had to perform only 25 surgeries during the six months I served on the front, which was certainly good news for our guys.

“Still,” he continues, “it wasn’t pretty. Most of the surgeries involved amputation from mine explosions and mangled extremities, which wasn’t exactly sports medicine. But we did encounter a number of injuries from soldiers jumping out of planes or from combat maneuvers that weren’t necessarily surgical in nature but needed an injection or properly directed rehab or bracing. All of this, of course, was extremely valuable to my training.”

What Tokish did discover were close similarities between Special Operations soldiers and the athletes that he had been trained to repair.

“Managing the care of a Special Ops soldier is a lot like managing an elite athlete. What struck me at first was the fact that these soldiers were asked to perform at a very high level physically. They are capable of doing things that we don’t ask regulars to often do. And their attitude is different. Like a professional athlete, they’re not interested in anything other than how fast they can get back to their mission. So your first goal as a surgeon, as with a professional athlete, is education—convincing them that you have the same goal that they do, and that goal is getting them back to the job at hand.

“These soldiers are very dedicated professionals who are willing to sacrifice their lives to complete their mission. And they know they’re not going to do that from the sidelines.”

As a Fellow who had spent a year at the Steadman-Hawkins Clinic in 2000-2001, Tokish says he’s taken away a lot from the experience.

“I learned how to listen to patient concerns. Both Dr. Steadman and Dr. Hawkins were careful to listen to each patient attentively and educate each patient as to the nature of his injury and all the options that were open to him. Almost always, the patient would make the decision that was best for himself and his family or his team. That, in my experience, was true for our soldiers as well.”

Equally impressive, says Tokish, was the manner in which the Clinic’s doctors treated not only their patients but also their staff. “Dr. Steadman’s staff has been with him virtually forever—and there’s a reason for that. It’s because he treats everyone on his staff with the utmost respect. For all the accolades Dr. Steadman has received in his lifetime, he is still a person who is dedicated to helping others, and he does it with a humility that is very rare, especially among people who have experienced the level of success that he has.”

Tokish, who calls Seattle home, was selected as a Fellow in July 2000 from hundreds of others, largely because he had already established himself as one of the top practitioners in the orthopaedic field. Prior to his residency at the University of Arizona Health Sciences Center, Tokish attended the U.S. Air Force Academy for his undergraduate degree in biochemistry and the University of
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Tokish has reason to be proud of his selection as a Steadman-Hawkins Fellow. Considered one of the top post-residency sports medicine fellowship programs in the world, the Fellowship program is at the core of the Foundation’s educational effort.

Each year, six young orthopaedic surgeons are chosen from more than 200 candidates to become Steadman-Hawkins Fellows. They are with the Foundation for an intensive 12-month training program, during which their orthopaedic surgical skills are refined and they investigate the causes, prevention and cure of degenerative arthritis as well as the treatment and prevention of injuries.

The Fellowship program itself (there are now 120 Fellows and associates worldwide) provides benefits in three critical areas: (1) research, which is shared with other orthopaedic centers throughout the world; (2) benefits for thousands of patients as each graduate from the program joins the network of practicing Steadman-Hawkins Fellows; and (3) new techniques that will improve health care and reduce medical costs worldwide.

“Our goal,” says Dr. Hawkins, “is to prepare our Fellows to be at the cutting edge of their field for the remainder of their career.

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The Foundation currently maintains a network of 120 Fellows who share advanced ideas and inspire each other to higher levels. This year we held the Eleventh Annual Fellows Meeting. 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.

2002 FELLOWS

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Steadman-Hawkins Fellows spend their year refining skills and learning new techniques from Drs. Steadman, Hawkins and Sterett. The Fellowship program includes an opportunity to participate in research with Foundation scientists. Each Fellow is actively involved in Clinical Research, Basic Science and Rehabilitation/Biomechanics Research.

The Fellows experience hands-on medical coverage of major league baseball’s Colorado Rockies, the NFL’s Denver Broncos 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.

Reed Bartz, M.D.

Dr. Bartz graduated from Southern Methodist University with a degree in economics and then attended the University of Texas at Galveston to study medicine. He completed his residency in orthopaedic surgery at Baylor College of Medicine, where twice he was presented with the Paul Harrington Award for excellence in orthopaedic research. Dr. Bartz is also the recipient of the prestigious Herodicus Society Award for best resident paper by the American Orthopaedic Society for Sports Medicine for his study of the topographical matching of osteochondral transplant donor and recipient sites. He has been published in the Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery, American Journal of Sports Medicine, and Journal of Orthopaedic Trauma.

Timothy Farley, M.D.

Dr. Farley graduated with honors in psychology from the University of Notre Dame. He attended Rush Medical College in Chicago, where he served as president of the college’s chapter of the Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honor Society. Dr. Farley completed his residency at the Hospital for Special Surgery in New York City, where his research included studying the prevention of ossification after hip surgery, following cell viability of cryopreserved meniscal allografts in the sheep model, and comparing different types of implants in total knee arthroplasty.
Scott Hacker, M.D.

Dr. Hacker earned his undergraduate degree in bioengineering at the University of California at San Diego and was also awarded the Regent’s Fellowship for a master’s degree in bioengineering, in which he concentrated on orthopaedic biomechanics. He then studied medicine at the University of California at Irvine. As an orthopaedic surgery resident at the University of Washington, he pursued his strong interest in clinical and biomechanics research and has been published in the *Journal of Biomechanical Engineering*, *Journal of Orthopaedic Research*, and *Osteoarthritis and Cartilage*.

Michael Milne, M.D.

Dr. Milne studied economics and finance as an undergraduate at Southern Methodist University and at the London School of Economics before deciding to pursue a career in medicine. He earned his medical degree and completed his residency in orthopaedic surgery at the University of Texas’ Southwestern Medical Center. During his residency, Dr. Milne received the Texas Orthopaedic Association award for the Best Resident Paper on “Knee Bridging External Fixation of High Energy Bicondylar Tibial Plateau Fractures.”

Timothy O’Brien, M.D.

Dr. O’Brien graduated *cum laude* from Harvard University with a degree in government. After working for two years with an international law firm, he decided to change direction and study medicine. He attended Brown School of Medicine and became interested in orthopaedics while working on several basic science research projects in the laboratory at Rhode Island Hospital. Dr. O’Brien completed his orthopaedic surgery residency at the University of California at San Francisco, where he was involved in the research of functional outcomes following chronic rupture of the patellar tendon.

James Van den Bogaerde, M.D.

Dr. Van den Bogaerde studied biology as an undergraduate at the University of California and attended the University of Chicago’s Pritzker School of Medicine. While in medical school, he received the Roche Laboratories Award for Excellence in Basic Science Research at the National Student Forum and the National Institutes of Health Summer Student Research Award. Dr. Van den Bogaerde completed his residency program at the University of California (Davis) Medical Center, where his research projects included comparing hamstring and patellar tendon grafts for MCL reconstruction, as well as studying approaches to the repair of intercondylar humerus fractures.

INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

The Foundation has been fortunate to have the assistance of a talented and dedicated class of graduate school, college, and high school interns. Over the years, the Foundation’s internship program has grown both in its scope and the quality of its interns. Students wishing to develop careers in the orthopaedic field have the opportunity to gain practical research experience in a variety of settings within the Steadman-Hawkins Sports Medicine Foundation. It is our intent to provide an exceptional learning environment designed to develop world-class researchers in the field of orthopaedic sports medicine, rehabilitation, and human performance. Research is an integral part of patient care and we are dedicated to improving all aspects of health care, including cost-effective treatment and injury prevention, through quality research and education. We wish our interns well in their future careers.

SPECIAL COURSES

Second International Cartilage Symposium

The second International Cartilage Symposium in Vail, Colo., was held Aug. 16-17 and was hosted by the professionals and staff of the Steadman-Hawkins Sports Medicine Foundation. The two-day meeting, funded by Pfizer, Inc., featured a world-renowned, international faculty of orthopaedic surgeons, each of whom has pioneered innovative procedures for treating articular cartilage injuries. More than 150 physicians attended the symposium.
WHERE ARE THEY NOW.

The graduating class of 2001/2002 Steadman-Hawkins Fellows are busy establishing new careers in orthopaedics.

Jason W. Folk, M.D., remains in Vail and has joined the Steadman-Hawkins Clinic.

David C. Johnson, M.D., has started a private practice in Alexandria, Va. He plans to open a sports clinic in the Washington, D.C., area with his brother, who is also an orthopaedic surgeon who practices at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore.

Thomas A. Joseph, M.D., has moved to Youngstown, Ohio, to join an eight-person orthopaedic practice. Dr. Joseph will specialize in sports medicine (shoulder, elbow and knee) surgery. He has also accepted the position of Medical Director of Sports Medicine at St. Elizabeth’s Hospital in Youngstown.

Richard L. Lawton, M.D., has moved to Durango, Colo. He is developing a practice specializing in problems involving the knee, shoulder, elbow, and hip.

Bruce S. Miller, M.D., holds a full-time academic position in orthopaedic sports medicine at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

Douglas J. Wyland, M.D., spent a month in California learning more about sports medicine of the foot and ankle, which he will utilize in his new practice at the Steadman-Hawkins Denver Clinic. Along with his clinical duties, Dr. Wyland serves as a team physician for the Colorado Rockies.

Co-chairs of the event were Dr. J. Richard Steadman, founder of the Steadman-Hawkins Sports Medicine Foundation and principal of the Vail-based Steadman-Hawkins Clinic, and Dr. Martin Boublik, principal of the Steadman-Hawkins Clinic’s Denver office. The two-day meeting for practicing orthopaedic surgeons included academic sessions and cadaver laboratory demonstrations.

The faculty included the following physicians:

• Dr. J. Richard Steadman, who presented a lecture/demonstration on microfracture, a surgical procedure that he developed that recruits stem cells from bone marrow to form new cartilage over areas in the joint where bare bone is exposed.

• Dr. Laszlo Hangody of Hungary, who presented his experience with mosaicplasty. In this procedure, pieces of cartilage and bone are removed from a non-weight-bearing area of the knee and transplanted to a weight-bearing surface to fill in where the cartilage has worn away.

• Dr. Allan Gross from Toronto, Canada, who presented his experience with allografting of chondral defects. In this procedure, large segments of bone and cartilage are removed from a donor cadaver knee and implanted into an unusually large defect.

• Dr. Richard J. Hawkins discussed joint surface injuries in the shoulder.

With growing worldwide interest and concern over the increase in degenerative arthritis, this seminar was timely and relevant to both the orthopaedic world and lay community.
PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

A primary goal of the Foundation is to distribute the results of its research. In 2002, principal investigators and fellows published 25 papers in scientific and medical journals and delivered 89 presentations to a variety of professional and lay audiences worldwide.

In fulfillment of its education mission, the Foundation is proud of the quality and quantity of educational video media produced by the Visual Services Department. At the 69th Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons in Dallas, Texas, 25 teaching video presentations were accepted by the Academy. Eight of these videos were produced by the Foundation, and for the third consecutive year the Foundation submitted an award winner: “Diagnostic Wrist Arthroscopy: Equipment, Anatomy and Surgical Technique,” by Sumant G. Krishnan, M.D., and Randy W. Viola, M.D.

2002 Publications


2002 Presentations


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Tokish, J.; Decker, M.J.; Torry, M.R.; Ellis, H.E.; Hawkins, R.J.:
“Upper and lower subscapularis muscle activity during the lift-off and belly press tests,” American Society of Shoulder and Elbow Surgeons, Finalist for Neer Award, Dallas, Texas, February 2002.

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Yanagawa, T.; Shelburne, K.B.; Serpas, F.; Pandy, M.G.:

Video presentations accepted by the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, 69th Annual Meeting, Dallas, Texas

Diagnostic Wrist Arthroscopy: Equipment, Anatomy and Surgical Technique, Sumant G. Krishnan, M.D.; and Randy W. Viola, M.D.

An Update on Acromioclavicular Injuries, Theodore F. Schlegel, M.D.; Martin Boublik, M.D.; and Richard J. Hawkins, M.D.

Surgical Technique for Subscapularis Repair, Biceps Tenodesis and Margin Convergence Rotator Cuff Repair, Sumant G. Krishnan, M.D.; and Richard J. Hawkins, M.D.

Arthroscopic Assessment and Treatment of Partial-Thickness Tears of the Rotator Cuff, Sumant G. Krishnan, M.D.; and Richard J. Hawkins, M.D.

Two-Incision ACL Reconstruction, David S. Gazzaniga, M.D.; and J. Richard Steadman, M.D.

Surgical Treatment of the Arthrofibrotic Knee, Peter J. Millett, M.D.; and J. Richard Steadman, M.D.

Advanced Stretching and Strengthening of the Colorado Rockies, Richard J. Hawkins, M.D.; and John M. Tokish, M.D.

The Athlete’s Shoulder Tour, edited by Richard J. Hawkins, M.D.; and Michael L. Pearl.
The Steadman•Hawkins Sports Medicine Foundation is proud of the many advances it has made in 2002. These achievements are examples of the quality contributions made to orthopaedics and science.

STEADMAN•HAWKINS SPORTS MEDICINE FOUNDATION RESEARCH WINS INTERNATIONAL BIOMECHANICS AWARD

International Society Praises Foundation’s Research

The American Society of Biomechanics (ABS) has selected the abstract "Anterior-Cruciate Ligament Forces in the Intact Knee During Normal Gait” as winner in the 2002 Journal of Biomechanics Award competition. Kevin Shelburne, Ph.D.; Marcus Pandy, Ph.D.; Frank C. Anderson, Ph.D.; and Michael Torry, Ph.D., jointly authored the abstract.

Dr. Shelburne is senior staff scientist of the Biomechanics Research Laboratory at the Steadman•Hawkins Sports Medicine Foundation. The award, one of the most prestigious in the biomechanics field, was presented to the winner at the Fourth World Congress on Biomechanics (WCB) in August in Calgary.

“We [doctors in biomechanics] help [medical] doctors understand the mechanics of knee joints,” says Dr. Torry. “With this information, doctors can make better choices of treatment plans.” The awarded research shows what happens to a healthy knee while walking and a knee that has a torn ACL. “We discovered that without the ACL,” says Dr. Torry, “all ligaments have to make up for what the ACL isn’t doing.”

The World Congress of Biomechanics, a conference held every four years, hosts biomechanists from around the world and includes much of the best biomedical research conducted during the previous four-year period. The goal of the Congress is to facilitate the exchange of cutting-edge research in biomechanics. More than 1,100 communications and 500 symposia speakers were invited to participate in the meeting. Abstracts representing every continent and 47 countries were also presented. The ASB Journal of Biomechanics Award, sponsored by Elsevier Science, Ltd., publishers of the Journal of Biomechanics, recognizes substantive and novel mechanics approaches that explain how biological systems function. Candidates for the award are selected from a pool of the top-rated 20 percent of abstracts submitted to the WCB meeting. The ASB Awards Committee selects two finalists for the award and both of these two authors present their work in a special awards session at the meeting.

According to Dr. Shelburne, the award is the Super Bowl of biomechanical research. “Just being a finalist for this award is a great honor. To have our work selected from among the work of such an elite group of researchers is most gratifying.” Dr. Shelburne received his bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering from Texas A&M University in 1985. He was awarded an M.S. degree in mechanical engineering from Texas A&M in 1988 while specializing in robotics. Before returning to graduate study at the University of Texas at Austin, Dr. Shelburne spent three years working for McDonnell Douglas Space Systems on the International Space Station project.

In 1997, Dr. Shelburne received his Ph.D. in mechanical engineering from the University of Texas, where he specialized in biomechanics under the direction of Dr. Marcus Pandy. The focus of much of his work with Dr. Pandy was in computer modeling and simulation of the mechanics of the normal and reconstructed knee joint. Following graduation, Dr. Shelburne spent three years with Lockheed Martin Space Systems, working on the design of new launch vehicles. Dr. Shelburne joined the Steadman•Hawkins Sports Medicine Foundation in March 2000.

The American Shoulder and Elbow Society (ASES) awarded the Clinical Research Department a $6,500 grant. According to Karen Briggs, director of Clinical Research, the funding will be used to validate the ASES Shoulder Score, a subjective patient outcome scoring system used to measure patient function.

At the 69th Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, the Foundation submitted an award-winning video, “Diagnostic Wrist Arthroscopy: Equipment, Anatomy and Surgical Technique,” which was produced by Sumant G. Krishnan, M.D.; and Randy W. Viola, M.D.
When we walk, a mysterious and complex balance of forces in our muscles, bones, and ligaments keeps us moving forward in an activity that many of us take for granted. For those with knee ligament injuries and injury to the anterior cruciate ligament (ACL), returning to normal walking can be a real challenge. The knee’s ACL provides a strong elastic link between the femur and tibia. Injury of the ACL often leads to knee instability that requires the individual to adapt his walking style to remain mobile. Even though injury to the ACL is common and debilitating, little is known about how the ligament carries force during walking and other activities of daily living. This is because there exists no practical way to measure the force carried by the ACL. Nonetheless, knowledge of how the ACL works during walking may provide clinicians with valuable information in order to better design treatment and rehabilitation protocols. For this reason, many orthopaedic researchers have long sought to explain how the ACL carries force and stabilizes the knee.

A collaboration of scientists at the University of Texas and the Steadman Hawkins Sports Medicine Foundation sought to predict and explain the role of the ACL during walking. One of the great challenges of predicting ligament force is that muscle force largely determines the resulting force in the ligaments. Muscle forces can be surprisingly large during activities of daily living. During walking, for example, the muscles of the thigh generate force that may be one and a half times as great as the total weight of the body. This problem has confounded previous efforts by other researchers since, as previously noted, there is no practical way to directly measure muscle force. To address the problem, the collaborators used detailed mathematical representations of the musculoskeletal system and computer simulation. Computer simulation enables the exploration of places that have no other way of being reached. For this reason, computer simulation has been used for years for the design and testing of spacecraft. Using some of the same basic concepts and computing tools, a sophisticated computer simulation of human walking was developed and applied at the University of Texas by Frank Anderson (now a research associate at Stanford University) and Marcus Pandy (a member of Steadman Hawkins Sports Medicine Foundation’s scientific advisory committee and professor of Biomedical Engineering at the University of Texas).

The muscle forces predicted by the walking simulation were then input by Kevin Shelburne of the Foundation’s Biomechanics Research Laboratory into a second computer simulation composed of a highly detailed model of the bones, ligaments, and muscles at the knee. The computer model of the knee used to predict ACL force included all of the major ligaments and muscles spanning the knee and was originally developed by Marcus Pandy, Kotaro Sasaki and Seonpil Kim at the University of Texas.

The results of the simulation demonstrated that the ACL carries substantial force (equivalent to about half the weight of the body) throughout the stance phase of walking (when the foot is on the floor and not swinging forward). Furthermore, the results demonstrated that the forces in the thigh muscles largely determine the force on the ACL. This knowledge may lead to a more precise definition of when and how walking is used in rehabilitation protocols following ACL injury and repair.
One of the unique advantages of computer simulation is that “what if” questions can be readily asked by making changes to the model. For walking, an additional computer simulation was performed after cutting the ACL in the computer model of the knee. In this way, the computer model performed walking with a simulated ACL injury. In order for the model to compensate for the absence of the ACL and the stability it provides, the computer simulation was changed to coordinate the thigh muscles in a way that was found to be similar to the way in which people with ACL injuries appear to move. The results of this simulation lend support to the effectiveness of many of the exercises and therapies that have been recommended for individuals with an ACL injury and repair.

In the future, additional computer simulations will investigate the performance of the ACL during demanding activities such as jumping, landing and running. Unlocking the mysteries of how the ligament stabilizes the knee and interacts with the muscles and bones during activity requires patience and advanced technology, but the benefit is a better understanding of how best to repair and rehabilitate the injured knee.
In February, the world not only focused its attention on Salt Lake City and the 2002 Winter Olympics, but on the sensational American skier Bode Miller and the healing response procedure pioneered and performed by Dr. Steadman to repair Miller’s ACL. Miller, who had injured his ACL the year before, went on to win two silver medals and finished second in the overall World Cup slalom standings. Major stories on Miller and the healing response appeared in the Nov. 4 and 11 Denver Post (“Miller’s Miracle: Healed Knee,” by John Meyer) and the Feb. 8 Boston Globe (“Easy Rider,” by Tony Chamberlain). NBC Sports Olympic coverage also covered the story in a feature on Miller and Dr. Steadman. NBC Sports journalists Todd Brooker and Christin Cooper-Tache—both former Steadman-Hawkins patients—prepared the piece as part of NBC’s Olympic coverage. Miller’s performance was the best in 18 years by an American male since Phil Mahre’s Olympic slalom win in 1984 (Mahre was also a Steadman patient). Ivica Kostelic, another former patient of Dr. Steadman’s, topped Miller in the Olympic slalom standings and went on to win the overall World Cup slalom title.

RED BRICK KNEE AND SHOULDER HOSPITAL

With more than 80 percent of orthopaedic surgeons worldwide now using microfracture as an alternative to knee replacement, it’s no wonder that many of the world’s top athletes travel to Vail for treatment of their injuries. News media from London, Berlin, and Rome reported on the health of their country’s soccer stars who trek to Vail. As reported in the news media, Renaldo, Matthias, Diesler, Del Piero and Redknapp have all visited the exam rooms of the Steadman-Hawkins Clinic in Vail. In the Oct. 2, 2002, issue of the German magazine Stern, Dr. Steadman and the Foundation were featured in the article “Rettter der Knickten” (Rescuer of the Broken). “From all over the world,” said the article, “famous people with knee injuries make the pilgrimage to [Dr.] Richard Steadman in Colorado. The orthopaedic surgeon healed Oliver Kahn, Marc Girardelli and Martina Navratilova with his innovative operating techniques. Eighteen specialists at the Sports Medicine Foundation conduct research in the basement of the red brick knee and shoulder hospital.”

With microfracture gaining acceptance, other medical disciplines are beginning to become aware of this procedure, which was pioneered by Dr. Steadman and developed by the Foundation. Family Practice News, a magazine whose audience consists of primary-care physicians, published the article “Microfracture Knee Repair: Less Pain, More Gain” in its Oct. 15, 2002, issue. “The microfracture technique for repair of articular damage in the knee,” said the article, “shows impressive benefits in a series of athletes followed for 11-plus years.” The article also mentions a Foundation paper Dr. Steadman presented at the symposium of the
International Cartilage Repair Society. The study involved 14 National Football League players on whom he performed microfracture. The players were followed for a mean of 6.5 and a maximum of 14 years afterward. “The most important outcome measure in this group of pro athletes was this: 13 of the 14 were able to return to the NFL, where they averaged another six seasons and 74 games of play.

“We felt this was a validation of the procedure,” says Dr. Steadman. “These are supersized athletes—their average weight is about 275 pounds—and we felt this must be pretty durable tissue if it’s holding up as well as it has for them.”

The international media continued its focus on the work of the Steadman–Hawkins Sports Medicine Foundation and its physicians, especially since many of the world’s soccer stars have been making their way to Vail, Colo., for treatment. Journalist David Powell of The Times of London flew to Vail in December to do a story on Dr. Steadman and the Foundation. Of Dr. Steadman, Powell wrote in the Dec. 16 edition of The Times, “Ronaldo, Alessandro Del Piero, Oliver Kahn and Lothar Matthäus are among those who give Dr. Steadman a football celebrity patient list second to none.

“Footballers—Craig Bellamy is the latest premier player to be seen here—have grown Dr. Steadman’s reputation in Europe, although his work in other sports goes back 30 years.” Wrote Powell, “Dr. Steadman has a modesty to match his skills.”
THE STEADMAN•HAWKINS SPORTS MEDICINE 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 nationally selected for their diverse training and backgrounds in biomechanics, engineering, clinical research, veterinary science, and computer science. Together, they take a multidisciplinary approach to their work in solving orthopaedic sports medicine problems.

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Steadman●Hawkins Sports Medicine Foundation  
Vail, Colorado

We have audited the accompanying statements of financial position of Steadman●Hawkins Sports Medicine Foundation as of December 31, 2002 and 2001, 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 Sports Medicine Foundation as of December 31, 2002 and 2001, 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.

BKD, LLP  
Colorado Springs, Colorado  
March 25, 2003
## Statements of Financial Position

DECEMBER 31, 2002 AND 2001

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| Total assets       | $2,796,126| $3,317,579|

### LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

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| Total liabilities and net assets | $2,796,126| $3,317,579|

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# Statements of Activities

**YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2002**

## REVENUES, GAINS AND OTHER SUPPORT

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## Statements of Activities

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NATURE OF OPERATIONS AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Nature of Operations
Steadman Hawkins Sports Medicine 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.

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 their net realizable value. The resulting discount is amortized using the level-yield method and is reported as contribution revenue.

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.

Cash
At December 31, 2002, the Foundation’s cash accounts exceeded federally insured limits by approximately $265,500.

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 2001 financial statements to conform with the 2002 financial statement presentation. These reclassifications had no effect on the change in net assets.

INVESTMENTS AND INVESTMENT RETURN
Investments at December 31 consist of the following:

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<tr>
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<th>2002</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Stock and equity funds</td>
<td>$ 882,811</td>
<td>$ 1,020,170</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Equity securities</td>
<td>471,614</td>
<td>606,604</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fixed income funds</td>
<td>414,255</td>
<td>388,743</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Money market funds</td>
<td>53,653</td>
<td>176,743</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Certificates of deposit</td>
<td>—</td>
<td>100,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>$ 1,822,333</strong></td>
<td><strong>$ 2,292,260</strong></td>
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At December 31, 2002 and 2001, approximately 74% and 71%, respectively, of the Foundation’s investments consisted of equity securities and equity mutual funds.
Investment return during 2002 and 2001 consists of the following:

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<tr>
<td>Interest and dividend income</td>
<td>$25,603</td>
<td>$41,887</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Net realized and unrealized loss on investments</td>
<td>(291,672)</td>
<td>(187,194)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Investment income</td>
<td>$266,069</td>
<td>$(145,307)</td>
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**CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVABLE**

Contributions receivable at December 31 are due as follows:

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<tr>
<td>Due in less than one year</td>
<td>$79,200</td>
<td>$71,995</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Due in one to five years</td>
<td>25,000</td>
<td>50,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Less unamortized discount</td>
<td>(1,866)</td>
<td>(5,728)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Due from related parties</td>
<td>(31,000)</td>
<td>(6,895)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td>$71,334</td>
<td>$109,372</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Approximately 48% and 57% of total contributions receivable at December 31, 2002 and 2001, 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.

**PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT**

Property and equipment at December 31 consists of the following:

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<tr>
<td>Equipment</td>
<td>$1,426,439</td>
<td>$1,424,280</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Furniture and fixtures</td>
<td>45,984</td>
<td>45,984</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Leasehold improvements</td>
<td>731,780</td>
<td>731,781</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Less accumulated depreciation</strong></td>
<td>2,204,203</td>
<td>2,202,045</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Net property and equipment</strong></td>
<td>$120,540</td>
<td>$339,937</td>
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**TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS**

Temporarily restricted net assets at December 31 are available for the following purposes:

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<td>Biomechanics research</td>
<td>$230,368</td>
<td>$18,483</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Education</td>
<td>104,541</td>
<td>63,058</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Unrestricted contributions receivable</td>
<td>102,334</td>
<td>116,267</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Basic science</td>
<td>21,714</td>
<td>39,247</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Clinical research</td>
<td>—</td>
<td>56,050</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td>$458,957</td>
<td>$293,105</td>
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**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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<tr>
<td>Purpose restrictions accomplished</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Education</td>
<td>$245,416</td>
<td>$145,689</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Clinical research</td>
<td>57,250</td>
<td>—</td>
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<tr>
<td>Biomechanics research</td>
<td>41,614</td>
<td>58,927</td>
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<tr>
<td>Basic science programs</td>
<td>19,000</td>
<td>—</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td>$363,280</td>
<td>204,616</td>
</tr>
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**OPERATING LEASES**

Noncancelable operating leases for property and equipment expire in various years through 2005. One of the property leases requires the Foundation to pay all executory costs (property taxes, maintenance and insurance).

Future minimum lease payments at December 31, 2002 are:

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<th>Year</th>
<th>Amount</th>
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<tr>
<td>2003</td>
<td>$68,530</td>
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<td>2004</td>
<td>62,622</td>
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<td>2005</td>
<td>58,318</td>
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<td>2006</td>
<td>57,300</td>
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<td>2007</td>
<td>57,300</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td>$304,070</td>
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Rental expense of $115,661 and $107,062 for the years ended December 31, 2002 and 2001, respectively, is recorded in the statements of activities.

**SALARY DEFERRAL**

The Foundation has a defined contribution pension plan under IRS Section 401(k). The plan is open to all employees with at least six months 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 2002 and 2001. Under this formula, the Foundation made contributions of $19,147 and $24,824 for the years ended December 31, 2002 and 2001, respectively.

**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 2002 and 2001, approximately 59% and 73%, respectively, of all corporate partner support was received from 3 and 4 partners, respectively.