

Attention medical students and orthopaedic residents:

(And if you are a faculty member, please pass this on)

Consider this:

- In 1665, the plague struck Cambridge University and all students were sent home. Isaac Newton went back to Woolsthorpe Manor and there, according to legend, invented calculus; formulated a theory of mechanics; and discovered the laws of optics that became the *Principia Mathematica*.
- When the plague forced Shakespeare to practice social distancing, he holed up and wrote King Lear and Macbeth from his quarantined quarters.

What will you do when circumstances force you off campus?

If you are looking to exercise your expertise and contribute to a good cause, perhaps you will consider writing for [Orthopaedia](http://www.orthopaedia.com/) [http://www.orthopaedia.com/]

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To date, three volumes ([hand](#), [foot/ankle](#) and [sports](#)) are complete, and others (pediatrics, tumor and fracture) are nearing completion.

As you can see, all chapters follow a [structured outline](#) and are not long.

There is only a little bit more to be done. With a final push, this project can be completed this year, but to do this, we need your help.

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If you would like to help complete the work by authoring a chapter, please send a short note to Joe Bernstein, orthodoc@upenn.edu using the subject line “Orthopaedia” with a brief description of your background and area of interest. If you are selected, detailed instructions and guidance (perhaps more than you want!) will be provided.