



SIGN Surgery Saves Limbs and Lives

Traffic accidents create more broken bones treated by SIGN Surgery than any other cause. As cities grow and more people can afford motorcycles, the number of patients with broken legs and arms is steadily increasing. Even in the midst of a global health crisis, people are injured every day, and they need donated implants to afford healing surgery.

One of those people is Roselle, a 16-year-old from Davao City, Philippines. She was walking along the side of the road last December, when she was struck by a speeding motorcycle. She went to the local public hospital and was scheduled for surgery, but her family could not afford the implants and fees. They decided to go home, against the advice of the doctors.

Two weeks later, they learned about SIGN Surgery, available at Tebow CURE Hospital. Dr. Jun Valera and the staff there saw that her wounds were infected, so they treated those injuries for 3 weeks to reduce infection and swelling. Then, using a donated SIGN Implant, they were able to stabilize her tibia.

Two months after surgery, Roselle is walking with support, and is on the road to recovery. SIGN Surgery helped her get the care she needed, for her broken bone, and also to care for a potentially dangerous infection.

You can help people like Roselle get the treatment they need to heal from fractures and traumatic injury. Give today to help the next person with a fractured bone get back on their feet.



Roselle, 16, can walk and smile again thanks to SIGN Surgery.



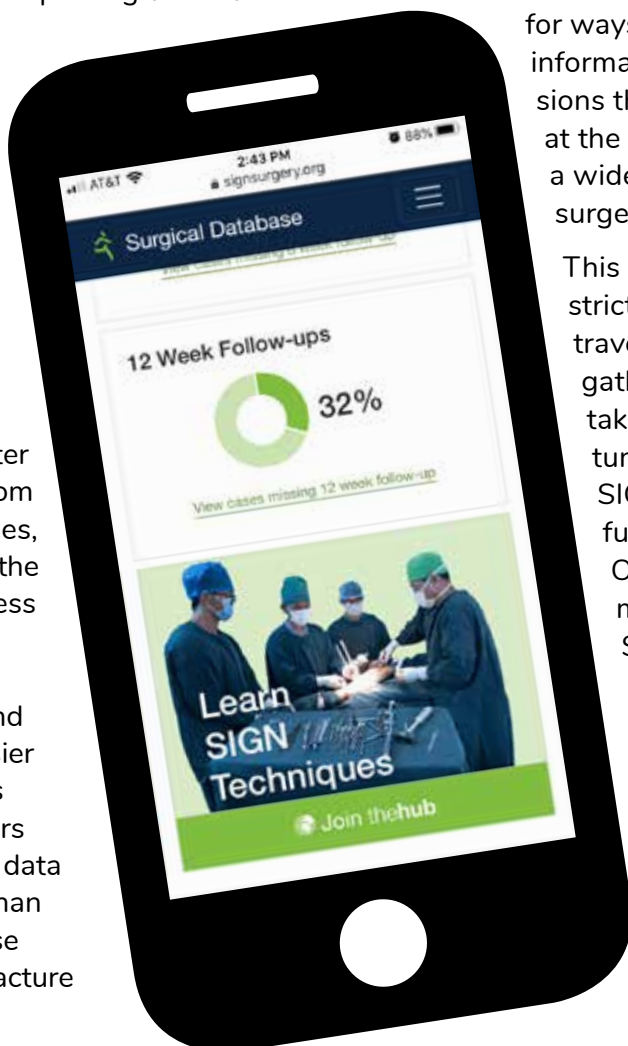
SIGN online

2020 has been a year of big challenges, but SIGN has never shied away from a daunting problem. We are taking the opportunity to experiment with new approaches to carry out our core mission — increasing the access and quality of fracture care in low- and middle-income countries.

SIGN Surgical Database

The SIGN Surgical Database has been a key element of SIGN's success. From surgeons mailing notes about cases, to email based programs, to multiple online portals, we have constantly been improving the database.

In May, the IT Team at SIGN launched the latest version of the SIGN Surgical Database, which enables surgeons to enter case data from mobile phones, streamlines the review process for Dr. Zirkle and mentor surgeons, and makes it easier for surgeons and engineers to study the data from more than 157,000 case studies in fracture care.



Digital SIGN Conference

For the last two years, SIGN has been experimenting with ways to increase the scope of the SIGN Conference with digital learning. From streaming presentations by SIGN Surgeons to filming Bioskills Lab sessions for future training sessions, we have been looking for ways to share the information and discussions that are shared at the conference to a wider audience of surgeons.

This year, with restricted international travel and large gatherings, we are taking the opportunity to move the SIGN Conference fully online.

Of course, we will miss seeing 150 SIGN Surgeons in Richland, but we are excited to develop a wide array of educational opportunities for all 7,000 SIGN Surgeons.



The Conference will be hosted on The Hub, SIGN's website for educational resources. In late June, we will be updating the site to make it easier to find resources and access in-depth information.

The 2020 Digital SIGN Conference, in partnership with IGOT, will feature digital learning, including video presentations from SIGN Surgeons and Mentors, Bioskills technique videos, and live Q&A sessions with SIGN Surgeons and internationally-renowned instructors.



June 21-25
join us online

5-day
virtual event



We cherish every opportunity to bring the SIGN Family together, and like many families these days, our gatherings are moving online.

Grab your sunglasses and sandals, and join us for the **SIGN Summer Bash**, a 5-day virtual fundraising event held June 21-25.

Who will benefit?

Empowering surgeons to provide better care for their patients is the primary mission of SIGN, and one of the best ways to help surgeons improve their skills is in a Bioskills Lab setting. Our goal is to raise

\$50,000 to complete a new Bioskills Lab at SIGN HQ. Having year-round access to a Bioskills Lab will enable hands-on training and improve virtual training opportunities for surgeons. **All money raised during the SIGN Summer Bash will be matched**, doubling your investment to equip even more SIGN Surgeons.

No Cost to Participate

The event is free! Please go to signfracturecare.org/signbash to get started. Here you can access new videos each day, register for the auction, sign up for updates, and more.

summer *Bash* schedule

Tune in at signfracturecare.org/signbash for new video content posted daily at 11am.

- 6/21 Event Kick-off and Silent Auction** opens
- 6/22 SIGN Virtual Open House** with CEO Jeanne Dillner
- 6/23 SIGN Innovations** with Terry Smith
- 6/24 SIGN Board Spotlight** with Dr. Richard Gellman
- 6/25 Exploring SIGN Programs** with Jeri Rosenthal and Kyle Westcott


6/25 Summer Celebration Live Stream


- **6:30pm, Social Hour**
Live online chat, giveaways, and final bidding for silent auction
- **7:00pm, Program**
 - Messages from Dr. Zirkle and SIGN Surgeon Pierre Woolley
 - Virtual Live Auction, festivities, and more!


June 21-25
see you online





Events are a great way to bring the whole SIGN Family together, but it's just as important to keep in regular communication. We've launched SIGN Chats, where we share a conversation with a SIGN Staff, Surgeon, or Supporter every week. Check out these conversations, and leave a comment with who you'd like to hear from or what you want to know about SIGN.

 **Jeanne Dillner, SIGN CEO**, talks about how SIGN is adjusting to the current situation and continuing to carry out our mission.

 **Dr. Lewis Zirkle, Founder and President of SIGN**, shares why SIGN's mission of supporting surgeons and injured patients is critical during this time.

 **Sean Bradley, SIGN Production Manager**, shares how SIGN continues to create products and brings along a stress-relieving guest.

 **Roger and Kathy Willis, SIGN Supporters**, share why they give their time and talents to the organization.

 **Jeri and Kyle, from the SIGN Program and Education Department**, talk about supporting surgeons in challenging circumstances.

 **Isaac, Erin, and Josh from the IT Department** chat about the newly-updated SIGN Surgical Database.

 **Cari Exarhos, from the Fund Development Team** talks about the upcoming **SIGN Summer Bash event**.

Look for more videos on Facebook and at signfracturecare.org/SIGNChats

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Learn more on page 3 & by:

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or going online to signfracturecare.org/SIGNBash

How to participate:

Register today

Check in daily at 11am PDT for new videos & activities

Watch Live Event on a PC or Laptop for BEST experience

View HELP videos for SIGN Summer Bash at

signfracturecare.org/how-to

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