Synthes Trauma Fellowship Supports Surgeon Training

Synthes, the leading skeletal fixation company in North America, has demonstrated its commitment to the education and training of orthopaedic surgeons with a generous grant to The Campbell Foundation to establish the Synthes Trauma Fellowship.

The grant provides funding over a three-year period and enables a trauma fellow to receive 12 months of surgical and clinical training in association with Campbell Clinic in trauma-related problems.

The first Synthes Trauma Fellow is Dr. Rakesh Mashru, who completed his fellowship in June 2006. Dr. Mashru is a graduate of UMDNJ-New Jersey Medical School and completed his orthopaedic residency at Drexel University.

The Synthes fellow will spend time with the Campbell Clinic trauma faculty and will be exposed to multi-trauma surgical problems, acute and reconstructive surgery, and clinical, non-surgical trauma situations. Dr. George W. Wood II, a trauma specialist who has been on staff at the Campbell Clinic since 1980, is chairman of the fellowship.

The Campbell Clinic trauma fellow spends one day each week at the Regional Medical Center in Memphis (The Med), one of the nation’s busiest Level I trauma centers. The fellowship also requires that the recipient conduct trauma research, with the expectation that the research will result in a presentation, publication, or both.

Tim Akers, Synthes Regional Manager, said, “Synthes and the Campbell Clinic share a common goal and emphasis on education and research at all levels. This commitment will help lead to solutions that offer improved patient outcomes.”

Formed in 1974, Synthes provides instruments and implants to many U.S. hospitals, including almost all of the nation’s medical school residency training facilities.