

ACFAS 2023
Meet the Fellow Questionnaire



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Fellow Name: Ryan DeLeon

Fellowship Program: Foot and Ankle Physicians of Ohio
Reconstructive Surgical Fellowship

City/State: Grove City, OH

Program Director: Elizabeth Heurt

How many Attendings do you work with regularly? 3

Describe the diversity of your cases so far in fellowship. (For example, has your experience included TAR? Is there an emphasis on: Pediatrics? Sports Medicine? Deformity correction? Complex reconstruction? What percentage of your cases are trauma? Rearfoot/ankle? Forefoot? Please be as descriptive as you'd like.

- TAR, forefoot and rearfoot reconstruction
- Ex-fix application, Charot reconstructions, sports med
- minimal trauma.

How many days per week do you typically spend in the OR? In clinic? Do you have your own "fellow" clinic?

- OR - 3-4 days/week w/ scheduled and inpatient cases
- Fellow clinic Tuesday, Wed, Saturday



How many surgical cases do you typically scrub per month?

30-40 cases

What conferences have you attended/are you encouraged to attend?

ACFAS, IEP conference
International foot/Ankle conference
Lapriplasty course.

Yes, encouraged to attend
Courses-

How would you describe your director's teaching style?

Hands on - skin to skin, weekly discussion about upcoming cases and technique

How is research incorporated into your experience? What resources are provided/available?

Yearly research paper - coordinate with the research chair

Do you take any "call"? If so, how often? What type of call? (general vs. trauma, hospital vs. private practice?)

- Hospital and office call daily for inpatient + casuists or surgical patient needs after hours.

How many hospitals/surgery centers are you credentialed at?

5 hospitals

What is your didactic schedule like? What academic opportunities are available to you during fellowship? (Cadaver labs, journal club, radiology conference, etc.)

- Monthly journal club / Radiology rounds
- Cadaver labs every 2-3 months.
- TAR certification in 2 ankles, Lapriplasty certification

Is your fellowship affiliated with a residency program? If yes, what are your responsibilities?

How often are you interacting with residents (What % of cases?)

NO



Are you able to collect cases for board certification?

Yes you are able to schedule your own cases

When should interested applicants visit? What does a visit look like?

Apply at the end of 2nd year around March/April, visit includes OR and office visits

What is the interview process like at your program?

In person or zoom interview with all attendings and current fellow - academic and social question

Do you have a co-fellow? What percentage of your cases are scrubbed with them?

No

What support is available for finding post-fellowship employment?

- Attending contacts to local providers who are hiring

What qualities make an applicant a good fit for your program?

- Hardworking, self motivated, multitasker, people person,
- Collaborative with other provider specialties

Why did you apply for fellowship? And why did you choose your fellowship program?

- Interested in reconstruction and total ankles.

I chose my program because we see a mixture of everything and there is great variety

Any advice for future fellowship applicants?

- Willingness to work hard, you get out what you put in.

