

Fellow Name:

Anna Meneely DPM AACFAS

Fellowship Program:

Kentucky Indiana Foot and Ankle Specialists Reconstructive Foot and Ankle Surgery Fellowship
KYINFAS

City/State:

Louisville, Kentucky

Program Director:

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How many attendings do you work with regularly?

12

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

Great balance of rearfoot reconstruction, trauma, pediatrics, sports medicine, charcot, arthroscopy, limb salvage as well as bread and butter podiatry cases. Wide diversity of podiatric pathology as well as exposure to many different surgical techniques.

50% rearfoot/ankle. 50% Forefoot

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

-Typically 2-4 days a week in the OR

-Typically 2-3 days a week of fellow clinic

How many surgical cases do you typically scrub per month?

About 30-50 cases per month. Does not include scrubbing into the other fellow's case if an extra set of hands are needed.

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

Have attended multiple fellow courses virtually this year. Have not been able to attend any conferences in person this year due to covid, but plan to attend the ACFAS conference and fellows typically attend and present at the KYPMA conference.

How would you describe your director's teaching style?

Very intelligent and skilled surgeon who is always willing to offer pearls and tips to help you become a better physician. Teaches in the moment. Teaches by explaining what his thought process is on treating patients and always willing to offer advice on what he has learned from Past experiences.

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

Two submissions of either ACFAS posters or manuscripts. Fellows are provided ample resources for research including patient charts, online resources, and textbooks that are provided. Attendings are also very approachable to offer assistance to the fellows.

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

Fellows alternate call every other week. Take both hospital and private practice call. Minimal overnight emergency calls. Most of trauma is initially seen in a private practice clinical setting.

How many hospitals/surgery centers are you credentialed at?

4 hospitals

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

-Monthly Journal club with attendings, monthly surgical case presentations, monthly production meetings to review billing, coding, and practice management, monthly best practices meetings which include tips and pearls from attendings at KYINFAS, quarterly cadaver labs, as well as access to multiple meetings on investments, private practice management, wound care, and product development.

Is your fellowship affiliated with a residency program?

no

Are you able to collect cases for board certification?

Yes, may log any surgery where fellow is the primary surgeon

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

August-October. Visit consists of two days interacting with multiple attendings in clinic. Once the covid restrictions are lifted, visit will most likely consist of spending one day in clinic and one day in the OR.

What is the interview process like at your program?

A skype interview with the fellowship director, assistant director and fellowship coordinator in the spring-early summer followed by an in-person two-day visit in the late summer-early fall.

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

Yes, one co-fellow. May scrub with other fellow if an extra set of hands are needed, otherwise never double scrub.

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

I applied for a fellowship for the unparalleled yearlong training with some of the top podiatric surgeons in our field. The exposure to the high volume of surgical and clinical cases, has helped me become an efficient and well-rounded physician. I choose this fellowship because the attendings and staff go above and beyond for the fellows and for each other. It is a very successful private practice with physicians who are highly trained, work very well together and are very motivated to teach. It is one of the top ACFAS recognized fellowships in my opinion.

Any advice for future fellowship applicants?

Reach out early and show interest. Work hard during residency to be a competitive applicant. During your visit, be yourself and enjoy the process. It is a chance to meet some of the most highly trained foot and ankle surgeons in the country. If you are selected to do a fellowship, don't take any day for granted. Be a sponge. You have one year to make the most out of all of the learning experiences that come your way. It goes by fast. Being a fellow at KYINFAS has been one of the best experiences and I feel very fortunate to have had this opportunity. I would do it again in a heartbeat!