



# LENDING A HELPING AND HEALING HAND

Dr. Gloria Cohen and Dr. William Levine serve as Columbia's team physicians



**A**t Columbia, we like to keep it all in the family. Fortunately for Columbia Athletics, the family extends to include Dr. William Levine, Dr. Gloria Cohen and the amazing doctors of Columbia Orthopedics.

Twelve years ago, Dr. Levine was named Director of Sports Medicine at Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center (now Columbia University Medical Center) and a partnership was born.

"Our partnership with Columbia Orthopedics has revolutionized the way we administer services to our student-athletes," said Jim Gossett, Columbia's Associate Athletics Director for Sports Medicine and Head Athletic Trainer. "The access to physicians and network of professionals we have is among the

best in nation."

Dr. Cohen joined Levine eight years ago and has served as the team physician during that time.

The special relationship between Columbia Athletics and Columbia Orthopedics could not exist without the support of Dr. Louis U. Bigliani, the Frank E. Stinchfield Professor and Chairman of Orthopedic Surgery at Columbia University and the Director of the Orthopedic Surgery Service, NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital/Columbia University Medical Center.

Dr. Bigliani, along with Christopher S. Ahmad, M.D., a former Columbia soccer player who is an Associate Professor of Clinical Orthopaedic Surgery at the Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons and an Associate Attending Orthopaedic Surgeon at the NewYork-Presbyterian/Columbia University Medical Center, have been invaluable to the Columbia Athletic Training services.

In keeping with the family theme, Dr. Ahmad's wife, Dr. Beth E. Shubin Stein, played women's soccer at Columbia. Dr. Shubin Stein is an Assistant Attending Orthopaedic Surgeon fellowship trained in Sports Medicine and shoulder surgery and an Assistant Professor in the Department of Orthopedic Surgery at Weill Cornell Medical College.

"We are able to provide top-notch care to our student-athletes due to the dedication of Dr. Levine, Dr. Cohen and Columbia Orthopedics," said Gossett. "In the end, how many people can say they have the cell phone number of one of New York's Best Sports Medicine doctors (by New York Magazine)?"

How many people? All 700 of Columbia student-athletes can.