

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



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Fellow Name:

John David Miller

Fellowship Program:

Medstar Georgetown University Hospital Foot and Ankle Research Fellowship

City/State:

Washington, DC

Program Director:

Dr. Jayson Atves DPM, AACFAS

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.

Surgical experience is widely dependent on fellow interests. In addition to scrubbing all lower extremity reconstruction cases from the primary limb team, also able to scrub 2 days per week with dedicated foot and ankle ortho (elective/trauma), scrub with plastic surgeons specializing in lower extremity nerve releases, scrub with plastic surgeons specializing in rotational and free flaps and have direct access to all of the surgical specialists as would be expected at any leading academic medical institution.

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

A fellow would be easily able to spend 5 days per week in OR. I average 3-4 depending on schedule. No dedicated fellow clinic, although welcome in any faculty clinic to shadow.



How many surgical cases do you typically scrub per month?

25-35 on average depending on cases/schedule.

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

The primary goal of this fellowship is to attend as many conferences and expand your network/surgical perspective as far as possible. The fellow is encouraged to have high level participation in academic and surgical conferences continental and international.

How would you describe your director's teaching style?

Approachable, eager, and generous. Dr. Atves is incredibly well trained and always willing to discuss cases and treatment philosophies.

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

The fellow is intimately involved in Limb/plastics research with weekly faculty meetings regarding ongoing research projects and daily face-to-face interaction with the Georgetown University Research coordinators.

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

No call is required.

How many hospitals/surgery centers are you credentialed at?

3 major hospitals

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

Weekly academics (usually cadaver) with daily RTL with the residents. Optional industry labs 1-2x/month or more often as desired.

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

Georgetown has a large residency, the fellow trumps all residents for cases as desired, however is free to work with podiatry, orthopedic, vascular, and plastic residents/students as much as desired to complete multidisciplinary research projects.



Are you able to collect cases for board certification?

This could likely be arranged if desired but is not currently in practice.

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

Fellows are typically chosen by Dec/January of the preceding academic calendar. Would recommend contacting active fellow or Dr. Jayson Atves directly to schedule visit late 2<sup>nd</sup> or early 3<sup>rd</sup> year of residency.

What is the interview process like at your program?

Interviews are conducted with major faculty and current fellow present. Mostly social with a large focus on the applicant's career and research goals for the fellowship year and beyond.

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

Sole fellow in network of 3 major academic hospitals and affiliated outpatient sites.

What support is available for finding post-fellowship employment?

Large social network with significant flexibility as needed for interviews. Daily interaction with past ACFAS president, and current members of ACFAS board.

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

Self-motivated with desire for elevating the profession through publication.

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

Familiarity with the program's extensive resources, medical niche in limb salvage, and desire to elevate the profession.

Any advice for future fellowship applicants?

Come and visit! DC is a fantastic city and the opportunities here are simply not available elsewhere. This program could easily host a second fellow due to sheer volume of cases and resources available. If you are self-motivated and can independently create and execute an action plan there is great potential to permanently elevate your career here.

