

**From the Desk of**  
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Dear Former Fellows, Residents and Colleagues,

It is with both joy and a bit of sadness that I announce my retirement from clinical practice, as of July 1, 2023. As a founding member of the Rubin Institute for Advanced Orthopedics, I have thoroughly enjoyed the past 32 years in Baltimore, providing care to both children and adults. As a PGY 44, I can look back at a most rewarding and amazing career. I am grateful to have had you as mentees and/or colleagues. Together, we witnessed the birth and development of a new orthopedic sub-specialty: limb lengthening and deformity correction. I was equally privileged to have an integral role in the promulgation of the Ponseti clubfoot method. With your help and inspiration, I was able to co-author articles with many of you, to write books, to create teaching videos, and to teach at seminars and to perform surgery around the world.

Many of you are aware that I was recently out for a few months on medical leave. I am happy to report that all is resolved. I am feeling great and back at work full time. Nonetheless, undergoing a health crisis does cause you to think about life and priorities. On an even happier note, Merrill and I are joyfully expecting our first grandchild, coming in August, in Boulder, Colorado. We've decided that we wish to be involved on a daily basis in the life of our granddaughter. As such, we are relocating to Boulder later this summer.

Good news: I will remain involved with the Rubin Institute, as an emeritus faculty member. This means that I will continue to participate in research, publishing, resident/fellow education, the annual Baltimore Limb Deformity Course, mentoring, fundraising, and organizing international outreach missions.

More good news: There will be no interruption of service for my patients, as my partner Dr. Philip McClure will take over my practice. Dr. McClure is an exceptionally well-qualified pediatric orthopedic surgeon, having trained at Brown University, followed by three postgraduate fellowships: trauma, pediatric orthopedics, and limb lengthening. We recruited him four years ago with the specific goal of facilitating this transition. He has been working closely with me and my patients over the past four years in limb lengthening, clubfoot, kids' fractures, and general ped orthopedics.

Dr. McClure is very active academically in teaching our residents/fellows, publishing in the medical literature, and serving in various capacities in regional, national, and international medical organizations (POSNA, IPOS, SICOT). He is Director of our annual Baltimore Limb Deformity Course and travels regularly overseas on volunteer orthopedic missions to the developing world. He will be taking over as Director of our International Center for Limb Lengthening, in addition to being the Director of our Limb Lengthening Fellowship program and Assistant Director of our Orthopedic Residency program.

I leave the Sinai pediatric orthopedic service in the exceptionally qualified hands of Dr. McClure and Dr. Shawn Standard, who has been at Sinai for the past 20 years and has an international reputation in limb lengthening, complex hip surgery, Perthes Disease, and Radial Club Hand. Together with the other outstanding faculty of the ICLL (Drs. Assayag, Bibbo, Conway, and Siddiqui), I am confident that my legacy will continue.

I thank each of you for being trusted and valued colleagues, willing sounding boards, and for referring numerous children and adults for care. I am eternally grateful for your loyalty and for helping me to have a most satisfying career.

Fondly,

John Herzenberg, MD