

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



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Fellow Name:

Nicole Mehr

Fellowship Program:

Emory Midtown Foot & Ankle Surgical Fellowship

City/State:

Atlanta, GA

Program Director:

Mohammad Sharif

How many Attendings do you work with regularly?

We work mainly with Dr. Sharif and Dr. Errol Bailey. Dr. Sharif focuses on limb salvage, ex-fix, flaps, peripheral nerve surgery. Dr. Bailey is an orthoped with extensive knowledge of MIS and TAR.

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 forefoot and rearfoot/ankle limb deformity correction, limb salvage, ex-fix, flaps, peripheral nerve surgery, MIS forefoot and rearfoot procedures, and TAR.
Very little trauma.

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

There are two fellows who switch call weekly. We take care of inpatients. We take part in Dr. Sharif's clinic 5 half days a week. We are in surgery 5 days a week.



How many surgical cases do you typically scrub per month?

60-100

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

Due to covid, conferences have been less available. We attended an orthofix course, schedule local labs, and will attend ACFAS.

How would you describe your director's teaching style?

Dr. Sharif and Dr. Bailey are both very hands on and love to teach. You are encouraged to ask questions, and try new techniques.

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

A research poster is mandatory as well as a research paper.

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

Inpatient call is taken every other week.

How many hospitals/surgery centers are you credentialed at?

You are credentialed at two hospitals - Emory Midtown and Emory St. Joseph. You are credentialed at one surgery center in Roswell, GA.

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

Weekly meetings to review cases for the coming week and done the week before.

Multiple cadaveric labs throughout the 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?)

Not affiliated with a residency program.



Are you able to collect cases for board certification?

No, your attending is primary for all surgical cases.

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

Visit early, Dr. Sharif usually decides on fellows early in the year. I visited in April 2019, was accepted in June/July 2019 for the class of August 2020 to 2021.

What is the interview process like at your program?

One full day of in-person interview with introduction to clinic and OR. You will get to meet the current fellows. Dr. Sharif will have a private lunch with you and review your residency experience and your goals.

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

Yes. I have one co-fellow and he is a joy to work with.

What support is available for finding post-fellowship employment?

Your attendings will offer you advice on job opportunities and review your contracts with you. They can reach out to colleagues to help find opportunities.

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

Hard-working, independent, confident, efficient. You will be very autonomous and dependable.

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

I wanted more exposure to complex cases, TAR and MIS. I wanted mentorship and to be as educated as possible.

Any advice for future fellowship applicants?

Do your research, call current fellows, ask questions, start early. Fellowship is an intense experience that will set you apart. This fellowship gave me hands-on experience that is light years ahead of residency training.

