

## French Physician, Pioneer in Clubfoot Treatment, Visits Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children

Dr. Alain Dimeglio, a French physician who began using physical therapy as an alternative to surgery in treating clubfoot, visited Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children recently to collaborate with TSRHC researchers and physicians.

While at the hospital, Dr. Dimeglio presented on topics including timing of epiphysiodesis, clubfoot and growing spine.



Dr. Dimeglio discusses the French functional method of treating clubfoot.

The TSRHC medical staff first visited with Dr. Dimeglio in Montpellier, France, during the mid-1990s. In 1996, Dr. Dimeglio brought the clubfoot treatment program to TSRHC and, by doing so, helped the hospital improve its care of children with clubfeet.

TSRHC is one of the few hospitals in the nation that offers two nonoperative treatment methods for clubfoot, the [French functional \(physical therapy\) method](#) and the [Ponseti casting method](#). The hospital recently established the Center for Excellence in Clubfoot Research to stay at the forefront of clubfoot treatment.