

**ACFAS 2023  
Meet the Fellow Questionnaire**



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

Fellow Name:

Kevin Nguyen

Fellowship Program:

Rocky Mountain Reconstructive Foot & Ankle

City/State:

Denver, CO

Program Director:

Alan Ng, DPM, FACFAS

How many Attendings do you work with regularly?

4

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 reconstruction; ankle arthroscopy with cartilage repair/replacement, total ankle/talus, sports medicine, complex reconstruction

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

Typically 3 days operating, sometimes 4. 1 busy clinic day, 1/2 day "fellow's" clinic



How many surgical cases do you typically scrub per month?

10-15 cases per week typically

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

Any/all

How would you describe your director's teaching style?

Discussion & evidence based

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

Self-directed. Resources are available to aid

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

24/7 call for established patients only. No new consults/ED call

How many hospitals/surgery centers are you credentialed at?

Primarily operating out of 3 hospitals, 4 surgery centers

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

Work closely with the Presbyterian St Lukes residency program; weekly journal club and case conferences/resident 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?)

Yes, function as an attending. All cases with Dr Ng and Sachs. No residents with Dr Jacobson or Hahn.



Are you able to collect cases for board certification?

Yes

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

Starting in March. Visits are on Monday or Wednesday when we operate. Allows applicants to see case variety & attending/fellow interaction

What is the interview process like at your program?

Virtual panel interview with the attendings & fellow on an afternoon or evening. Decision is made the same day.

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?

All attendings are well connected across the country and will aid.

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

Hard working, easy to work with, able to take constructive criticism, willing to put in the time to learn and improve- there's a lot of autonomy

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

Further improve my surgical and clinical experience and decision making. This program offers a "big picture" look and experience at a busy private practice

Any advice for future fellowship applicants?

Reach out to the current fellow and try to visit

