

AOA Accredited Fellowship

## CLINICAL FELLOWSHIP IN FOOT AND ANKLE SURGERY

### Supervisor

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### Duration

12 months, starting 1 July each year

### Stipend

AU\$50,000 per annum plus on-call allowance

### Institutions

Royal Melbourne Hospital

Epworth Private Hospital

Mercy Private Hospital

### Educational goals and characteristics

The aim of this fellowship program is to provide the opportunity for further postgraduate education in the area of orthopaedic foot and ankle surgery. The fellow is given a comprehensive exposure to all areas of foot and ankle surgery, including trauma, adult reconstructive, sports medicine (including arthroscopy) and management of the diabetic foot.

The fellow has clinical responsibilities as a member of the Foot and Ankle Service in the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery at the Royal Melbourne Hospital (RMH), which is a level 1 trauma centre. At the RMH the fellow will be given hands-on training in all aspects of the management of complex acute foot and ankle trauma and of its delayed reconstruction. The fellow is also given the opportunity for his/her own day foot and ankle operating session each week, dependant on surgical competence. At the RMH there is small involvement with undergraduate and postgraduate teaching and a commitment to helping Dr Beischer with general orthopaedic trauma call one night a fortnight. Involvement with the call roster will substantially increase the fellow's income during the year.

Approximately one third of the working week is spent at the RMH with the remainder spent in the private sector with Dr Beischer at the Victorian Orthopaedic Foot and Ankle Clinic based at the Epworth Private Hospital. The fellow will also spend approximately one day a week working with Dr Mark Blackney in his private practice at the Mercy Private Hospital.

Overall the fellow is responsible for two operating lists per week at the RMH and will be involved with four other private lists per week. As a consequence, the fellow is exposed to approximately 20 operative cases per week.

The fellow is given a session per week for research activities and it is expected that the fellow should pursue and complete two research projects during the course of the fellowship. The RMH is associated with the University of Melbourne, giving access to basic science, biomechanical testing and gait analysis laboratories, in addition to the clinical material that the fellow is exposed to through the practices of Dr Beischer and Dr Blackney.

### Requirements

All candidates for the fellowship position must be eligible for registration to the Medical Practitioner's Board of the State of Victoria, and overseas candidates must obtain an Occupational Training Visa Class 442.

The applicant must have completed his/her general orthopaedic training in their home country and be competent and comfortable in the management of general orthopaedic trauma.

### How to apply

Applicants must forward a detailed curriculum vitae, certification of past training, and the names and email addresses of three referees with whom he/she has worked in the 12 months prior to application. The application must be received 12 months prior to the projected commencement date.