

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



**American College of
Foot and Ankle Surgeons®**

Fellow Name:

Christopher Hogue, DPM, AACFAS

Fellowship Program:

Emory Midtown Foot & Ankle Surgical Fellowship

City/State:

Atlanta, GA

Program Director:

Dr. Mohammed Sharif, DPM, FACFAS

How many Attendings do you work with regularly?

We work with 2 attendings:

- Dr. Mohammed Sharif
- Dr. Erroll Bailey, MD (foot & ankle ortho)

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.

Complex charcot reconstruction with external fixator, IM Nails, beaming, muscle flaps, fasciocutaneous flaps, split thickness skin grafts. Total Ankle Replacements primary & revisions. Peripheral nerve surgery. Minimally invasive surgical techniques.

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

- We are in surgery Mon, Tue, Wed, Thurs. afternoons & all day Friday.
- We have clinic Mon, Tue, Wed, & Thurs from 8:00 - 12:00.
- We do not have a fellow's clinic.



How many surgical cases do you typically scrub per month?

70-90

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

- ACFAS Annual Conference.
- OrthoFix Fellow's course.

How would you describe your director's teaching style?

- Dr. Sharif is very good at giving his pearls & pointers while allowing you to still do the case & work through it yourself.

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

- We are expected to complete 1 paper to publish during the year.

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

- Hospital call at Emory University Hospital every other week split between the 2 fellows.

How many hospitals/surgery centers are you credentialed at?

- Emory University Hospital Midtown.
- Emory Saint Joseph's Hospital
- Private Practice surgery center.

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

- We have plenty of opportunities for cadaver labs & online lectures.

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?

NO

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

- Visit in the spring or early summer. Dr. Sharif usually makes his decision by late summer.
- On site visit to spend the day in the OR/Clinic.

What is the interview process like at your program?

- Your visit serves as your interview.

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

- Yes, we scrub ~70% of our cases together.

What support is available for finding post-fellowship employment?

- Dr. Sharif & Dr. Bailey are happy to help where they can with finding a position.

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

- Self motivated & able to be comfortable working on your own at times.

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

- Wanted to increase my marketability for jobs & get more experience with complex flaps & total ankles.

Any advice for future fellowship applicants?

- Do your research & narrow down your list to a few programs you know you'll get good training at & focus your energy on those programs.

