



# The Rodney K. Beals Memorial Seminar

Presented by the Department of Orthopaedics and Rehabilitation

Celebrating excellence in medicine and orthopaedic surgery



The Beals Memorial Lectureship is an annual event established in honor of the late Dr. Rodney K. Beals, Professor Emeritus in the Department of Orthopaedics at Oregon Health and Science University. Dr. Beals taught orthopaedics for more than 50 years and served as the first chairman of the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery at OHSU.

**Dr. Rodney Beals** was a lifelong Oregonian who spent his entire professional career practicing orthopaedic surgery in Portland, Oregon. He was a committed clinician, master surgeon, skilled researcher, and revered educator. The Rodney K. Beals Memorial Seminar was created to honor his guidance, scientific accomplishments and mentorship.

Dr. Beals attended medical school at the University of Oregon followed by a general surgical residency at San Bernardino County Hospital. He completed his orthopaedic surgery training at the University of Oregon Medical School in 1961. Dr. Beals joined the faculty and later served as head of the Division of Orthopedics from 1981 to 1994. He then served as the first chairman of the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery at OHSU in 1994. He remained an active member of the orthopaedic faculty at OHSU until the time of his passing on August 7, 2008.

Dr. Beals was nationally recognized for his research on skeletal manifestations of growth disturbances in children. He helped author more than 150 peer reviewed publications. During his tenure at OHSU he helped train over 150 orthopaedic surgeons in residency, treated thousands of patients and mentored numerous medical students. Throughout his remarkable career Dr. Beals embodied excellence in medicine and orthopaedic surgery.

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## Saturday, May 20, 2023

- 7:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast
- 7:50 a.m. Introduction  
Kenneth Gundle, M.D.
- 8:00 a.m. Surgical Exposures to the Plafond: Case-based Approach  
Matthew Graves, M.D.
- 8:30 a.m. Discussion
- 8:40 a.m. Chief Resident Research Presentations  
Jamil Kendall, M.D.  
Loren Black M.D.  
Derek Bond, M.D.  
Elliot Cole, M.D.  
Connor Pihl, M.D.
- 10:20 a.m. Discussion and Break
- 10:40 a.m. The Universal Distractor: How an Old Device Can Still Make You a Better Surgeon  
Darin Friess, M.D., M.P.H.
- 11:00 a.m. Discussion
- 11:10 a.m. Obtaining and Maintaining Reductions in Tibial Plafond Fractures  
Matthew Graves, M.D.
- 11:40 a.m. Discussion
- 11:50 a.m. Young Femoral Neck Fractures: What is New and What is Controversial?  
Graham DeKeyser, M.D.
- 12:10 p.m. Discussion
- 12:20 p.m. Closing Remarks  
Darin Friess, M.D., M.P.H.



# Professional Biographies of Speakers

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Visiting Professor

**Matthew L. Graves, M.D.**

Hansjörg Wyss AO Medical Foundation Chair of Orthopaedic Trauma  
Professor and Chairman, University of Mississippi Medical Center  
Department of Orthopaedic Surgery

A native of Clarksdale, Mississippi, Dr. Graves graduated summa cum laude with a major in Honors Biology from Vanderbilt University. He then matriculated early admission into the University of Mississippi Medical School (UMMC) and stayed there to complete his residency in Orthopaedic Surgery. He completed an AO fellowship at Northern Nevada Medical Center with Dr. Jeff Mast which focused on malunion and deformity treatment, followed by a trauma fellowship at Harborview Medical Center in Seattle, Washington.

Dr. Graves returned to UMMC in 2006 and was awarded the Hansjörg Wyss AO Medical Foundation Endowed Chair in Orthopaedic Trauma in 2011. He served as Residency Program Director for 12 years. He now serves as Professor, Chair, and Trauma Fellowship Director. He has taught Orthopaedic Trauma in 12 countries and has a primary focus on trauma and deformity and a secondary focus on adult education.

OHSU Faculty Speaker  
**Darin Friess, M.D.**

Dr. Friess is the interim Chair of the Department of Orthopaedics & Rehabilitation. He has a special interest in treating fractures that have not healed correctly after treatment. He also does surgery for patients with bone infections and infected fractures, which can mean working with several specialists. He does research on the healing of broken bones and weight bearing after fractures. Dr. Friess enjoys developing relationships with his patients as they are healing and returning to regular activities.



OHSU Faculty Speaker  
**Graham DeKeyser, M.D.**

Dr. DeKeyser specializes in orthopaedic trauma. He was born and raised in Anchorage, Alaska and completed college and medical school in Georgia before moving back West for residency at University of Utah and fellowship training at Harborview Medical Center. Dr. DeKeyser is an assistant professor of orthopaedics at OHSU. He is married with three young daughters. He loves camping, fishing, skiing and spending time with his girls.

