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Meet the Fellow Questionnaire

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Fellow Name:

Sujit Johnston

Fellowship Program:

Orthopedic Center of Florida Foot & Ankle Surgical Fellowship

City/State:

Fort Myers, FL

Program Director:

Andrew Belis, DPM

How many Attendings do you work with regularly?

6 DPMs and one Foot & Ankle Orthopedic surgeon regularly

2 outside DPM's as well

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.

Strong variety: TAR, arthroscopic procedures, MIS, sports medicine, nerve surgery

Deformity correction, Charcot & Flatfoot recon, bunions, hammertoes

Trauma: pilon/calc/ankle fractures, midfoot & forefoot fractures as well

Limb salvage: frame applications, orthoplastics w/exposure to all flaps

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

OR 5 days per week; clinic scheduled can be moved around to accomodate cases.

I have my own clinic 3 afternoons/week (Mon/Tues/Thurs) where I evaluate my own patients and book my own cases but have the guidance of my attendings if needed.

How many surgical cases do you typically scrub per month?

40-50 cases/month, including your own as primary. You have the opportunity to review surgery schedules ahead of time and choose which cases you want to scrub.

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

ACFAS Annual Scientific, Florida SAM, any other FPMA conferences.

At least 1 academic conference/lab/company-sponsered course per month

How would you describe your director's teaching style?

Dr. Belis challenges you to improve daily in terms of surgical skill and knowledge. He encourages autonomy, incorporates your opinion/discussion, and is a fun personality.

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

Coders/library resources are available to conduct SRs, RCTs, etc for posters, manuscripts, and online articles. No limitations. Time is available for research.

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

1-2 days/month. Cover 5 hospitals for anything from trauma to infection. Most trauma presents through the office out-patient referral setting. Not the focus of the fellowship.

How many hospitals/surgery centers are you credentialed at?

4 surgery centers, 5 hospitals.

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

Monthly cadaver lab and journal club. Opportunity to attend academic conferences monthly. Ability to discuss cases with attendings prior to surgery to formulate plan.

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?

Yes. All new patients, primary surgeries, and hospital call patients qualify for certification.

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

Applicants should reach out to the fellow at the beginning of their 2nd year.

A visit is 1 day in clinic with Dr. Belis. This will give you a chance to see the pathology we treat along with our clinic and structure.

What is the interview process like at your program?

Applicants will submit their application between December/January.

Select few will be invited for a virtual interview, after which a handful will be invited to visit (around early Springtime).

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

No.

What support is available for finding post-fellowship employment?

Plenty. All the attendings and previous fellows are well-connected across the US.

Dr. Belis has plenty of connections through all his lectures and leadership ventures.

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

Self-driven, highly-motivated physicians who are autonomous, persistently-seeking improvement and learning opportunities. Empathy, compassion, and patience.

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

I sought a well-rounded program with exposure to all pathologies, with a fellowship director skilled at practice management, innovative design, and academics.

Any advice for future fellowship applicants?

Define your professional goals as a resident and identify how a fellowship would bolster you towards achieving those goals. Maintain a disciplined work ethic and no matter the day, give each patient your 100% time, compassion, and attention.