

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



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Fellow Name:

Mitchell Thompson and Devon Consul

Fellowship Program:

Orthopedic Foot and Ankle Center

City/State:

Worthing, OH

Program Director:

Mark Prissel, 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.

This is a well rounded program with emphasis on reconstruction, both forefoot and rearfoot. Each Fellow completes 40-50 TAR's, Sports Med and Fracture care is also an area we get plenty of experience in

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

4-5 days per week in OR, and there is a Fellow's clinic every Friday, typically the fellow on call will take the clinic and the other Fellow is in the OR



How many surgical cases do you typically scrub per month?

50-60

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

ACFAS and AOFAS

How would you describe your director's teaching style?

Evidence based and hands on approach from day one, great mentor to mentee relations with all attendings which makes for a great year.

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

Each Fellow is expected to participate in research throughout the year and publish at least one paper as well as present at Conferences

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

We take office call 365 days split between the fellows and we also take call at a local community hospital 3-4 days per week (about 180 days per year)

How many hospitals/surgery centers are you credentialed at?

We operate at one surgery center (85% of cases) and then two community hospitals which make up the other 15%

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

Weekly radiology rounds, monthly journal club, monthly business meeting on practice management, Multiple TAR/new procedure cadaver labs throughout year

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 direct affiliation, we do have Orthopedic and Podiatry residents rotate through.

No direct responsibilities other than facilitate a good learning environment.



Are you able to collect cases for board certification?

We do have Fellows cases which technically could count towards boards.

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

We do not currently allow on site visits, but applicants are encouraged to reach out to current fellows with any questions.

What is the interview process like at your program?

This year we performed 20 min Zoom interviews with all 5 attendings and 2 fellows. We may continue this format or perform on site interviews, both are primarily social.

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

Yes, due to high volume of cases we rarely scrub together but we strive to when able, possibly 20-30 cases this year we have double scrubbed

What support is available for finding post-fellowship employment?

Each of our attendings is well known in the field of F&A Surgery, this along with our OFAC alumni provides support for networking and employment

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

Humble but confident with good surgical skills, who strives to exceed in all aspects of Foot and Ankle Surgery

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

We wanted to increase our volume and exposure to reconstruction cases, as well as continue high level research while learning the business aspect of medicine.

Any advice for future fellowship applicants?

Take time to research programs and ask questions, choose a program that will provide in areas you wish to improve in and provide a good learning environment.

