

## **2007 Activity Report of OSS**

The five member team from US headed by Dr Jeffrey R McConnell arrived from USA on the 7<sup>th</sup> Dec 2007. From the UK, a doctor couple Dr Hemang Mehta (Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon) and Dr Kinnari Mehta (Consultant Anaethsetist) came with Dr Ujjwal K Debnath.

We performed 6 spinal operations which included two scoliosis surgery, 3 spondylolisthesis surgery and 1 TB spine paraplegia in RKMSM at Kolkata.

After a successful week in Kolkata we were invited in Jabalpur for another 6days of spinal surgical workshop. This was organized by the then Indian Orthopaedic Association president Prof (Dr) HKT Raza and Prof H S Verma (my teacher). On the first day we did a spinal symposium and invited Spinal surgeons from around India. Most eminent were Dr H S Chhabra from Delhi, Dr Abhay Nene from Mumbai, Dr Raghav Dutt Muluktala and Dr Surya Bholeti from Hyderabad.

Following the symposium we did special spinal clinic and reviewed 16cases with spinal problems and the residents took active part in the education. We had performed 6 surgeries (3 traumatic spine injuries, 2 Spinal TB and 1 scoliosis).