

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



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Fellow Name:

Jacob Dougherty, DPM, AACFAS

Fellowship Program:

FFLC Reconstruction and Limb Salvage Surgical Fellowship

City/State:

Naples, FL

Program Director:

Kevin Lam, DPM, FACFAS

How many Attendings do you work with regularly?

5

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.

MIS surgery (HAV, Tailors, Weil, Hammertoes, Haglunds, Calcaneal Osteotomies, etc), arthroscopy, nerve transposition, Dellon release, rearfoot/ankle fusions (open, arthroscopic), external fixation

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

2 to 5 days/week in OR. Hospital call is used to accrue surgical cases for boards.



How many surgical cases do you typically scrub per month?

25 to 30.

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

ACFAS. FPMA. Courses at Arthrex headcourters locally.

How would you describe your director's teaching style?

Thorough. Importance placed on attention to detail. Encourages autonomy.

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

Currently completing case study manuscript for submission. Textbooks available in office. Access to medical library at NCH.

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

Hospital call at 2 hospital systems with 2 locations each. Added to roster of local community podiatrists with rotating call schedule.

How many hospitals/surgery centers are you credentialed at?

4 hospitals. 1 surgery center.

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

Fellow-driven didactics. Presented at FPMA. Courses at Arthrex headcourters locally.

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?

Hospital call is used to accrue surgical cases for boards.

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

Interested applicants should reach out to Dr. Lam via email. 1-2 day visit- OR and clinic.

What is the interview process like at your program?

Initial phone/skype interview with current fellow, followed by phone/skype/in-person interview with Dr. Lam.

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?

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

Hard working. Team work.

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

My ultimate goal is to become an expert surgeon who facilitates excellent patient care in a multidisciplinary setting and contributes to the further progression of our profession.

Any advice for future fellowship applicants?

Keep pressing on toward the best training you can get. You will never regret it.

