

ACFAS 2023 Meet the Fellow Questionnaire



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Fellow Name:

Zachery Weyandt DPM

Fellowship Program:

South Central Pennsylvania Reconstructive Foot and Ankle Fellowship

City/State:

Lancaster, PA

Program Director:

Michael Younes, DPM, FACFAS

How many Attendings do you work with regularly?

12

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 focus on ELECTIVE forefoot, rearfoot, and ankle reconstruction, exposure to peripheral nerve surgery. Limited trauma. Limb salvage for call cases.

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

Most common set up is either 3 days in OR and 2 in clinic or 2 OR and 3 clinic.

Weeks will vary though, can be up to 4 days in OR during the week. Weekend cases supplied by call also.



How many surgical cases do you typically scrub per month?

30. Our fellows log approximately 350 cases a year.

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

ACFAS, Stryker Fellows Course, Arthrex Fellows course. Also required to lecture at Goldfarb conference. You have 14 days and can attend courses of your choice in addition to ACFAS.

How would you describe your director's teaching style?

Great. Educational, supportive. Very active director that dedicates his time for the betterment of his fellows. This goes for surgery, clinic, business, and life.

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

Supported by attending staff, local hospital resources. Required project for each fellow. All attendings on same EMR to make data retrieval easy.

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

Yes. Limb salvage hospital call on every other weekend with exception of conference weekends.

How many hospitals/surgery centers are you credentialed at?

4 Hospitals (Penn Medicine LGH, UPMC Memorial, Wellspan York, Penn State Lancaster Medical Center)

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.)

Monthly academics (JC/case presentations) and monthly practice meeting. Fellows responsible for booking cadaver labs with industry.



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. Fellow first.

Are you able to collect cases for board certification?

Yes, the option is there. You will be the surgeon of record for call cases and for cases booked out of your fellow clinic.

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

April/May/June. Day visit in clinic with Dr Younes with or without fellow.

What is the interview process like at your program?

Day visit with Dr Younes is usually required. Virtual interview with social and academic components.

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

Yes. We split attendings and switch at 6-month mark. My co-fellow and I have scrubbed single digit cases together at this point and for more involved cases that we wanted to work together on. Teamwork makes the dream work.

What support is available for finding post-fellowship employment?

Networking of attending staff. Director and practice partners prepare you for contract review and negotiations.

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

Eager, work ethic, timely.

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

To fine tune skills and for different exposure then from residency. To start my career ahead of the game.

Surgical variety, dynamic of team, and teaching environment.

Any advice for future fellowship applicants?

Good Luck.

