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From The Desk Of... Dr. Michael E. Graham

I would like to take this opportunity to wish a very happy and healthy New Year to everyone. 2007 should be a very productive year for us all. We are hard at work to provide you with the best materials so that you can provide your patients with the best possible care. Throughout the year you will receive updates on the seminar. In addition, we want to spotlight "Master Surgeons" who have completed our course to further show how our seminars have benefited the attendees.

A major goal of the coming year is in the research arena. There have been various studies done on subtalar arthroereisis in the past, but we want to be the experts in the field. In the very near future we will be contacting you to help us in gathering information on patients who have undergone this implant procedure. This is essential in making this a subspecialty of foot and ankle surgeons.

As always, we are open for suggestions or any other in-

put that would help make this a better organization. We are here for you. I am looking to add an additional seminar tract on nerve decompression procedures, as well. This is an area where we as foot and ankle surgeons have been "undertreating" our patients and this needs to end. I look forward to hearing from you.



Dr. Michael E. Graham

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- Dr. Tracy Ferragamo, *Davis, CA*
- Dr. L.D. Hayes, *Desoto, TX*
- Dr. Robert Hinze, *McCook, NE*
- Dr. Scott Hughes, *Monroe, MI*
- Dr. David Labadie, *Milwaukee, WI*
- Dr. Peter Levine, *West Orange, NJ*
- Dr. Michael McGowan, *Sioux Falls, SD*
- Dr. Ivar Roth, *Newport Beach, CA*
- Dr. Seth Steber, *Jim Thorpe, PA*

Dr. Ferragamo Attends GIII Seminar; Has Implant Surgery Next Day

Dr. Tracy Ferragamo was one of twelve doctors who attended the inaugural "Your Passport to Subtalar Arthroereisis" seminar on November 14, 2006. Dr. Ferragamo thought she was going to hear about new treatments for flat-foot, but after hearing Dr. Graham's lecture on hyperpronation, she recognized her own painful symptoms being described. "I didn't realize that my condition was one of the indications of hyperpronation", Ferragamo said.

Suffering from bunions, overpronation, and falling arches, Ferragamo decided to have the surgery and became one of the live surgical observation patients the very next day

of the seminar. Dr. Ferragamo said that the "easy post-op course" is what convinced her to have the surgery, and her quality of life has greatly improved as a result. She no longer suffers from foot fatigue at the end of the day, or has to wear an orthotic. Dr. Ferragamo said that her experience as a patient undergoing this procedure has made her "more empathetic" and that she uses her own feet as a live model to show her patients "first hand what the surgery can do for them."

In her practice, Ferragamo uses the knowledge she gained from the GIII Master

Surgeon training to use the HyProCure Implant in place of orthotics for bunion surgery, and her patients "are very excited about it."

Dr. Ferragamo continues to expand her practice, now located in Davis, CA. — www.thefootsurgeon.com.



Dr. Tracy Ferragamo

FOOT FACT:

The most common thing we do besides breathing is walking. The average person takes 15,000 steps a day.

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EXHIBIT SCHEDULE:**FEBRUARY 14th-18th**AAOS
San Diego Convention Center San Diego, CA**FEBRUARY 14th-17th**Southeast Division
Michigan Podiatric
Medical Association
Great Lakes Conference**MARCH 9th-11th**North Central Academy of
Podiatric Medicine
22cd Annual No Nonsense
Seminar / Holiday Inn
Independence, OH**MARCH 14th-18th**ACFAS Annual Scientific
Conference/ Gaylord Palms
Resort & Convention Ctr.
Orlando, FL**MARCH 21st-23rd***"Your Passport To
Subtalar Arthroereisis"*
Shelby Township, MI**MARCH 29th-****APRIL 1st**2007 Midwest Podiatry
Conference /
Hyatt Regency
Chicago, IL

GIII's First Canadian Master Surgeon

Saturday January 6, 2007 the first HyProCure Implant procedure was performed in Toronto, Canada by Dr. Robert Chelin. An attendee of the November "Your Passport To Subtalar Arthroereisis" seminar, Chelin was the first Canadian physician to be trained as a GIII master surgeon. "I feel that for podiatry to move forward, it has to be in the forefront and with this procedure I will be in the forefront in Canada."

Dr. Chelin believes the HyProCure Implant procedure will not only save his patients the cost and inconvenience of prescription orthotics, but compares its outcome to that of laser eye surgery. He is marketing the procedure as an "internal orthotic" and says that it provides "a permanent correction that will save the patient, the insurance compa-

nies and the Canadian health system a great deal of money."

**Dr. Robert Chelin**

"I feel that with this procedure I will be able to offer my patients a permanent alternative to prescription orthotics."

Dr. Chelin called the seminar "well organized" and "well worth attending." He said the training "covered all facets of the procedure, including its indications, complications and post-op management." He said he felt that the cadaver lab

portion of the master surgeon training by GIII better prepared him for what to expect in the hospital operating room.

Chelin has recently launched his new website www.aestheticsinpodiatry.com where he plans to introduce the HyProCure Implant as a treatment for hyperpronation and mention the Graham Institute. He also plans to link his website with Dr. Graham's. Also included in the site will be a 'surgery' section containing "video streaming of surgical procedures including this one."

Other seminar attendees came from many different areas of the United States, and Dr. Chelin said "the interaction with colleagues from all over the USA offered a variety of perspectives."

TESTIMONIALS

- "This was an extremely helpful seminar. The comprehensive course...the procedure itself...the live surgical experience...I was very pleased."—
Dr. Nathan Dikes
- "The seminar was well worth attending and well worth the expense."—
Dr. Robert Chelin
- "It's a revolutionary idea and product. Overall, it was a fantastic and enlightening seminar."—
Dr. Tracy Ferragamo

From the desk of the Executive Director

I was privileged to have a first row seat for the initial seminar from concept to completion. It has been interesting, informative, challenging, and rewarding, to say the least.

I was fortunate enough to get a real behind the scenes view of a group of doctors in an extremely special setting. This was a group who had come to learn—they were open minded, inquisitive, and definitely hungry

for knowledge that could assist them with their patients.

Dr. Graham had his hands full—and I know for a fact he thoroughly enjoyed each and every minute—as he was sharing years of research with his peers. As I watched the mo-

mentum build, the excitement was contagious—for he has found missing answers. As he shared his passion, the real purpose became crystal clear—this was all about new treatment options. The bottom line for each of these cutting edge professionals was one thing and one thing alone: **quality of life for their patients.**
*Michael Huntington—
Executive Director*



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