

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



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Fellow Name:

Israel Santander

Fellowship Program:

Virginia Fellowship in Reconstruction, Revision and Limb Preservation of the Foot and

City/State:

Richmond, Virginia

Program Director:

Laurence Rubin

How many Attendings do you work with regularly?

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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.

Emphasis on revision and reconstruction of forefoot/rearfoot. Plenty of sports medicine and TARs.

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

I spend 3-4 days in the OR. I spend one afternoon seeing post-ops. I also have my own fellows clinic to work up new patients (take my own surgeries) and follow up on my own post-ops.



How many surgical cases do you typically scrub per month?

60

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

ACFAS. I am encouraged to attend as many as desired.

How would you describe your director's teaching style?

Easy going with plenty of verbal direction and collaboration.

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

Hospital online medical library. Research is self driven from a private practice patient cohort.

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

Call is 2 weeks at a time. Private practice with some hospital.

How many hospitals/surgery centers are you credentialed at?

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

Fellow driven, once a month. I schedule cadaver labs, journal/lecture dinners. Weekly radiology rounds.

Is your fellowship affiliated with a residency program? If yes, what are your responsibilities? How often are you interacting with residents (What % of cases?)



Are you able to collect cases for board certification?

Yes. You must obtain your own privileges at hospitals/surgery centers.

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

Visits are not encouraged at this point due to Covid. Will do Zoom meetings with director. Should call/zoom call fellow for details.

What is the interview process like at your program?

Case base interview with a dinner to meet the faculty.

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

Solo Fellow.

What support is available for finding post-fellowship employment?

Attendings' network.

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

A surgeon who is driven to learn more about how to master complex surgery.

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

Dr. Laurence Rubin has a tremendous depth of knowledge, experience, skill, and resources to enhance the attributes of any surgeon.

Any advice for future fellowship applicants?

Know why you are doing a fellowship and make sure the program has the same goal.

