

Hey Dr. Coles,

Great to hear from you. Sorry that it took me so long to respond, a lot has changed since you sent your email. The hospital my residency was located at went bankrupt, so I had to find a new residency position. Luckily I was able to stay in Philadelphia, so I am now at University of Pennsylvania. I'm in my 4th year of training, and applied for trauma fellowships for this upcoming cycle. My plan is to do trauma, and then possibly a second fellowship in joint replacement to have both skill sets before going into practice.

I would still definitely be interested in any mission trips in the future. I could probably use my vacation and would be able to dedicate a week. I'll look into the International College of Surgeons website, thank you for the tip.

I'm glad you were able to catch up with my parents. I hope all is going well for you. I look forward to seeing you possibly at one of the specialty meetings and catching up more. Thank you again for being an inspiration. My experience with you greatly influenced me to go into orthopaedics, and I could not imagine doing anything else. I truly love what I do.

Best,

Bill