

**ACFAS 2023**  
**Meet the Fellow Questionnaire**



**American College of  
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Fellow Name: Hayden Hoffler

Fellowship Program:

Southeast Permanent Foot & Ankle Trauma & Reconstruction Fellowship

City/State:

Atlanta, GA

Program Director:

Brian Neerings

How many Attendings do you work with regularly?

5

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.

Trauma, forefoot/rearfoot/ankle reconstruction, sports medicine, Charcot, MIS  
50% trauma (Pilon's, ankles, calcus, Lisfranc's)

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

- 3 days OR, 2 days clinic
- Yes, fellows have their own clinic



How many surgical cases do you typically scrub per month?

35-40

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

ACFAS, fellows lounge

How would you describe your director's teaching style?

hands off, fellow driven, gives KPS throughout cases if needed

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

- 1-2 papers per year, encourage ACFAS presentations
- research department available

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

- Yes, rotate weekly with co fellow
- trauma/obstetric call

How many hospitals/surgery centers are you credentialed at?

- 2 hospitals
- 1 surgery center

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

- monthly cadaver labs that are industry driven
- quarterly journal club/case reviews

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?

No

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

- March - May  
- day in OR with director/fellow, tour of clinic facility

What is the interview process like at your program?

Zoom interview, follow up in person

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

Yes, 0%

What support is available for finding post-fellowship employment?

Attendings, previous fellows of the program

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

hard working, self driven

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

- maximize training & surgical skills, networking, jobs
- reputation of the program, well rounded, clinical aspect

Any advice for future fellowship applicants?

- it is absolutely worth the additional 1 year of training

