

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



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Fellow Name:

Gregory Foote, DPM, AACFAS

Fellowship Program:

Orthopedic Center of Florida Foot & Ankle Reconstructive Surgical Fellowship

City/State:

Fort Myers, FL

Program Director:

Andrew M. Belis, DPM, FACFAS

How many Attendings do you work with regularly?

4

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.

We treat everything from Total Ankle Replacement to Hammertoes with an emphasis on Arthroscopy, Sports Medicine, Trauma and Reconstructive rearfoot surgery.

There is a fair mix of forefoot/rearfoot surgery with approximately 40/60 ratio.

Approximately 25% of cases are trauma - ankle fx, pilon, calc, lisfranc, forefoot

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

2.5 to 3 days per week are spent in the OR and ~2-2.5 days of fellows clinic.

My fellow clinic is completely separate, but run alongside the attendings clinic at OCF.

Primarily responsible for perioperative treatment, workup and postop management.

Some new/est patients mixed in. No routine care. All surgical/pathology based.



How many surgical cases do you typically scrub per month?

10-15 cases/week

~ 50 cases/month

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

FPMA Science & Management Symposium (SAM), FPMA & ASPS Summer Meeting

ACFAS Annual Scientific Conference, Podiatry Institute Sanibel Seminar

How would you describe your director's teaching style?

Encourages independent thinking and formulating fellow-based thought processes

Initially, there is a lead by example philosophy that graduates to developing efficiency

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

There is a requirement of a minimum of 1 manuscript submitted for publication

Quarterly research meetings; data collection facilitated by billing staff

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

2 days fellow-own podiatry call per month; 2 days ortho foot & ankle trauma per month

Every other weekend private practice (foot & ankle only) telephone call

How many hospitals/surgery centers are you credentialed at?

4 - Lee Memorial, Gulf Coast, Healthpark Medical Center, Cape Coral Hospital,

3 surgical centers - Gladiolous Surgery Center, Adults & Childrens, Colonial

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

Monthly Journal Clubs, Monthly product/industry meeting or cadaver lab

Lecturing opportunities at SAM symposium and foot & ankle conferences

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 podiatric residency is affiliated, all cases are single scrub. Program is affiliated

w/ FSU family practice residency and PA with intermittent clinical shadowing/rotations



Are you able to collect cases for board certification?

Yes

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

April - September. A visit is primarily clinic shadowing with pathology-based discussion, case review to determine the way potential fellows are trained and treat conditions

Lunch and social interview

What is the interview process like at your program?

1. Visit with a clinical day spent with Dr. Belis and the fellow
2. Application and Formal Interviews granted
3. Formal interview including facility tour and staff introductions

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?

Former FPMA presidency allows for connections in the state of florida

ACFAS/ASPS support and relationships allow for connections at the national level

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

Independent, Motivated, Outgoing, Self-Driven and Responsible

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

Efficiency, Marketability, complex surgical skills, specialization in arthroscopy & sports

Chose OCF for the well-rounded nature, ortho group exposure, coding/billing expertise

Any advice for future fellowship applicants?

Know what you want to specialize in and pursue in your career

Visit & talk with current fellows. Find a program in line w/ goals, personality & lifestyle

If you are motivated and dedicated you will hit your goals, seek a program that fits you.

