

NEBH Sports Symposium Hits a Home Run

In 1995 Dr. Alan Curtis, orthopedic surgeon and Director of the Bioskills Learning Center at the Baptist, created the annual Boston Shoulder and Sports Symposium. At the time, no other course of its kind existed in the area.

The conference began as a small group of 25 surgeons at the Bioskills Center. It's now the largest sports medicine course in the northeast – a one and one-half day event taught and attended by top surgeons from around the globe. But it's not only for physicians; many nurses, physical therapists, and administrative personnel also participate.

Three hundred people were in attendance at the Conference Center at Waltham Woods on October 26 and 27.

The symposium provided a unique and dynamic setting. This year's program included interactive lectures, shoulder model labs, and cadaver demonstrations via satellite, which allowed real-time questions from the audience.

“Rehabilitation Following Knee Ligament Surgery” and “Degenerative Joint Disease in the Young Shoulder” were two of the nearly 40 presentations offered this year. Physicians earn *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit*[™] for attending.

Marjorie MacLeod, CME/Program Coordinator, is a main player in developing this course with Curtis and other physicians. Other NEBH participants included Margie Lamir-Heger, PT, and Drs. Miller, Newman, Richmond, Ross, Scheller, Slovenkai, Steiner, Tierney, and Weitzel. Many of the Baptist's other personnel volunteered their help.

The symposium's success is a reflection of the leading-edge care offered at the Baptist. Curtis said, "This course teaches surgeons and physical therapists from all over New England and elsewhere. Our hospital is establishing itself as a place of excellence and referrals for difficult cases—a goal for all hospitals."

Mark your calendars for the next symposium on October 24 and 25, 2008. You'll discover why the Boston Shoulder and Sports Symposium has an international reputation for the latest information on sports medicine techniques and technology.