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one of the best

Pediatric Orthopaedic
Fellowship Program



Children's
Healthcare of Atlanta



The Children's Healthcare of Atlanta Pediatric Orthopaedic Fellowship Program offers fellowships to qualified and promising physicians interested in the identification, management and treatment of pediatric orthopaedic disorders.

We are dedicated to using our experience, expertise and geographic advantages to train future pediatric orthopedists through our fellowship program. High patient volumes, innovative surgical techniques and expertise in all subspecialties of pediatric orthopaedics allow us to provide exceptional training.

Fellows are exposed to an array of surgical procedures from all subspecialty areas of pediatric orthopaedics, trauma, inpatient care and teaching. They also participate in a number of educational opportunities, including:

- Case presentation conferences
- Didactic conferences
- Learning from 13 surgeons who introduce fellows to diverse cases and techniques
- National conferences and skills courses
- Outpatient specialty clinics
- Research

Once established, fellows will share call with our staff attending physicians. For appropriate cases, they will operate independently and follow their patients in clinic. The weekly fellow clinics will focus primarily on trauma. Attending support will always be immediately available.

We also provide opportunities to collaborate with other organizations like the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Georgia Institute of Technology. Our program is affiliated with other institutions' residency programs, including Emory University School of Medicine, Duke University, Atlanta Medical Center, Eisenhower Army Medical Center (Augusta, Ga.) and PinnacleHealth (Harrisburg, Pa.).

Visit choa.org/orthofellowship to see our program's complete curriculum.

our history

The Children's Pediatric Orthopaedic Fellowship Program is one of the oldest such programs in the country. It was established at Scottish Rite Hospital for Crippled Children in 1957 by Wood Lovell, MD. He was at the forefront of the emerging field of pediatric orthopaedics, which led him to become a founding member of the Pediatric Orthopaedic Society of North America (POSNA).

Scottish Rite Hospital for Crippled Children became Scottish Rite Medical Center in 1989 and then merged with Egleston Children's Healthcare System to form Children's Healthcare of Atlanta in 1998.



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Accreditation

We are accredited by POSNA, which helps make sure our Pediatric Orthopaedic Fellowship Program and sponsoring institutions meet a high set of educational standards.

standing out

Why does Children's stand out?

- With three hospitals, 673 beds and more than 1 million patient visits a year, Children's is one of the largest pediatric clinical care providers in the country. Our orthopaedic patient volumes are among the highest in the country¹.
- Orthopaedic programs at Children's include general pediatric orthopaedics, bone health, hip, hand and upper extremity, limb deficiencies, neuromuscular, spine, sports medicine, trauma and tumor.
- Children's is ranked No. 6 among the top pediatric hospitals for orthopaedics on the U.S. News & World Report "Best Children's Hospitals" list for 2019-20.
- Fortune magazine has included Children's in its list of "100 Best Companies to Work For" for 14 consecutive years.
- Children's is home to Georgia's only Level I and Level II pediatric trauma centers.

faculty



Jed Axelrod, MD

Pediatric Orthopaedic Surgeon
Specialties: spinal care, club foot, spina bifida, Blount's disease, foot and ankle disorders



Dana Olszewski, MD, MPH

Pediatric Orthopaedic Surgeon
Specialties: limb deformity and lengthening, spina bifida, complex hip, foot and ankle conditions



Bob Bruce, MD

Medical Director, Neuromuscular Program
Specialties: spinal care, orthopaedic manifestations of neuromuscular diseases, complex spinal deformities



Crystal Perkins, MD

Pediatric Orthopaedic Surgeon
Specialties: sports medicine, cartilage preservation, arthroscopic surgery, ligament and complex knee reconstruction



Michael T. Busch, MD

Practice Leader
Surgical Director of Sports Medicine,
Pediatric Orthopaedic Fellowship Program
Specialties: sports medicine, cartilage preservation, ligament reconstruction, arthroscopic surgery, osteochondritis dissecans



Michael L. Schmitz, MD

Chief, Orthopaedic Surgery
Medical Director, Limb Deficiency
Specialties: spinal care, complex spinal deformities, scoliosis, cerebral palsy, orthopaedic trauma



Dennis P. Devito, MD

Medical Director, Spine Program
Specialties: spinal care, scoliosis, spine and limb deformity, spondylolysis, degenerative disk disease



Tim Schrader, MD

Medical Director, Hip Program
Specialties: complex hip conditions, hip dysplasia, cartilage preservation, biologic hip reconstruction, hip sports injuries



Jorge A. Fabregas, MD

Medical Director, Limb Deficiency Program
Specialties: scoliosis, spine deformity, limb deformity and lengthening, musculoskeletal tumors, orthopaedic trauma, cerebral palsy



S. Clifton Willimon, MD

Medical Director of Orthopaedic Quality and Outcomes
Team Physician, Atlanta United
Specialties: sports medicine, cartilage preservation, arthroscopic hip reconstruction, complex knee ligament reconstruction, sports injuries



Jill C. Flanagan, MD

Pediatric Orthopaedic Surgeon
Specialties: limb deformity and lengthening, osteogenesis imperfecta, bone health



Nicolas D. Fletcher, MD

Medical Director, Spine Program
Quality and Outcomes
Specialties: spinal care and deformities, scoliosis, spina bifida, complex hip conditions, hip dysplasia



Joshua Murphy, MD

Pediatric Orthopaedic Surgeon
Specialties: spinal care, bone health, orthopaedic trauma, limb and foot deformity, orthopaedic manifestations of neuromuscular diseases



Atlanta

Why Atlanta?

Metro Atlanta has something for everyone, regardless of whether you are a sports fanatic, history buff or culture aficionado. Atlanta is one of the fastest-growing metropolises in the country², with more than 6.5 million residents enjoying the city's rich history and cultural diversity.

Here are some other things that make Atlanta a desired location:

- The cost of living is lower and average salary is higher than in other major cities².
- Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport is known as the world's busiest airport, with regular flights all around the world. Atlanta is within a two-hour flight of 80% of the U.S.
- We are home to 26 Fortune 1000 companies, 15 of which are ranked in the Fortune 500³.
- There is no shortage of museums, theaters and shopping areas.
- Professional sports teams located in the city include the Atlanta Falcons, Atlanta Braves, Atlanta Hawks and Atlanta United.
- There are plenty of restaurant options, including a wealth of ethnic cuisines.
- The seasonal climate is suitable for outdoor activities nearly year-round.
- Atlanta is within driving distance of the mountains and ocean.

1. *U.S. News & World Report*

2. *forbes.com*

3. *metroatlantachamber.com*

contact us



Visit choa.org/orthofellowship for more information about the Pediatric Orthopaedic Fellowship Program.

All applications are accepted through sfmatch.org.

Some physicians and affiliated healthcare professionals on the Children's Healthcare of Atlanta team are independent providers and are not our employees.