From Alaska to Hong Kong, HSS is the Destination for World-Class Healthcare
Peter D. Meltzer: Putting His Trust in HSS

When he was 10 years old, Peter D. Meltzer met Leon Root, MD, who had just married Paula Luxenberg, the daughter of his parents’ closest friends. Peter and Leon forged a lifelong friendship. “He was a great role model from the very beginning,” recalls Mr. Meltzer.

In 1978, Mr. Meltzer moved to New York City from Toronto to become the first wine editor of the magazine Food and Wine. He continued to keep in touch with Dr. Root, and it was Dr. Root, then Chief of Hospital for Special Surgery’s Pediatric Orthopedic Service, who introduced him to HSS. “I was born with a congenital birth defect and had to wear a prosthesis my entire life,” says Mr. Meltzer. “When I moved to New York, I frequently needed ‘tune-ups’ for my prosthesis, and Leon recommended I go see Herb Kramer, who at the time headed the Hospital’s Prosthetics and Orthotics Department.”

The meeting launched a relationship with the Hospital that would span more than three decades. “When my father passed away, he set up a small charitable trust fund, and Leon recommended I go see Herb Kramer, who at the time headed the Hospital’s Prosthetics and Orthotics Department,” notes Mr. Meltzer. “He specifed that there were to be 10 recipients of the Funds accrued annual interest. I was given the discretionary role of naming two of the recipients.” Mr. Meltzer selected HSS as one of the beneficaries and for the next 30 years, the David Meltzer Charitable Trust Fund provided continuous support to the Prosthetics and Orthotics (P&O) Department. “The Department had engaged some very talented and innovative people,” says Mr. Meltzer. “And there was an elevated level of personal attention. I have a very complicated limb to fit and have been going to one of their technicians, John Cottrell, my entire life in New York. He’s just great.”

“We often establish lifelong relationships and friendships with patients who need high-level brace or artificial limbs,” says Glenn Garrison, Director of the P&O Department since 1987. “The personal relationship you establish and your ability to communicate with each other is as important as the technical aspects of making a leg.”

In its final year, the David Meltzer Charitable Trust Fund, which cumulatively has provided significant support for the Department of P&O, also designated the Leon Root, MD Motion Analysis Laboratory as a beneficiary. For the past 20 years, Mr. Meltzer, a foremost authority on wine collecting, has been the auction correspondent for Wine Spectator, and more recently the author of Keys to the Cellar: Strategies and Secrets of Wine Collecting. In setting up a charitable trust as part of his will, Mr. Meltzer’s father made it possible for his son to provide support Hospital for Special Surgery as one of the causes that was important to him. Designing a trust as part of an estate or choosing another form of planned giving is a memorable way to honor the legacy of a loved one. The gift may be a bequest in the will, a charitable trust, an HSS gift annuity, an IRA beneficiary designation, or some other gift plan. The gift may be designed for the general use of the Hospital, to support a particular department, or to help fund the research of a respected HSS staff member. In all cases, planned gifts are gratefully received and play an instrumental role in enabling HSS to maintain its position as the leading orthopedic hospital in the nation.

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A World View of Hospital for Special Surgery

From Fairbanks to Palm Beach, Hong Kong to Rio, and virtually all points in between, patients with musculoskeletal conditions are traveling across the country and around the world seeking treatment at Hospital for Special Surgery. Many have challenging conditions unable to be addressed in their hometowns or major disorders so complicated that they require the particular medical and surgical skills and collaboration across specialties that only HSS can offer. Their reasons for coming to HSS may be varied and unique, but their goals are the same – to maximize the likelihood of obtaining the right care the first time, achieving a complete recovery, and restoring their quality of life.

Lois Alexander traveled back and forth to HSS from Montreal for surgeries to repair a complex elbow injury.
Hospital for Special Surgery, based in New York City, is truly a global organization – annually providing treatment to over 5,500 patients from around the country and abroad.

“We find that patients – especially those with complex problems – will travel great distances for the superb diagnostic and treatment expertise offered here,” says Thomas P. Sculco, MD, Surgeon-in-Chief. “They may be referred to us by their local physician, learn of our reputation by word of mouth or, more often than not, discover us through their own research on the Internet. Patients are performing due diligence to find the right doctor and the right hospital for their care.”

What patients learn when looking for the best care is that Hospital for Special Surgery is equated with extraordinary non-surgical and surgical expertise for musculoskeletal disorders, outstanding treatment outcomes even for the most complicated situations, and the highest regard for patient safety.

U.S. News & World Report again named Hospital for Special Surgery No. 1 in the country for
orthopedics and No. 2 for rheumatology in its 2011 “America’s Best Hospitals” issue. The extraordinary skill of our nursing staff contributes significantly to the Hospital’s national reputation. HSS was the first hospital in New York State to receive Magnet Recognition for Excellence in Nursing Service from the American Nurses Credentialing Center three consecutive times. This designation is accepted nationally as the gold standard for nursing care.

Indeed, all HSS staff make vital contributions to ensure a positive experience for our patients. Their commitment to delivering outstanding care and service was recently reflected in the 2012 Gallup Great Workplace Award, presented to HSS – one of just 27 organizations worldwide to achieve this recognition for a productive and engaged workforce.

Patients themselves validate these measures of excellence year after year, most notably in the Press Ganey nationwide survey, which ranks the Hospital in the highest category of overall patient satisfaction.
A Destination Hospital for Patients Here and Abroad

At home in Slovenia, Goran Kreacic took a fall landing on his wrist and thought that was the reason for severe pain in his hand. But an X-ray revealed an unrelated condition that would require a delicate and complex surgery. He and his family evaluated the treatment options available locally, but were told he might lose the ability to move his wrist with the techniques available there. Through relatives in the States, they learned of hand specialist Andrew J. Weiland, MD, and, once they spoke with him, felt confident that he could address the problem and maintain function in Mr. Kreacic’s wrist. Within a few days he traveled with his family nearly 7,000 miles to HSS for the surgery. “Having surgery at HSS will enable me to move my wrist between 75 and 85 percent when I recover,” says Mr. Kreacic.

For patients like Mr. Kreacic, a willingness to travel long distances within the United States and from other countries is not unusual. To help with this process – from obtaining physician review of their case to local accommodations for their family – the Hospital has established dedicated programs for both U.S. and international patients.

For more than a decade, David L. Helfet, MD, Chief of the Orthopedic Trauma Service, has directed the Hospital’s International Center, which facilitates access to high quality musculoskeletal care for the international community. “The Center is a resource for information and a triage service to help potential patients decide if coming to HSS from their home country is appropriate,” says Dr. Helfet. “Once the decision is made, the International Center coordinates their medical/surgical care in the Hospital and provides a concierge service for families, especially those who travel from afar and need assistance with services, such as interpreters, local accommodations, etc.”

“We welcome taking care of patients from abroad,” adds Linda A. Russell, MD, Director of Perioperative Medicine, who oversees the medical evaluations of international patients. “We’ll review the patient’s medical history and X-rays or lab tests before they arrive, and, depending on if there is a rheumatology or orthopedic issue present, offer guidance accordingly.”

The National Arena

A separate program also has been established specifically for patients traveling domestically,
staffed by a team that is skilled at handling the unique needs associated with being away from home. This may include coordinating medical appointments and assisting with travel arrangements.

The Hospital has also established a major presence around the country. HSS is the Official Hospital of The PGA of America. As they have done in the past, HSS sports medicine specialists are working as members of the medical staff for the U.S. Olympic team at the upcoming 2012 games.

**Improving Patient Outcomes Around the World**

The work by many of the Hospital’s physicians and staff is raising the level of musculoskeletal care across the globe. For example, Oheneba Boachie-Adjei, MD, Chief of the Scoliosis Service, and Founder and President of the Foundation of Orthopedics and Complex Spine (FOCOS), provides orthopedic care to underserved populations in West Africa and other third world nations. In April, with support from HSS, private donations, and the Ghana government, the new 50-bed FOCOS Orthopedic Hospital opened in Accra, Ghana. As another example, Niles Perlas, CRNA, a nurse anesthetist at HSS, founded an organization that brings medical professionals to the Philippines to provide care to the underserved in and around Manila.

**Extending Our Reach**

“One of the Hospital’s missions is to take the best practices in patient care that we have developed here and disseminate this information to centers throughout the world,” says Dr. Sculco. “We also feel that it is our responsibility to educate international physicians who return to their countries and lead programs in orthopedics, physiatry, and rheumatology. Fellows who have trained at HSS now direct the main university programs in Italy, Germany, Taiwan, and others all over the globe. They take a little of HSS with them, which makes what they do better.”

The Hospital’s International Learning and Training Center provides educational opportunities for physicians, hosting conferences that have included a program in hip and knee reconstruction for 125 orthopedic surgeons from Spain and Greece, and the inaugural annual scientific meeting of the International Society of Hip Arthroscopy for 250 leading surgeons from 30 countries.

Most recently, the Hospital partnered with Amil Par, a highly respected managed healthcare organization in Brazil, to provide educational expertise in connection with the opening of a new orthopedic center in Rio de Janeiro.

HSS also led the founding of the International Society of Orthopedic Centers (ISOC), comprised of senior physicians representing the world’s leading orthopedic institutions. “ISOC serves as a vehicle for collaborations to effect improvement in orthopedic care on an international scale,” says Dr. Sculco.

On the pages that follow, you will read the stories of 17 patients who chose HSS as their destination for musculoskeletal care.
Eric Blume is able to take a pain-free run on a path from the St. Louis Gateway Arch thanks to hip arthroscopy at HSS.
Back on Course
Eric Blume flew from Hawaii to HSS for hip arthroscopy; now meet him in St. Louis

A commercial pilot for the past 20 years, Eric Blume spends a lot of time confined to sitting in the cockpit. He is now based in St. Louis, MO, but prior to that he lived in Honolulu flying 747s all over the world. It was during that time that his left hip, which had been painful intermittently for a decade, became a huge burden.

“The real problem started when I couldn’t work,” says Mr. Blume. “I was unable to sit for more than 10 minutes. After takeoff I would lean my chair back and try to straighten out my legs to lessen the pressure on my hips.”

Mr. Blume could not connect the pain to any specific injury, although he says, “I did take a couple of hits to my hip when I played quarterback.” In January 2011, an MRI revealed a tear in the cartilage (labrum) of his hip joint. “The doctor I saw at the time really didn’t recommend surgery and I started to think, ‘Where do I go from here?’” He knew that hip arthroscopy might be an option but could not find a doctor locally who had any significant experience. “I wanted to find somebody who has done a lot of them. There was too much at stake.”

His exhaustive search led him 5,000 miles east to Bryan T. Kelly, MD, Co-Director of the Center for Hip Preservation at HSS. “Eric’s situation – impingement in the hip – can be an elusive diagnosis and requires a very good understanding of the disease process,” says Dr. Kelly. “Arthroscopic techniques to treat this have evolved dramatically over the last decade, and we can now expect excellent outcomes. In many cases like Eric’s, having a labral tear doesn’t necessarily mean it is the cause of the problem. So sorting out all the other potential etiologies of pain around the hip and pelvis region can be an onerous task.”

In patients who have impingement, the labrum is compressed between the ball and the socket. “This tends to be a big issue for someone whose job requires prolonged periods of sitting,” notes Dr. Kelly. “Eric had a large labral tear that was getting caught in his joint. We were able to do a minimally invasive technique to repair the labrum and file down the bone spurs so that the head of the femur bone fit comfortably into the hip socket. The surgery was able to correct the underlying mechanical impingement and repair the torn cartilage that was the source of his pain.”

“I flew from Honolulu to New York with a stop in L.A.,” says Mr. Blume. “It was quite a long haul, but it was worth every single ounce of energy and effort to get to Hospital for Special Surgery.”
The Right Stuff

Jamie Lindsay came north from Virginia for knee replacement

When 63-year-old Jamie Lindsay says, “I’m a pretty active person, always have been,” it is surely an understatement. Mr. Lindsay played hockey and lacrosse in college, then played lacrosse professionally, has been a commercial pilot for 33 years, and is a seasoned skydiver and bicyclist.

He is also in his fifth year of remission from stage 4 lymphoma, so when an old knee injury threatened his passionate commitment to staying healthy and living life fully, Mr. Lindsay says, “I started looking for the best hospital and doctor on the planet.” Extensive research led him to HSS. The Hospital’s outstanding reputation, combined with a rave review of Scott A. Rodeo, MD, from a trusted friend, sealed the choice.

“When I met Dr. Rodeo, I told him I wanted to get a new knee, get back to being active, and do my best to wear it out! He got a big smile on his face. I knew he would use his skills to help me get the best shot to live the rest of my life the way that I wanted to live it.”

“He asked me what the most predictable operation was that would make his knee better,” says Dr. Rodeo, Co-Chief, Sports Medicine and Shoulder Service. “Given his advanced stage of arthritis it would be a knee replacement.”

“I’m back to biking, want to return to skydiving, and would like to even try a triathlon. I have things that I want to do.”

An avid skydiver, Jamie Lindsay has more than 2,500 jumps to his credit.
On the World War II plane he owns and still flies, Jamie Lindsay says coming to HSS “was the best decision I’ve made in a long time.”
“I want to personally thank Dr. Helfet for what he did for me,” says Maxime Heinsbroek. “He’s my hero.”
The Picture of Health
Trauma surgery brought Maxime Heinsbroek from the Netherlands

"I t is one of those moments in life where everything shifts," says Herman Heinsbroek. "You don’t think about anything but how important it is that your child gets the right treatment by the right person." In July 2011, during a family vacation in France, Mr. Heinsbroek’s 16-year-old daughter Maxime was injured in a motor scooter accident. Maxime suffered a very complicated pelvic fracture that would require an equally complex surgery.

“I was told that this operation can be done right only once or wrong only once,” says Mr. Heinsbroek, “and that I should take her to Dr. David Helfet in New York.”

The advice came from Peter Kloen, MD, who had trained with Dr. Helfet, and was now an orthopedic trauma surgeon in the Netherlands. “I knew this is what had to be done or my daughter would suffer with hip, back, and shoulder problems for the rest of her life,” says Mr. Heinsbroek.

“Dr. Kloen thought, given my experience with younger patients with fractures to the pelvis and acetabulum, or hip cup, that it would be better for Maxime to be treated in the U.S.,” says Dr. Helfet.

The family arrived at HSS on July 25, 2011; two days later Maxime underwent surgery by Dr. Helfet and his trauma team. “Fractures of the pelvis and acetabulum are among the most serious injuries seen by orthopedic surgeons,” says Dr. Helfet. “To treat Maxime’s injuries, we needed to realign her bones as precisely as possible to avoid future problems and hold them in place with plates and screws so that they would heal properly. Fortunately we were able to get the reduction and fix that we wanted.”

After a two-week stay in the States, Maxime and her family returned home. “The good thing is that we could do the follow-up appointments with Dr. Kloen,” says Mr. Heinsbroek. “Dr. Kloen sent X-rays taken locally directly to Dr. Helfet via email and then I spoke to Dr. Helfet about the results over the phone. To be absolutely sure that Maxime was healing as planned, she also had an MRI scan. But since she has about 10 metal pins in her pelvis, the software that’s usually used for MRI scans would blur the images. Dr. Helfet arranged to send the special software used at HSS to the hospital in the Netherlands. With the new software installed, the MRI confirmed that the operation was a big success.”

However, the greatest measure of success in Maxime’s opinion is that less than a year later she is back to dancing, bicycling to school, and doing everything that she did before the accident.
Finding Hope at HSS
From Rhode Island to the island of Manhattan for Geri Guardino’s spine surgery

By the time Rhode Island resident Geri Guardino went to see Patrick F. O’Leary, MD, a spine surgeon at Hospital for Special Surgery, she had been suffering with chronic back pain for about 10 years, and since April 2011, from debilitating sciatica. “It was like having your finger in an electrical socket and just leaving it there,” describes Ms. Guardino.

“I had all the tests, saw many different types of doctors, had cortisone injections, and did physical therapy,” says Ms. Guardino. “I had run out of options, and I didn’t know what else to do. My brother was lamenting to some folks about what I was going through and Dr. Kevin Cahill, who was in the group, said that I should see Dr. O’Leary.” Dr. Cahill, a well-known internist in New York City, facilitated a referral to Dr. O’Leary and for Ms. Guardino it was just in time.

“I was at my wits end,” she recalls. “My experience with Dr. O’Leary was unlike any other. He gave me a very thorough exam and recommended a much less invasive procedure than what had been offered to me in Rhode Island. We scheduled surgery for 10 days later.”

Says Ms. Guardino, “By the time I got home, there were already messages from my case manager, my ambassador, my nurse… I’d hear, ‘Hi, my name is Wes, and this is my role at the hospital. Let’s talk about how I’m going to help you.’ I couldn’t believe it. I had a positive experience with the Hospital from beginning to end.”

“Ms. Guardino was in dire, incapacitating pain,” says Dr. O’Leary. “She was considering undergoing a major operation in Providence. I saw her here for a second opinion and told her that a smaller operation may work just as well.” Dr. O’Leary performed a laminotomy to remove a small portion of bone over the spinal canal to relieve pressure on the nerve that was causing the pain.

“Patrick F. O’Leary, MD, cites HSS anesthesiologists as key to the quality care offered at HSS.

“When I saw Dr. O’Leary the next morning, just as I was waking up, I immediately knew it had worked,” says Ms. Guardino. “I looked at him and told him that I had no pain. It was like night and day. Needless to say, I wish I had found Dr. O’Leary first.”

“Hospital for Special Surgery has a strong orthopedic service with very good doctors,” says Dr. O’Leary. “We’re all privileged to be part of it.”
Just weeks after spine surgery, Geri Guardino is out and about and preparing to return to work in state government.
Near or Far—Patients Travel to HSS

Colleen Callahan
Bethesda, Maryland

“I first saw Dr. Figgie in 1992,” recalls Colleen Callahan, an economics professor at American University in Washington, D.C. “I lived in Bethlehem, PA at the time. But I travel to see him no matter where I live.”

Ms. Callahan, who has had juvenile rheumatoid arthritis (JRA) from the time she was a teenager, is referring to her orthopedic surgeon Mark P. Figgie, MD. She came to see Dr. Figgie at the recommendation of her rheumatologist when she needed the first of several surgeries for her hip and knee joints.

According to Dr. Figgie, JRA can arrest the development of the joints and cause deformities that are challenging when joint replacement is needed. “The ball of her right hip had eroded into the bones of her pelvis,” explains Dr. Figgie. “We had to design and manufacture a custom implant in order to accommodate her anatomy. In 1994, we replaced her left hip and her right knee in back-to-back surgeries since it would be difficult for her to rehabilitate her hip without her knee in good shape. Most people wouldn’t be able to tolerate having the procedures at the same time, but she wanted to get back to teaching.”

Since that time, Ms. Callahan has had a revision of her right hip in 2008; a left hip revision in 2009; and then a left knee replacement in 2010—all by Dr. Figgie.

“This is why I particularly value my relationship with Dr. Figgie,” says Ms. Callahan. “He and the whole staff at HSS understand the totality of my circumstances and how they affect my recovery, my rehabilitation, and my life. I’ve always appreciated that going way back to 1992. It’s an investment of time, but I wouldn’t go anywhere else.”
Michael Oliver
Hilton Head, South Carolina

For more than 30 years, Michael Oliver has been living with psoriatic arthritis, a condition affecting his entire body, but particularly his right ankle. Robert F. Spiera, MD, a rheumatologist on staff at HSS, referred Mr. Oliver to Jonathan T. Deland, MD, and the two discussed ankle replacement. By early 2011, the quality of life for Mr. Oliver, and consequently for his wife Linda, had greatly deteriorated. “I decided that it was time to call Dr. Deland. On March 18, I had the eight-hour surgery to replace my ankle joint.”

“An ankle replacement allowed us to replace the diseased surfaces of his joint, not only providing pain relief, but also enabling him to retain motion in his ankle,” says Dr. Deland.

“My life has completely changed. My wife and I danced at a wedding six months later; in eight months I was playing nine holes of golf,” says Mr. Oliver. The couple then moved to Hilton Head and opened their store, Harbour Town Christmas. “I knew that Dr. Deland was the right doctor to see and HSS was the best place in the world to go.”

Alejandra Lajous
Mexico City, Mexico

Hip replacement patient Alejandra Lajous (above with her grandchildren), of Mexico City, recalls feeling at ease at Hospital for Special Surgery, despite being more than 2,500 miles from home.

Her surgeon, Alejandro González Della Valle, MD, was “really with me through every step of the process,” emphasized Ms. Lajous, who first came to the Hospital upon a friend’s recommendation.

“It’s the word of mouth phenomenon,” says Dr. González Della Valle, who believes the combination of quality care, a medical team who speaks the patient’s language, and cultural sensitivity broadens the Hospital’s base of international patients. “As much as patients want to receive care in a leading institution, they also look for things that make them feel like home.”

Ms. Lajous, a busy television producer and grandmother, was thrilled with her experience and has since suggested that her brother and countless friends in Mexico City head to the Hospital. “I’m very happy with the results. If I needed to, I wouldn’t hesitate to go back.”
Gisselle Malespin was able to regain strength in her shoulder and resume her tennis game following surgery at HSS.
Gisselle Malespin suffered a traumatic injury to her collarbone as the result of an accident in September 2010 at her home in the Dominican Republic. Her treatment by a local physician brought only partial, sporadic relief, and when this active mother of two was advised to have a complicated and invasive operation, her U.S. insurance representative recommended Hospital for Special Surgery as the best orthopedic facility in the world.

Like many international patients, Ms. Malespin made extensive use of the Internet to confirm her choice of hospital. Her next step was to go online to find a doctor. “I wanted a surgeon who specialized in just shoulders. The HSS website gave me all of the options, which I printed out and read with my dad,” explains Ms. Malespin. “We decided on Dr. Strickland. I didn’t know anybody who had surgery with her; it’s just what I read on the website.”

“I think that once an international patient decides to search within the United States they look for the best orthopedic care,” says Sabrina M. Strickland, MD. “It’s then the matter of who they think will be the best doctor for them.”

Ms. Malespin first met with Dr. Strickland at the end of September 2011. The diagnosis of a ligament tear she had received in the Dominican Republic was incorrect, as was the type of surgery recommended to her. “Gisselle fractured a small piece of bone off of her collarbone,” notes Dr. Strickland. “Whenever she tried to do anything active she experienced pain.”

A few weeks later, Dr. Strickland performed the appropriate surgery. “Her doctor back home had made her condition seem more complicated and was suggesting a far more invasive surgery. I actually did a simple procedure for what I thought was a straightforward problem. I removed a piece of broken bone so that the bones wouldn’t rub against each other and cause pain.”

Ms. Malespin’s strength returned quickly as a result of her excellent pre-surgery fitness level and a brief period of physical therapy. Four months after surgery, she went ocean kayaking and since then has fully returned to the active lifestyle she enjoys.

The expertise of Sabrina M. Strickland, MD, in shoulder surgery enables her patients to return to their favorite activities.

An X-ray view shows the status of Gisselle Malespin’s acromioclavicular joint, which is the joint at the top of the shoulder, following removal of the bony fragment causing her pain.
Jeffrey Benowitz traveled from Alaska to HSS for ankle repair

After a mountaineering accident 10 years ago that occurred 100 miles east of his home in Fairbanks, Alaska, Jeffrey Benowitz, PhD, was told to quit his job, find a new life, and learn to be happy without being able to walk again. For Dr. Benowitz, who skis to work as a rock climbing instructor and geochronologist at the University of Alaska, this was a diagnosis he was unwilling to accept.

Dr. Benowitz had multiple surgeries since his accident in 2002, all unsuccessful. “Being an athlete and not being able to experience movement was horrifying,” Dr. Benowitz recalled. His brother-in-law Daniel Rosenberg recommended a trip to Hospital for Special Surgery.

S. Robert Rozbruch, MD, Chief of the Hospital’s Limb Lengthening and Complex Reconstruction Service, described the objective of Dr. Benowitz’s surgery as two-fold: correct the deformity in his tibia and perform an ankle distraction arthroplasty, which focuses on joint restoration and motion preservation.

“We provided a progressive, state-of-the-art approach,” says Dr. Rozbruch. “We didn’t want to replace his ankle or fuse the joint.”

“I finally experienced a procedure that worked after coming to HSS,” says Dr. Benowitz. “Dr. Rozbruch really took the time to make me whole again. Climbing, skiing, hiking – I have no slowdowns.”
When not studying the tectonics of the Alaska Range, Jeffrey Benowitz enjoys exploring glaciers on skis.
The cycling crash on May 21, 2011 that completely shattered Lois Alexander’s elbow and the emergency surgery that followed nearly cost the athletic 51-year-old the use of her arm. Ms. Alexander left the Montreal hospital in agony after undergoing surgery meant to repair the severely damaged elbow.

Introduced to HSS and Robert N. Hotchkiss, MD, through one of her husband’s business associates, Ms. Alexander had her X-rays sent down to Dr. Hotchkiss. “I was told that I should come in as soon as possible,” she recalls. “So we got in the car and drove down to New York.”

“Ms. Alexander is very fit and, besides cycling, she participates in yoga and strength training. Achieving a strong, stable elbow with full movement was her goal,” says Dr. Hotchkiss, who explained that a second operation was needed. Because the ulna bone was shattered and out of alignment, the elbow joint was dislocated, and the ulnar nerve was under compression, time was of the essence. On June 1, 2011, Dr. Hotchkiss performed the operation. Ultimately, the reconstruction required two metal plates and multiple screws, as well as freeing the ulnar nerve. She began physical therapy a few days after surgery.

“Dr. Hotchkiss is clearly a brilliantly skilled doctor,” says Ms. Alexander. “I don’t know if anybody could have fixed my arm as well as he did.”

Because of concerns about cabin pressure, flight delays, and being jostled around, instead of flying, Ms. Alexander’s husband drives her back and forth between Montreal and New York for follow-up visits. “It’s not just around the corner,” notes Ms. Alexander. “But I knew I was being taken care of properly. At every appointment, any anxiety I had would dissipate the moment I would see Dr. Hotchkiss.”

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The accident that shattered her elbow nearly shattered her life as well until Lois Alexander came to HSS for surgery.
Headed in the Right Direction

Barbara Storm
Scotville, Michigan

Living in a small lakeside town in Michigan, Barbara Storm loved to bike ride and take her dogs for walks on the family’s 80-acre farm. But for the past few years, unrelenting back pain prevented her from these simple enjoyments. Her pain management options were limited locally, so when her daughter told her about the reputation of HSS, Mrs. Storm came east to see Federico P. Girardi, MD. “Mrs. Storm had a history of chronic incapacitating neck and low back pain,” says Dr. Girardi. “She also wasn’t getting any better despite all of the treatment that she had at home in Michigan.”

Dr. Girardi performed two surgeries three months apart – a fusion on her lumbar spine followed by surgery on her neck. Says Mrs. Storm, “HSS was the only place that I could get the care that I needed.”

Luiz Cyrillo Fernandes
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Seeking relief for a combination of spine, shoulder, and nerve damage issues, 82-year-old Luiz Cyrillo Fernandes was referred to HSS by a friend in Brazil.

“Mr. Fernandes’ situation is very complicated,” says his physiatrist Gregory M. Lutz, MD. “Physiatrists are like quarterbacks, helping to optimize the management of multiple conditions with an interdisciplinary, non-surgical approach.”

“With treatment, I have improved,” says Mr. Fernandes, who divides his time between New York and Rio de Janeiro. Mr. Fernandes thought he would need surgery, but Dr. Lutz advised otherwise. “The relationship between risk and reward was not good because of my age and my problems. So I’m doing physical therapy every day, sometimes twice a day, whether I am in Brazil or in New York.” He also undergoes epidural injections, which he says help curb the pain. “I strongly recommend going to HSS for treatment of anything orthopedic.”
Daniel Diker
Jerusalem, Israel

“He is the all-star ‘Hip and Knee’ captain of the world’s greatest team in orthopedic medicine.”

Daniel Diker is referring to Hospital for Special Surgery’s Paul M. Pellicci, MD. A former NCAA Division I tennis player for Harvard University, Mr. Diker knows an all-star when he sees one. As Secretary of the World Jewish Congress, he was willing to travel from his home in Israel to New York City for the best possible care.

“I thought about it for a half second and decided that the only place I would go is to HSS,” says Mr. Diker, who first approached Dr. Pellicci upon a friend’s recommendation. “He said that when I was ready to rediscover my athletic abilities and improve my quality of life, to come in and he’ll fix my hips.”

“Mr. Diker had severe osteoarthritis in both hip joints, but he’s young and healthy, and we both felt that replacing both hips at the same time made the most sense,” says Dr. Pellicci.

In September 2011, after several years of being unable to tie his shoes or cross his legs, Mr. Diker went in for surgery. Four days later, he said, “I was walking around the unit without any assistance – without a cane or a walker.” Four weeks later, he was back in Israel, with “no pain whatsoever.”

Mr. Diker credited “walking, walking, walking,” physical therapy, and the Hospital’s nursing services to his speedy recovery. Above all, he emphasized, “The spirit of HSS is unique. There’s an overwhelming feeling of being cared for.”
"I was completely healed within three months of surgery," says Katrīna Hansen, who enjoys a jog through the foothills of the Rockies.
Recovering in the Rockies

Hip surgery brought Katrina Hansen from Colorado to HSS

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When Katrina Hansen was 11 months old, her parents became concerned that she had not begun to walk. “Three different doctors in three different states said that there was something really wrong with my hip and that we needed to go to HSS,” notes Ms. Hansen. In February 1988, Katrina’s parents brought her to see Leon Root, MD, who diagnosed dysplasia of the hip. Katrina was placed in traction followed by surgery to form a hip socket. She then spent six weeks in a cast and nine months in a brace. For the next 24 years, Katrina was active in track and field, cheerleading, and many other sports. Then, in 2008, she began to have pain in her hip. “The doctors in Colorado said that I was going to need a hip replacement,” recalls Katrina. “My parents said, ‘We’re going back to Dr. Root right now!’” Katrina did not need a hip replacement, but rather a periacetabular osteotomy – a surgical treatment that would preserve her hip joint. Dr. Root, who today is Medical Director of Rehabilitation, recommended that she see Ernest L. Sink, MD, Co-Director of the Center for Hip Preservation.

“The surgery allows you to change the orientation of the hip joint,” Dr. Sink explains. “This gives the hip support and takes the tension off the soft tissue, with the goal of preserving the natural hip.”

“On New Year’s Day,” says Katrina, “I gave up my last crutch three weeks ahead of schedule.”

An X-ray image of Katrina Hansen’s hip joint after periacetabular osteotomy, where the cartilage of the hip socket was reoriented to support the femoral head.
World traveler Anne Del Gaudio suffers from what she refers to as “vicious, genetic arthritis.” She tried every non-invasive way that she could to address the chronic nagging pain in her knees. It was a trip to France with her daughter that finally left her in inescapable, debilitating pain. “I did the physical therapy, shots, and everything else again, but nothing worked,” recalls Ms. Del Gaudio.

By the end of the summer of 2011, when she decided it was time to have her knee replaced, she knew exactly what to do. A veteran registered OR nurse, she explained, “Having worked with surgeons every day, I became very familiar with the art and the science of surgery. I recognized what was desirable to me in choosing the institution and the surgeon.

I’ve always considered HSS a world-class hospital worth traveling to,” says Ms. Del Gaudio.

Having decided to come to HSS from her Palm Beach, Florida home for her surgery, she set about finding the best surgeon for the job. “My journey began by going online to the HSS website. With my training and experience as an OR nurse, I knew I wanted someone who does these procedures so routinely that they can almost do them with their eyes closed!”

After her thorough vetting process, she chose Edwin P. Su, MD. She flew to New York and met Dr. Su and his physician assistant in November 2011. “The two of them are terrific. After speaking to the both of them I made the decision, right on the spot, to have them give me the next operative date. That date was December 5th.”

“Ms. Del Gaudio had a total knee replacement of her left knee,” explains Dr. Su. “It’s a tough recovery that requires a lot of hard work on the part of the patient. It was a privilege to take care of a fellow medical professional, especially somebody who knows the ins and outs of surgery.”

When the anesthesiologist offered her the opportunity to watch part of her surgery, she readily accepted. “The level of skill that Edwin Su has is truly remarkable,” says Ms. Del Gaudio. “When you’re watching people who are really skilled, it’s breathtaking to see. And the result was extraordinary. I have my life back now.”
As part of her regimen to stay active, Anne Del Gaudio spends at least an hour a day doing aquatic therapy.
Trading Up

Sir David Li traveled from Hong Kong to HSS for hip replacement surgery

Dr. the Honorable Sir David K.P. Li, Chairman and Chief Executive of the Bank of East Asia, literally flew around the world for the best possible care. Before his operation, he consulted leading orthopedic surgeons from Hong Kong, Singapore, Britain, France, Switzerland, and Germany seeking to learn more about the procedure and recovery prospects. A friend who had a successful operation at HSS recommended that he consider the Hospital for his surgery. Sir David subsequently read an article on minimally invasive surgery for hip replacement by Surgeon-in-Chief Thomas P. Sculco, MD, and decided it was time to meet him.

“After that, I knew he should do my surgery,” says Sir David.

“Sir David had done an enormous amount of research before he found us,” says Steven K. Magid, MD, who managed Dr. Li’s medical evaluation related to the surgery and continues to oversee his medical care.

“It was well worth it to have the best physicians and best hospital for this procedure,” emphasizes Sir David. “The care and attention that Dr. Magid and Dr. Sculco gave me was terrific.”

Sir David has since referred many patients and entrusted the care of his family to Dr. Magid and others at HSS.

He notes how quickly the surgery improved his quality of life. “I could not walk well. I used a cane. One week after surgery, I could walk, even run, without pain. The journey was worth it. It’s the best hospital in the world.”
Sir David Li approached the selection of his doctors at HSS with the same due diligence he applies to his professional life.
Luis Echarte
Mexico City, Mexico

After suffering sciatic pain from a disc herniation for some time, Mexico City resident Luis Echarte was told that he needed surgery to relieve the pain running from his lower back and down his left leg. While in New York on business in the fall of 2011, Mr. Echarte, who is Director and Chairman of Azteca America, a major television network, experienced worsening pain and sought out Patrick F. O’Leary, MD, at HSS on the advice of a friend. Dr. O’Leary referred him to Daniel I. Richman, MD, an anesthesiologist specializing in pain management at HSS. “Mr. Echarte’s disc herniation was causing compression of a nerve root,” says Dr. Richman. “I’ve been managing him with injections, as well as some medications. We’re going to try to avoid surgery. He’s done very well so far.”

Says Mr. Echarte, who exercises every morning, “I hope slowly, and with some physical therapy, that the pain will go away completely.”
Hospital for Special Surgery is like no other hospital in the world. As a renowned independent academic medical center specializing in orthopedics, rheumatology, and their related specialties, all 3,500 members of the HSS family are focused on the same goal – providing the highest level of quality along with personal attention and compassion for each and every patient to ensure the best possible outcomes. Our commitment to excellence is grounded in a unique organizational culture that strives to reach this goal each and every day. As we make plans to celebrate our 150th anniversary in 2013, we continue to build on our success, advance cutting edge research, and develop innovative approaches to diagnosis and treatment, all of which make us the global leader in our field.

Our outstanding results in both quality of care and the patient experience have created a growing demand for our services, with more and more people coming to us from across the country and around the world. Our patient volume has grown more than 36 percent in the past four years, and in 2011 nearly 6,000 patients traveled from beyond the tri-state area to HSS for their care. Our surgeons performed nearly 26,000 orthopedic surgeries with over 300,000 outpatient visits in 2011.

Our extraordinary staff who make up the HSS family contributes to our reputation as being the best in the world in orthopedics, rheumatology, and their related disciplines.
of quality. Consumers can find our commitment to the highest levels outcomes we are tracking and our us with an opportunity to share the information easily accessible to the public on our website provides. We are proud of our results, and by making this information available to the public we are tracking and our commitment to the highest levels of quality. Consumers can find our outstanding results, for example, in reducing pain and increasing mobility following hip and knee arthroplasty, as well as our extremely low rates of infection.

One of the most important indicators of our performance comes directly from our patients. We continue to elevate the quality of service, at every level of the organization, to consistently deliver a patient experience that is unsurpassed. Our patients expect this and we expect this of ourselves. Based on patient feedback, for 14 consecutive quarters, HSS inpatient satisfaction scores on “likelihood to recommend” to others have been in the 99th percentile compared to other Magnet hospitals in the national Press Ganey database. This is a validated indicator of the highest level of consumer satisfaction.

HSS is proud to care for the World Champion New York Giants. Our physicians are also the official team doctors for the New York Mets, New York Knicks, Nets Basketball, New York Liberty, and New York Red Bulls. This year Special Surgery became the Official Hospital of The PGA of America, partnering on a health and wellness platform at the Ryder Cup, PGA Championship and Senior PGA Championship. The Hospital is an orthopedic consultant to the New York Road Runners and ING New York City Marathon. Our physicians also care for a number of collegiate teams as well as New York City high schools, participating in the Public School Athletic League, covering their games and holding clinics for players.

To accommodate an increase in demand for our services, we have expanded our Hospital, opening new areas and modernizing and expanding others. Three new patient floors and two new inpatient operating rooms were completed in September 2011. We celebrated the official opening of CA Technologies Pediatric Rehabilitation Center, the first stage of the new Lerner Children’s Pavilion, a hospital-within-a-hospital that is planned to open in the fall of 2012.

We opened a new Ambulatory Care Center on 72nd Street and York Avenue; and a new 30,000-square foot building on 75th Street housing Psychiatry and Pain Management, including imaging facilities, and procedure rooms as well as physician offices. 2011 marked Special Surgery’s first expansion beyond the New York area with HSS Spine & Sport Physical Therapy Center located in Jupiter, Florida. This Center brings the same high level of rehabilitation services and patient care available at our Manhattan campus to South Florida.

Research is integral to the Hospital’s mission as our scientists engage in collaborative investigations that translate to real improvements in patient care. HSS scientists published 238 papers in scholarly journals, advancing the science of orthopedics, rheumatology and their related disciplines. Our rheumatology faculty led major research studies into the causes of osteoarthritis, rheumatoid arthritis and lupus with the aim of improved therapies for patients suffering from these diseases. Their work was published in major scientific journals including Nature Medicine, Nature Immunology and Journal of Experimental Medicine.

In 2011 we celebrated the investiture of Chief Scientific Officer, Steven Goldring, MD, as the Richard L. Menschel Research Chair, supported by a $5 million gift from an anonymous donor. HSS hosted an international summit on osteoarthritis led by co-directors Steven Goldring, MD and Timothy Wright, PhD and attended by a multidisciplinary group of scientific leaders.
from around the world who shared current research, opportunities for future investigation, the newest diagnostic tools and treatment, public health strategies and information on prevention of this disease. Osteoarthritis affects over 27 million Americans and is expected to increase in prevalence as the 78.2 million baby boomers age and life expectancies increase.

Our 43 active patient registries have enrolled 84,000 people to date. Patient-reported outcomes data from these registries will allow our scientists and physicians to better understand musculoskeletal diseases and conditions and ultimately to improve upon the standard of care. Also in 2011, the HSS Center for Musculoskeletal Outcomes and Patient Oriented Research led the development of the International Consortium of Orthopedic Registries (ICOR), the result of an FDA-awarded contract that HSS received in 2010. HSS and Kaiser Permanente worked with the FDA to organize the first meeting of the International Consortium with the aim of creating a registry network to provide data across national boundaries to validate orthopedic patient outcomes and to compare differences among treatment options.

We continue to welcome superior faculty members to our staff. With 16 new physicians joining us, we have approximately 300 world-class physicians on our active medical staff. Our orthopedic residency and fellowship programs continue to be two of the most widely competitive training programs, attracting the best and brightest physicians from across the country and around the world. In 2011, HSS received more than 600 residency applications, the most in the Hospital's history. From this highly competitive group, just eight residents are chosen. We have 15 Fellowship programs educating 75 fellows, 40 of which are in the Orthopedic specialties and 14 in Rheumatology. Our commitment to excellence in education dates back to our history, exemplified by the establishment of the first orthopedic residency training program in the country in 1891. This dedication continues to contribute to our mission and world renowned reputation.

As a world leader, our influence extends beyond the United States. We have International Clinical fellows coming to HSS from countries such as Greece, Germany, and China. Nearly 400 visiting physicians rotated through Special Surgery, learning from our experts. We have embarked on several international partnerships with organizations in Brazil and China, providing educational expertise in relation to their orthopedic programs. The International Society of Orthopaedic Centers (ISOC), which was spearheaded by HSS under the leadership of Thomas Sculco, MD, held its fourth annual meeting at Clinica Alemana in Santiago, Chile. In 2011 630 international patients came to HSS for care from nearly 80 countries, an increase of almost 12% over 2010.

The generosity of our donors produced an exceptional year in fundraising as we raised $38.5 million. This is the second consecutive year that HSS raised more than $30 million. Strong donor commitment and the support of trustees, medical staff, and executive leadership were critical to this achievement.

There are many fine hospitals across the country and around the world, but HSS is unique in its capabilities and accomplishments. Our Hospital, medical staff, and entire HSS family provide a level of quality and service that results in patients traveling from near and far to receive our care. They recognize HSS as the most exceptional institution in its field.

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Now Hitting Her Stride, a Grateful Patient Honors Her Physicians

For Los Angeles resident Anne Solbraekke, the stakes were high. After suffering with arthritis in her right hip intermittently for 15 years, and only in her early forties, Ms. Solbraekke reached a point in 2009 when her hip started to fail completely and she was in constant pain. An avid equestrian, she had just bought a new horse but had to stop riding. “I couldn’t move in positions to make my horse do what she was supposed to do,” says Ms. Solbraekke. “I couldn’t even get into the car to drive to the barn.”

The deterioration in her hip did not surprise her; her mother and grandmother had both had hip replacements, and Ms. Solbraekke realized her time for surgery had also come. “I needed to do something,” says Ms. Solbraekke. “I was in a great deal of pain and limping. I was also having problems with my back and my knees. I was too young for this to be happening.”

Ms. Solbraekke consulted with several spine surgeons in California, obtaining recommendations for surgery that she decided was not for her. She had also been unable to identify a hip surgeon in Los Angeles who she felt would be right for her situation. One evening she and her husband, Lew Coleman, were having dinner with Ken Wilson, a friend who is a member of Hospital for Special Surgery’s Board of Trustees.

“I was moaning about my joint problems and he told me that he had a solution for me,” recalls Ms. Solbraekke. So she flew to New York City to meet with three of the Hospital’s orthopedic surgeons – Edwin P. Su, MD, a specialist in hip surgery; Bryan T. Kelly, MD, Co-Director of the Center for Hip Pain and Preservation; and Andrew A. Sama, MD, who specializes in spine disorders – to determine the best course of treatment for her hip, knee, and back pain.

“At home in California, Anne Solbraekke can now enjoy riding her beautiful Holsteiner mare thanks to the collaborative efforts of Dr. Bryan T. Kelly and Dr. Edwin P. Su.”

“These doctors were fantastic,” says Ms. Solbraekke. “Together they decided that my back could wait because surgery on my right hip would alleviate some of my back pain as well. They also advised me to have arthroscopy on my right knee at the same time. I felt completely secure that they were going to do everything they could to address my problems. They truly collaborated.”

In August 2009, Ms. Solbraekke returned to HSS to undergo a hip resurfacing procedure by Dr. Su and a knee arthroscopy by Dr. Kelly. While having to travel across the country for surgery would mean that Ms. Solbraekke would not be able to go right home to recover, she says, “I didn’t think about the distance. Having physicians that I really believed in made the decision very easy. I also knew that the chance of getting an infection was going to be lower at HSS than anywhere else. That was huge for me.”

Ms. Solbraekke had done her homework. For example, she knew that the preservation of bone made possible in a hip resurfacing procedure allows for a much larger ball size, which provides greater stability of the hip joint and a lower risk of dislocation. “I’m fairly active and knowing there would be less chance of dislocation was very important as well,” notes Ms. Solbraekke.

For the next five months, Ms. Solbraekke felt great. In late December 2009, however, without any forewarning, Ms. Solbraekke’s other hip gave way. An MRI revealed the same level of deterioration in her left hip as she had had in her right hip. She returned to HSS in March 2010 for the same two procedures on her left side.

Grateful for the care she received by Drs. Su and Kelly, and the exceptional collaboration that enabled her to return to an active life that included her beloved horseback riding, Ms. Solbraekke asked them how she could help further their work. “It was important to me that they be recognized for what they did for me and for what they can do for others in similar situations,” she says. Each year since her first surgery, she and her husband have provided important support to the Hip Preservation Research and Education Fund through the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation.

“I had a wonderful experience at HSS,” she says. To Ms. Solbraekke, traveling to Hospital for Special Surgery for care just made good horse sense.
2011 – More than $38.5 Million Raised

Hospital for Special Surgery had a remarkable philanthropic year in 2011! Thanks to the extraordinary generosity of thousands of individuals, foundations, and corporations, we raised more than $38.5 million in 2011.

Support from Donors
In 2011, nearly 5,800 donors contributed to the Hospital. Grateful patients, who contribute individually, through their family foundations, or by bequests, continue to provide the greatest share of philanthropic support. They account for 73 percent of the funds contributed in 2011. Foundations provided 22 percent of our 2011 total and corporations 5 percent.

The fifth annual Big Apple Circus Benefit raised more than $260,000 for pediatric care and research. Co-Chairs Monica Keaney, Trustee; Kate Doerge, Advisor; Michelle Carlson, MD, and Daniel W. Green, MD, brought together nearly 500 guests for a sold-out Benefit on behalf of the Hospital's pediatric patients.

CA Technologies Rehabilitation Center
On October 5th, HSS celebrated the dedication and opening of the CA Technologies Rehabilitation Center, the first stage of the Alfred and Norma Lerner Children’s Pavilion. Funded by a generous $5 million gift from CA Technologies, the 7,000-square-foot pediatric rehabilitation center doubles the size and capacity of the previous facility, allowing for 30,000 annual patient visits.

Annual Fund
The Annual Fund is an ever-growing source of strength for HSS. 2011 was a record-breaking year for unrestricted funds, accounting for over $4.48 million and exceeding our $3.5 million goal by 20 percent. As the result of more strategic and integrated direct marketing efforts, online giving through www.hss.edu also increased in 2011.

Planning for a Bright Future
To ensure the ongoing provision of outstanding patient care to those we serve, HSS is planning for continued growth in every area – from our facilities to our research program to the education of the next generation of medical leaders. The generosity shown by HSS benefactors is critical to laying the groundwork for even greater success in 2012 and beyond.
## Financial Information

**Hospital for Special Surgery and Affiliated Companies**

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\(^{1}\) Includes activities relating to Hospital for Special Surgery and its affiliates (Hospital for Special Surgery Fund, Inc., HSS Properties Corporation, HSS Horizons, Inc., HSS Ventures, Inc., and Medical Indemnity Assurance Company, Ltd.).

\(^{2}\) Complete audited Financial Statements of both Hospital for Special Surgery and affiliates are available upon request from the HSS Development Department at 212.606.1196.

\(^{3}\) Excludes $33.6 million and $27.9 million of restricted philanthropic contributions in 2011 and 2010, respectively.

\(^{4}\) Excludes non-operating portion of changes in unrealized gains and losses on investments.

\(^{5}\) Includes $1.2 million and $1.1 million of transactions between affiliates that are eliminated in consolidation in 2011 and 2010, respectively.

\(^{6}\) Includes $46.6 million and $42.6 million of transactions between affiliates that are eliminated in consolidation in 2011 and 2010, respectively.

\(^{7}\) Hospital for Special Surgery is the beneficiary in perpetuity of income from an outside trust. The fair values of investments in the trust are not included above and were $30.7 million and $34.1 million at December 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively.

\(^{8}\) For purposes of comparison, the 2010 column has been restated to reflect the adoption of the new Accounting Standard for Presentation of Insurance Claims and Related Insurance Recoveries to conform with the 2011 presentation. Such reclassifications had no effect on operating income or changes in net assets.
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Peter D. Meltzer: Putting His Trust in HSS

When he was 10 years old, Peter D. Meltzer met Leon Root, MD, who had just married Paula Luxenberg, the daughter of his parents closest friends. Peter and Leon forged a lifelong friendship. “He was a great role model from the very beginning,” recalls Mr. Meltzer.

In 1978, Mr. Meltzer moved to New York City from Toronto to become the first wine editor of the magazine Food and Wine. He continued to keep in touch with Dr. Root, and it was Dr. Root, then Chief of Hospital for Special Surgery’s Pediatric Orthopedic Service, who introduced him to HSS. “I was born with a congenital birth defect and had to wear a prosthesis my entire life,” says Mr. Meltzer. “When I moved to New York, I frequently needed ‘tune-ups’ for my prosthesis, and Leon recommended I go see Herb Kramer, who at the time headed the Hospital’s Prosthetics and Orthotics Department.”

The meeting launched a relationship with the Hospital that would span more than three decades. “When my father passed away, he set up a small charitable trust fund, and I wanted to honor his legacy by giving back to a place that had given so much to him,” says Mr. Meltzer. “I fell in love with the Hospital and Orthotics Department.”

The David Meltzer Charitable Trust has provided support to the Hospital’s Prosthetics and Orthotics Department for more than 30 years. Mr. Meltzer selected HSS as one of the causes that was important to him. "We often establish lifelong relationships and friendships with patients who need high-level braces or artificial limbs,” says Mr. Meltzer. "And there was an elevated level of personal attention. I have a very complicated medical history and I was very lucky to have been taken care of by one of their technicians, John Cottrell, my entire life in New York. He’s just great.”

In setting up a charitable trust as part of his will, Mr. Meltzer’s father made it possible for his son to leave a charitable bequest to HSS. "He specified that there were to be 10 recipients of the Funds as one of the benefactors and for the next 30 years, the David Meltzer Charitable Trust Fund provided continuous support to the Prosthetics and Orthotics (P&O) Department. “The Department had engaged some very talented and innovative people,” says Mr. Meltzer. "And there was an elevated level of personal attention. I have a very complicated medical history and I was very lucky to have been taken care of by one of their technicians, John Cottrell, my entire life in New York. He’s just great.”

The David Meltzer Charitable Trust Fund, which cumulatively has provided significant support for the Department of P&O, also designated the Leon Root, MD Motion Analysis Laboratory as a beneficiary. For the past 20 years, Mr. Meltzer, a foremost authority on wine collecting, has been the auction correspondent for Wine Spectator, and more recently the author of Keys to the Cellar: Strategies and Secrets of Wine Collecting.

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