

## ACFAS 2023 Meet the Fellow Questionnaire



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Fellow Name:

Sara Yancovitz, DPM, AACFAS

Fellowship Program:

Orthopaedic Institute Brielle Orthopedics Foot and Ankle Fellowship

City/State:

Freehold, NJ; Wall, NJ; Neptune, NJ; Toms River, NJ

Program Director:

Shane Hollawell, DPM, FACFAS

How many Attendings do you work with regularly?

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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.

There is a heavy emphasis on arthroscopy, trauma, hindfoot and forefoot reconstruction, sports medicine, and total joints/ankle replacement.

Sports related injuries in pediatrics. Minimal to no diabetic foot care/charcot recon.

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

Tuesday is our dedicated OR day. If there is a lot of trauma, we add cases on Fridays or before clinic on Mondays.

Fellow clinic on Fridays to see post-ops and my own patients.



How many surgical cases do you typically scrub per month?

Varies per month, depending on trauma. 20 to 40

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

ACFAS Annual Scientific Conference. Any fellows course endorsed by industry when possible.

How would you describe your director's teaching style?

Demonstrator/Mentor/coach. Gradually gives fellow more independence as year progresses.

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

Yes. Dr. Hollawell, Hackensack Meridian for IRBs/statisticians.

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

Always "on-call" after work hours via phone for Dr. Hollawell for patients with care related questions/issues. Hospital (Jersey Shore) F&A call q8 wks or so, for 1 wk

How many hospitals/surgery centers are you credentialed at?

2. Hackensack Meridian Jersey Shore University Medical Center

Northern Monmouth Regional Surgery Center

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

No structured didactics. opportunities to join labs, JC, Grand Rounds, etc. with residents.

Keeping current with evidence-based medicine is self-motivated and expected

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

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

We take call at JSUMC and work with residents as an attending.



Residents assist with our cases at the surgery center.

Are you able to collect cases for board certification?

Yes, if you are primary surgeon, usually cases from taking call at the hospital

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

Prospective fellows asked to send in applications first, then visits are offered.

Typical visit includes shadowing during clinic and/or OR day

What is the interview process like at your program?

On-site visit and social interview

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?

Dr. Hollawell is well connected, and he will reach out to as many people as needed.

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

Self-driven. Independent. Able to thrive in a fast-paced environment.

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

For refinement & advancement of surgical training. The ability to see the full course of patient care pre and post operatively. Dr. Hollawell is a great surgeon/teacher/mentor

Any advice for future fellowship applicants?

Know what kind of practice you want to be in after fellowship. It will determine the type of fellowship that works best for your goals. Be honest.

