



The Rodney K. Beals Memorial Seminar

Presented by the Department of Orthopaedics and Rehabilitation

Celebrating excellence in medicine and orthopaedic surgery



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 went to medical school at the University of Oregon, interned at Minneapolis General Hospital and completed 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.

Giving Opportunities

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Saturday, May 3, 2025

- 7:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast
- 7:50 a.m. Introduction
Kenneth Gundle, M.D.
- 8:00 a.m. A Tale of Three Trials: International Collaborative Randomized Controlled Trials in Orthopaedic Surgery, Michelle Ghert, M.D., FRCSC
- 8:30 a.m. Discussion
- 8:40 a.m. Chief Resident Presentations
Sarah Lindsay, MD
Kyle Minkel, DO
Kate Hutchison, MD
Phillip Lam, MD
Mackenzie Kelly, MD
- 10:20 a.m. Discussion and Break
- 10:40 a.m. Autograft Reconstruction in Orthopaedic Oncology: Flips, Turn-ups, Rotations
Duncan Ramsey, M.D.
- 11:00 a.m. Discussion
- 11:10 a.m. How to Design a Randomized Controlled Trial that Just May Work
Michelle Ghert, M.D., FRCSC
- 11:40 a.m. Discussion
- 11:50 a.m. Randomized Clinical Trials:
The OHSU Ortho Onc Experience
Yee-Cheen Doun, M.D.
- 12:10 p.m. Discussion
- 12:20 p.m. Closing Remarks
Darin Friess, M.D., M.P.H.



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Professional Biographies of Speakers



Visiting Professor

Michelle A. Ghert, M.D., FRSCS

Professor of Orthopaedics, University of Maryland

Michelle Ghert, MD, FRCSC, is an orthopaedic surgeon specializing in musculoskeletal oncology. She has extensive experience in the diagnosis and surgical management of benign and malignant tumors of the musculoskeletal system and in complex limb reconstruction. Dr. Ghert is also a national and international leader in sarcoma care and multidisciplinary management. Dr. Ghert leads international randomized controlled trials in orthopaedic oncology, including the Prophylactic Antibiotic Regimens in Tumor Surgery (PARITY) trial and the Surveillance after Extremity Tumor Surgery (SAFETY) randomized controlled trial.

Dr. Ghert completed her pre-medical studies at Stanford University in California and received her medical degree from Vanderbilt University in Tennessee. She completed her residency in orthopaedic surgery at Duke University in North Carolina, and her musculoskeletal oncology fellowship at the University of Toronto in Ontario, Canada. She began her independent clinical and academic career as Assistant Professor at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada in 2005, and was promoted to Professor in 2017. Dr. Ghert was recruited to the University of Maryland in 2024 and maintains a Part-Time Professorship at McMaster University. She is currently leading the Proximal Femur Reconstruction or Internal Fixation for Metastases (PERFORM) randomized controlled trial.

OHSU Faculty Speaker

Yee-Cheen Doung, M.D.

Yee-Cheen Doung grew up in Cupertino, CA. She completed her undergraduate studies at Stanford University before heading to New York City for 9 years where she studied at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine and completed her orthopedic residency at New York University. She then moved to Houston for an orthopedic oncology fellowship at the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center. She has been at Oregon Health and Science University (OHSU) since 2010, treating patients with bone and soft tissue tumors. She has been the medical director of the ambulatory clinics since 2014 and departmental vice chair since 2021. While at OHSU, she has been involved in utilizing bundled payment care and enrolling patients in multi-center clinical trials. Outside of work, she can be found watching theater productions or professional soccer matches.



OHSU Faculty Speaker

Duncan Ramsey, M.D.

Dr. Ramsey is an orthopaedic oncologist with a background in mathematics and public health that treats benign and malignant tumors of the musculoskeletal system. He has a particular clinical and research focus on pediatric bone sarcomas. His other research interests include surgical and function outcomes after sarcoma resection surgeries and long-term childhood cancer survivorship.

