



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 Learn more about the funds that support our educational, training and research missions; and how your donation can help.



May 2, 2026

- 7:20 a.m. Continental Breakfast
- 7:50 a.m. Introduction
Duncan Ramsey, M.D., M.P.H., M.S.
- 8:00 a.m. Adult Spinal Deformity Complications
Eric Klineberg, M.D.
- 8:30 a.m. Chief Resident Presentations
Katherine Velicki, M.D.
Aidan Morrell, M.D.
Sebastian Welling, M.D.
Sarah Rogers, M.D., M.P.H.
Jordan Arakawa, M.D.
- 10:00 a.m. Break
- 10:20 a.m. When Standard Alignment Targets Miss the Mark
Clifford Lin, M.D.
- 10:50 a.m. Adult Deformity and Trauma: Lessons Learned
Eric Klineberg, M.D.
- 11:20 a.m. Teaching and Learning in Early Practice: Applying Modern Technology to Time-tested Principles
Travis Philipp, M.D.
- 11:50 a.m. Closing Remarks
Darin Friess, M.D., M.P.H.

Noon - 1pm: Beals Poster Session

Please join us for snacks and an open poster viewing session after the closing remarks. Participants will be available for questions at their designated station. Thank you!



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Professional Biographies of Speakers



Visiting Professor

Eric Klineberg, M.D.

Professor and Vice Chair of Orthopaedic Surgery
Milton “Chip” Routt Endowed Chair of Spinal Surgery
UTHealth Houston, McGovern Medical School

Eric O. Klineberg, MD, is a board-certified orthopedic spine surgeon, professor, and vice chair in the Department of Orthopedic Surgery at UTHealth Houston. He also serves as chief of orthopedic spine surgery and holds the Milton “Chip” Routt Endowed Chair of Spinal Surgery.

Dr. Klineberg specializes in advanced and minimally invasive techniques for back and neck conditions. Robotic and endoscopic surgery are part of his practice when appropriate. He cares for patients with spine injuries, tumors, and infections. His expertise also includes herniated or worn discs, spinal narrowing, pinched nerves, scoliosis, arthritis, osteoporosis-related fractures, and slipped vertebrae. His procedures include spinal fusion, disc replacement, and surgeries that relieve pressure on nerves or stabilize the spine. Above all, he is dedicated to providing evidence-based, compassionate care tailored to each patient.

OHSU Faculty Speaker **Travis Philipp, M.D.**

Dr. Philipp is an orthopaedic spine surgeon at OHSU. After his residency at OHSU, he completed his fellowship at NYU before returning to join the faculty. He takes care of a variety of spine disorders from the cervical spine to the sacrum. His other academic pursuits include teaching and academic advising. He was named the interim director of academic progress for UME at OHSU in the spring of 2025 and works regularly with medical students and administration in this role.

OHSU Faculty Speaker **Clifford Lin, M.D.**

Dr. Lin is an orthopedic spine surgeon at Oregon Health & Science University, where he specializes in the management of complex spinal conditions including degenerative disease, trauma, deformity, and tumor. He received his medical degree from Queen’s University and completed both his orthopedic surgery residency and spine fellowship at the University of Toronto, with fellowship training at Toronto Western Hospital. Dr. Lin is the Co-Director of the OHSU Spine Center and has proudly served patients across Oregon and the broader region for over a decade.