

World's doctors watch, learn in observership program

They come from South America, Japan, Iran, Trinidad, Albania and other countries around the globe. Their goal: Learn all you can from Campbell Clinic surgeons, then take your knowledge back and apply it for the benefit of patients in your homeland.

International participants in the Campbell Foundation-sponsored Observership Program are grateful for the opportunity to meet and witness the work of surgeons they have come to admire, according to Rosemary Graham, the Foundation's fellowship coordinator.

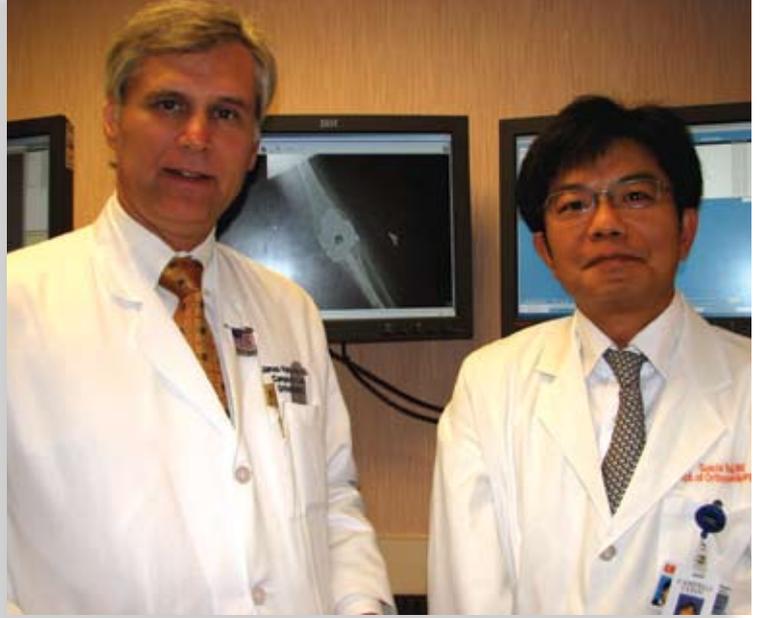
"Many Campbell Clinic surgeons are famous in the home countries of participants," she said. "They have read the surgeons' articles in the *Campbell's Operative Orthopaedics* textbook and are familiar with their research. Our doctors are celebrities to them."

The Observership Program enables doctors to observe Campbell Clinic surgeons as they meet with patients, perform surgery, and discuss cases with other medical professionals. Observers do not participate in surgery or patient care. The visiting doctors pay their own transportation and living expenses during the Observership.

Although the program is not solely for international doctors, many participants are from other countries.

Kay Daugherty, Campbell's medical editor and a 30-year employee, said international doctors have visited Campbell Clinic to observe surgeons at work since Dr. Willis Campbell's time. "There are records of visitors in the 1940s and '50s from places as diverse as China, England, and Mexico," Kay said.

The number of observers varies each year. "We've had about 15 observers during the last two years," said



Rosemary. The country with the largest number of participants is Brazil. Sports Medicine and Trauma are the specialties that draw the greatest number of participants.

Participants in the Observership Program are invited to attend Campbell educational conferences and use the clinic's library while participating. At the end of their observership, participants receive a Certificate of Training.

"This program has also been a wonderful learning opportunity for us," said Dr. Harkess. "It's frankly an honor for the Campbell Clinic and for me personally to have someone of the caliber of Dr. Soichi Tsuji coming to visit for a year."

DR. SOICHI TSUJI (RIGHT) FROM ST. LUKE'S INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL CENTER, TOKYO, JAPAN, IS IN MEMPHIS FOR ONE YEAR TO OBSERVE DR. JAMES HARKESS, CAMPBELL CLINIC TOTAL JOINT SURGEON.

"Many of our visitors are already accomplished orthopaedic surgeons and educators in their home countries. It's very gratifying to learn their solutions to complex musculoskeletal problems."

— Dr. James Harkess



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