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**What attracted your interest to IPSG?**

My Fellowship year at Texas Scottish Rite Hospital (TSRH) in 1995 with Dr. Herring and the entire TSRH staff provided a rich exposure to the controversies surrounding treatment options for Perthes patients. At that time, information collected from the original Perthes Study Group was accumulating and the importance and power of large, prospective, multi-center, studies became self-evident. Data from the first Study Group provided the best evidence to date a surgeon could apply in their treatment of Perthes patients. The IPSG offers the same foundation for continued improvement in our treatment of Perthes patients.

What would you say is the most challenging part of treating Perthes Disease?

The challenge is to confidently select the best treatment option for any given Perthes patient. Variability in patient's age at presentation, severity of disease progression, treatment options and ultimate outcome make Perthes a fascinating and humbling disorder to understand and treat appropriately.

What would you like to see accomplished through annual IPSG meetings?

These meetings can lead to the creation of a rich environment for international collaboration, and regular discussions that ultimately will produce innovative and scientifically sound treatment guidelines, for future generations of Perthes patients.

Read more about Dr. Mack here!

