

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



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Fellow Name:

Justin Singh, DPM, AACFAS

Fellowship Program:

Foot & Ankle Specialists of Ohio Reconstructive Surgery and Deformity Correction Fellowship

City/State:

Mentor, OH

Program Director:

Stephen J. Frania, DPM, FACFAS

How many Attendings do you work with regularly?

- 1 - Primarily work with Dr. Frania
- 2 - Occasionally scrub with Dr. Orta if timing allows.

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.

Very wide variety of pathology is seen in the clinic. Surgically have performed deformity correction with hexapod, charcot reconstruction, TAR (different systems), and pediatric sports medicine as we cover high school football games. We have also done muscle flaps and peripheral nerve surgery. Many revision 2nd opinion and revision reconstruction cases.

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

Monday AM - Fellows Clinic

Total of 2.5 days of clinic

Total of 2.5 days in the OR.



How many surgical cases do you typically scrub per month?

10-12 cases per week x4 weeks = 40-50 cases a month.

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

CLESS, Orthofix Fellows Course, Paragon Fellows Course, Arthrex Fellows Course

How would you describe your director's teaching style?

Hands on direct patient care and hands on surgical - collaborate to come up with a plan

Fellow executes the surgical plan with guidance and help from Dr. Frania as needed.

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

Many research opportunities and can collaborate with Dr. Rodriguez

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

On call every 3rd week - rotation with other providers in the practice.

We see everything from pilons/ankle fractures to diabetic foot ulcers when on call.

How many hospitals/surgery centers are you credentialed at?

3 hospitals

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

Allowed to attend labs and courses as

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

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

Yes - University Hospitals Residency program - residents are in clinic and OR with fellow

Great teaching opportunity



Are you able to collect cases for board certification?

Yes, if you prefer

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

Visit is highly encouraged

Visit on clinic days allows candidate the opportunity to interact with staff and Dr. Frania more than OR days.

What is the interview process like at your program?

Submit application, visit the program and leave a good impression, Dr. Frania chooses next fellow

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. Frania has been practicing for over 25 years - he has a large network at the national level.

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

Outgoing personable physician that can multitask and provide compassionate care.

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

This fellowship provides training in orthoplastics, sports medicine, trauma, rearfoot recon.

Furthermore, large clinic volume brings speed and confidence. Great mentorship!

Any advice for future fellowship applicants?

If you are passionate about orthoplastics and being able to treat a wide variety of pathology clinically and surgically then you should apply and visit the program.

During your visit be yourself, highlight your strengths, don't be overbearing.

