

ACFAS 2021 Virtual Fellowship Fair: Get to Know the Fellow Questionnaire



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Foot and Ankle Surgeons®

Fellow Name: Emily Keeter

Fellowship Program: American Foundation of Lower Extremity and Surgery

City/State: Alamogordo, NM

Program Director: John J Anderson

How many Attendings do you work with regularly? 2

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.

Our program has a very good variety of cases with emphasis on rearfoot and deformity correction. This year we have done 8- 10 TAR thus far, some pediatrics including desyndactyly, flatfoot and juvenile hallux valgus. On average we have 1 ankle fracture a week with close to probably 25-30% of our cases being trauma. There is on average 2 ankle arthroscopies a week with lateral ankle reconstruction and 2 large charcot reconstruction cases a month.

How many days per week do you typically spend in the OR? In clinic? Do you have your own "fellow" clinic?
3 days of surgery a week with 2 Fellow run clinic days a week

How many surgical cases do you typically scrub per month?
40-50

What conferences have you attended/are you encouraged to attend?
ACFAS, billing and coding, TAR labs

How would you describe your director's teaching style?
Hands on, sarcastic and a wonderful mentor

How is research incorporated into your experience? What resources are provided/available?
Case studies and research is encouraged. We have a lot of projects that are almost finished that students and incoming fellows will be able to work on

Do you take any "call"? If so, how often? What type of call? (general vs. trauma, hospital vs. private practice?)
every other weekend at the hospital and office, with 1-2 days during the week

How many hospitals/surgery centers are you credentialed at?

4 and 2 surgery centers

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

radiology conference every monday night with cases for the week, we have had a few cadaver labs throughout the year with IM nails , ex fix and TAR

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, if the case is booked under your name - we are fully credentialed as associates here

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

You 100% need to visit and participate in our monday night meetings if you are interested. Typically people visit mid April - July

What is the interview process like at your program?

Your visit is your interview

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

I do have a co-fellow. We both scrub on 90% of the cases and split them equally

What support is available for finding post-fellowship employment? What qualities make an applicant a good fit for your program?

Dr Spencer and Dr Anderson will do anything they can to help you find a job and look through contracts and offers. They are very helpful with the business aspect. However, ultimately it is up to you to find a job. They are not going to do the leg work for you

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

I wanted another year of specialized training with a focus on arthroscopy, trauma and rearfoot. I chose this program because I wanted mentors (which I knew I would get from Dr Spencer and Dr Anderson), I wanted to work on the cases that they do here and I wanted a fellow run clinic.

Any advice for future fellowship applicants?

Make sure you put in the effort and let them know you are interested. As much as your CV matters, we all spend a lot of time together and they want to make sure you will get along with them and the staff