TO: MARS Surgeons and Coordinators

FROM: Kurt P. Spindler, MD, and Rick W. Wright, MD, Principal Investigators
David R. McAllister, MD, Chair, AOSSM Research Committee
Bart Mann, PhD, Director of Research, AOSSM

DATE: February 16, 2007

Enclosed are all the requirements to begin your enrollment into the MARS project. Please review carefully the following:

1. MARS 2007 Enrollment Requirements
2. MARS Surgeon Agreement Letter
3. MTF Allograft Specification sheet
4. Document emphasizing several key major modifications to MARS Protocol, effective February 2007
5. MARS “Mini MOP” (Manual of Operating Procedures)

We look forward to beginning your enrollment, thus launching MARS, a truly collaborative prospective longitudinal cohort on the predictors and outcomes of revision ACL reconstruction. The future planned long-term follow-up (after two years) and any onsite follow-up will depend on successful enrollment, >80% follow-up at two years and, most importantly, NIH funding.

Once you have met these requirements and we verify your compliance, the actual patient questionnaire and surgeon documentation will be sent for you to begin enrollment of all revision ACL reconstructions. Only 100% completion of all required forms will be accepted. Obviously the coordinating site cannot micromanage an estimated 100 surgeons.

With everyone’s cooperation and compliance this will be a successful study that will make a difference in the care of our patients.