

Department of Orthopedic Surgery
Division of Shoulder, Elbow, & Sports Medicine
Columbia University Irving Medical Center
NewYork-Presbyterian

Shoulder & Elbow Fellowship

Fellowship Interviews 2025



Welcome to Columbia Orthopedics

The Department of Orthopedic Surgery at the Columbia University Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons has earned a reputation as one of the leading academic orthopedic departments in the nation. As one of the first orthopedic training programs in the country, our rich tradition in orthopedic surgery dates back to 1866 when the New York Orthopaedic Dispensary—later named the New York Orthopaedic Hospital—opened its doors. The department has since grown into a preeminent center for quality patient care, research, and education.

The Columbia Shoulder & Elbow Fellowship, founded in 1977 by Dr. Charles S. Neer II, is honored as the first and most prestigious program of its kind in the world. Since then, we have been responsible for training over 100 fellows—both nationally and internationally. Among our alumni are many of the leading figures in the shoulder and elbow community, including fellowship directors, chiefs of service, department chairs, healthcare executives, and ten past, current, and future presidents of the American Shoulder and Elbow Surgeons (ASES).

Today, the Shoulder, Elbow, & Sports Medicine Division has developed into one of the finest training programs in the world. Our fellows participate in all aspects of clinical care—including skill development in private office hours, with emphasis on physical exam proficiency, MRI interpretation, and optimal treatment plan recommendations. All aspects of shoulder and elbow surgery are performed by our surgeons—arthroscopy, sports medicine, trauma, and arthroplasty. In addition, our fellows stay on top of innovative and cutting edge procedures to broaden their scope of practice and enhance their competitive hiring potential. Furthermore, both basic and clinical research opportunities have been incorporated into the fellowship allowing our fellows opportunity to become academic experts.

Our fellows are sought after for academic, “privademic,” and private practice jobs depending on their personal desire. The Columbia legacy, coupled with state-of-the-art training from recognized leaders in the field, gives our fellows a distinct advantage in the ever-competitive field of shoulder, elbow and sports medicine.

We are committed to continuing the rich history of our program by innovating, evolving, and always searching to improve our care for patients with shoulder, elbow, and sports medicine disorders. We hope you enjoy your visit with us and look forward to answering all of your questions regarding our program.

Sincerely,



William N. Levine, MD

Shoulder & Elbow Fellowship Director

*Frank E. Stinchfield Professor & Chair
Department of Orthopedic Surgery
Chief, Shoulder Service
Co-Director, Center for Shoulder, Elbow & Sports Medicine
Head Team Physician Emeritus, Columbia University Athletics
Emeritus Editor-in-Chief, JAAOS
Past-President ASES*



Christopher S. Ahmad, MD

Sports Medicine Fellowship Director

*Professor of Orthopedic Surgery
Head Team Physician, New York Yankees
Head Team Physician, New York City Football Club
Chief, Sports Medicine
Co-Director, Center for Shoulder, Elbow & Sports Medicine
Vice Chair, Clinical Research*



Charles M. Jobin, MD

Associate Director, Shoulder & Elbow Fellowship

*Associate Professor of Orthopedic Surgery
Team Physician, Riverdale Country School
Residency Program Director*



Michael L. Knudsen, MD

Assistant Professor of Orthopedic Surgery

Division of Shoulder, Elbow and Sports Medicine

Interview Information



Dinner Saturday, February 1, 2025

6:30-10:00 PM Osteria Cotta
cottanyc.com
513 Columbus Ave @ 85 th St.

Interviews Sunday, February 2, 2025

7:00-7:30 AM	Arrival of Applicants/Breakfast	Carroll Conference Room
7:30-8:00 AM	Introduction Powerpoint	Carroll Conference Room
8:00-9:40 AM	Interviews	Center & East Wing Offices
9:40-9:50 AM	Break	Carroll Conference Room
9:50-11:40 AM	Interviews	Center & East Wing
11:40AM-12:15 PM	Farewell & Light Lunch	Carroll Conference Room



"I did not understand as a fourth year resident that matching for this fellowship would change my life and the trajectory of my career. There is a mentorship component from Drs. Levine, Bigliani, and Ahmad that did not stop at helping me find my first job, but has continued for the past 14 years with support from small things such as advice on difficult cases to the big things like advancing to national positions in the AAOS and organizations like ASES/AOA/AOSSM. The network of extraordinary alumni from Columbia continue to provide a conduit to be recognized as a leader in the field of orthopedics. I am so proud of being included and a member of the Columbia Shoulder Society."

Sara Edwards, MD – Fellow 2005-2006
Associate Professor, University of California San Francisco

Program Overview



2018-2019 fellow, Dr. Mike Knudsen, assisted in the OR by Drs. Ahmad and Levine

Operative experience for the Shoulder & Elbow Fellow includes a wide spectrum of shoulder and elbow abnormalities. Procedures are tailored to address conditions ranging from common problems such as impingement to complex reconstructions for arthritis, fractures, instability, and rotator cuff tears. In addition to the focus on advanced open shoulder and elbow procedures, the program includes extensive arthroscopic training. The arthroscopy core curriculum experience is enhanced by a state of the art 4 station arthroscopy laboratory, which augments the fellow's ongoing education and development of surgical techniques.

The Shoulder & Elbow Fellow will have a full day per week dedicated to academic pursuits. During this time, they will be able to participate in clinical research as well as translational research in the Dr. Robert E. Carroll and Jane Chace Carroll Laboratories under the supervision of Steve Thomopoulos, PhD. Fellows also participate in the preparation of invited manuscripts, book chapters, and on-line projects. As our previous Shoulder & Elbow Fellows have garnered international acclaim, we anticipate the same success for our future fellows.

The shoulder & elbow fellowship candidate is accepted into the Columbia Shoulder & Elbow Fellowship, under the direction of Dr. Levine, Fellowship Director, Chief of the Shoulder Service and Co-Director of the Division, Dr. Ahmad, Chief of Sports Medicine and Co-Director of the Division, and Dr. Charles Jobin, Associate Fellowship Director, and Dr. Michael Knudsen. The 2nd fellow will be a Sports Medicine Fellow accepted via the AOSSM Sports Medicine Fellowship pathway. The two fellows will work closely together over their fellowship year. The Shoulder & Elbow Fellow will have exposure to team physician coverage experiences ranging from collegiate to professional opportunities to develop a well-rounded ability to handle orthopedic sport issues specifically where we anticipate shoulder and elbow injuries



Program Overview



Attending faculty of the Columbia University Division of Shoulder, Elbow, & Sports Medicine

The Shoulder & Elbow Fellowship is recognized as a non-ACGME ASES-accredited fellowship, and the fellow is credentialed as an NYP attending, capable of operating independently within the NYP/Columbia hospital system. It is expected that the Shoulder & Elbow Fellow will cover the Vanderbilt Shoulder Clinic and schedule operative cases to be performed alone as the primary surgeon depending on case complexity. This credentialing will include malpractice insurance, fringe benefits, and expense coverage for appropriate licensure. The Shoulder & Elbow Fellow will be expected to bill as an Assistant Surgeon when applicable, or as Primary Surgeon when appropriate. It is expected that the fellow perform the clinical duties of an Attending Orthopedic Surgeon: providing clinical care for patients in the outpatient clinic and hospital settings, including rounding, documentation, and resident & student teaching. The Shoulder & Elbow Fellow will be considered an integral team member of the primary faculty's private practice.



"Mentorship is perhaps the most important aspect of fellowship, and the guidance provided at Columbia is unparalleled. The limited number of fellows combined with enthusiastic faculty creates a strong relationship that continues long after fellowship. CSES provides exposure to a variety of surgical cases and didactic teaching, improving both surgical skills and clinical problem-solving. The research infrastructure and staff enable fellows to initiate and execute meaningful research even in a short period of time. I continue to stay in close touch with Dr. Levine and Dr. Ahmad about challenging cases, career advice, and personal life. The family atmosphere at the Columbia fellowship alumni gatherings is what makes these events so enjoyable."

Ian Byram, MD – Fellow 2011-2012
Bone and Joint Institute of Tennessee

Primary Faculty – Shoulder & Elbow



William N. Levine, MD

*Frank E. Stinchfield Professor Chair,
Department of Orthopedic Surgery
Fellowship Director, Shoulder & Elbow
Co-Director, CSES*

- Head Team Physician Emeritus, Columbia University Athletics
- Chair, Shoulder and Elbow Subcommittee, NFL
- Consultant, NHL Players Association; NFL Players Association
- Emeritus Editor-in-Chief, JAAOS
- Past-President, ASES
- Advanced Arthroscopic & Open Shoulder, Elbow, Knee



Christopher S. Ahmad, MD

*Lila Acheson Wallace Professor
of Orthopedic Surgery
Fellowship Director, Sports Medicine
Co-Director, CSES*

- Head Team Physician, New York Yankees
- Head Team Physician, New York City Football Club
- President, Major League Baseball Team Physicians Association
- Advanced Arthroscopic Shoulder, Elbow, & Knee Surgery, Tommy John Surgery
- NCAA Division 1 Soccer, Columbia University



Charles M. Jobin, MD

*Louis U. Bigliani Associate Professor
of Orthopedic Surgery
Residency Program Director
Associate Fellowship Director*

- Team Physician, Columbia University Club Athletics
- Team Physician, Riverdale Country School
- Specializes in Open & Arthroscopic Shoulder and Elbow



Michael L. Knudsen, MD

*Assistant Professor of
Orthopedic Surgery*

- Specializes in Open & Arthroscopic Shoulder and Elbow
- Operative and non-operative treatment of athletes and non-athletes with shoulder and elbow injuries
- Former Team Physician for The Minnesota Twins

Division Faculty



Nicole S. Belkin, MD

*Assistant Professor of
Orthopedic Surgery*

- Adolescent & adult sports medicine and shoulder surgery
- Shoulder, hip, and knee arthroscopy and complex knee reconstruction
- USA Rugby collegiate 15s two-time All-American, USA Rugby 7s and U-23 15s player pool member



Robert A. Christian, MD, MBA

*Assistant Professor of
Orthopedic Surgery*

- Specializes in Hip & Knee Reconstruction
- Arthroscopic and open surgery of the hip and knee
- Arthroscopic hip preservation



Charles A. Popkin, MD

*Associate Professor of
Orthopedic Surgery*

- Team Physician, City College of New York & Mercy College
- Team Physician, USA Hockey
- Pediatric & Adolescent Sports Medicine Specialist
- Pediatric Fracture Care
- NCAA Football, Colgate University

Division Faculty



Lauren H. Redler, MD

*Assistant Professor of
Orthopedic Surgery*

- Pediatric, Adolescent & Adult Sports Medicine, Shoulder, Elbow, & Knee Arthroscopy
- NCAA Womens Lacrosse, Georgetown University



Hasani W. Swindell, MD

*Assistant Professor of
Orthopedic Surgery*

- Sports medicine, joint preservation and cartilage restoration of the knee, shoulder and hip
- Minimally-invasive surgical and non-surgical treatments



David P. Trofa, MD

*Assistant Professor of
Orthopedic Surgery*

- Head Team Physician, Columbia University Athletics
- Team Physician, Manhattan College Athletics
- Arthroscopic and Open Shoulder, Elbow, & Knee, Cartilage Restoration, Orthobiologics
- NCAA Men's Wrestling & Soccer, Columbia University

Sports Medicine Physicians



Thomas S. Bottiglieri, DO

*Chief, Primary Care Sports Medicine
Assistant Professor of Sports Medicine*

- Team Physician, Bergen County Public Schools
- Acute & Chronic Musculoskeletal Conditions
- Concussion Management



Morgan A. Busko, MD

*Assistant Professor of
Sports Medicine*

- Injury Prevention & Preventative Care
- Specializes in Endurance Athlete & Runners Health
- Top 5 Finisher, Hawaii Ironman World Championship



Elan L. Goldwaser, DO

*Assistant Professor of
Sports Medicine*

- Team physician, US Ski and Snowboard
- Ultrasound diagnostics/procedures and regenerative biologics
- Integrative concussion management, and osteopathic manipulative medicine
- Marathon runner, former NCAA runner/swimmer

Fellowship Curriculum

Didactic Lectures

Weekly didactic lectures covering comprehensive aspects of Orthopedic Shoulder and Elbow Medicine are integrated into an organized conference schedule by the orthopedic fellows and staff. Development of lecture preparation and presentation skills is essential to fellows seeking both academic and private practice careers. Topics will be comprehensive for a shoulder and elbow specialist to complement the fellow's rotations and clinical responsibilities. Lectures will have cases included to apply practical knowledge, controversial and emerging concepts will be discussed openly by attending staff and fellows-- the result is a tremendous academic foundation for the Shoulder & Elbow Fellow.

Surgical Techniques Conference

Surgical techniques conference is a massive learning experience for optimizing surgical technique and takes place every Friday morning in the Carroll Conference room. The conference entails a Shoulder & Elbow Fellow or service resident to present a recorded surgical procedure step by step. Each step is analyzed by attending staff for effectiveness, efficiency, and "what if" scenarios. Past fellows consider this to be one of the strongest learning experiences of their fellowship for surgical skill development.



Fellowship Curriculum



Arthroscopy & Technical Skills

Fellows will train for rapid skill development in the on-site state of the art arthroscopy laboratory as well as other arthroscopy training facilities in the city using cadavers and simulators.



"The legacy of the Columbia fellowship is second to none. My year there was transformational for my personal and professional growth. The faculty at Columbia provided me with the necessary skills and confidence to manage highly complex shoulder and elbow pathology in and out of the operating room. While exposed to a large abundance of surgical cases to learn from, I was very pleased that all aspects of healthcare were emphasized; patient communication, leadership skills, healthcare cost management are some examples. The fellows are left well prepared to make an impact in their community and for their patients. Dr. Levine took it upon himself to ensure that I was always considered for high quality shoulder and elbow positions. I never had to ask. He served not only as an advocate of mine but as a source of advice and counsel throughout the entire job recruitment process; from introductions to negotiations. I am honored to build on the lessons learned during my fellowship at Columbia and apply them in my new role as head of the shoulder surgery section at Duke."

Oke Anakwenze, MD, MBA – Fellow 2012-2013
Chief, Shoulder Service, Duke University

Fellowship Rotation Schedule

Shoulder & Elbow Clinical Rotation Goals

- Clinical Rotations will focus on a mentored learning experience
- Incorporation into each team facilitates relationship building
- Balance between operating room 3 days a week and office experience 1 day a week
- Learn how to function efficiently in the office setting under direct supervision of each attending

Rotation One – August / September

<i>Primary Attending</i>	Dr. William Levine
<i>Secondary</i>	Dr. Christopher Ahmad / Dr. Charles Jobin / Dr. Michael Knudsen

Rotation Two – October / November

<i>Primary Attending</i>	Dr. Christopher Ahmad
<i>Secondary</i>	Dr. William Levine / Dr. Charles Jobin / Dr. Michael Knudsen

Rotation Three – December / January

<i>Primary Attending</i>	Dr. Charles Jobin
<i>Secondary</i>	Dr. William Levine / Dr. Christopher Ahmad / Dr. Michael Knudsen

Rotation Four – February / March

<i>Primary Attending</i>	Dr. Charles Jobin
<i>Secondary</i>	Dr. William Levine / Dr. Christopher Ahmad / Dr. Michael Knudsen

Rotation Five – April / May

<i>Primary Attending</i>	Dr. Christopher Ahmad
<i>Secondary</i>	Dr. William Levine / Dr. Charles Jobin / Dr. Michael Knudsen

Rotation Six – June / July

<i>Primary Attending</i>	Dr. William Levine
<i>Secondary</i>	Dr. Christopher Ahmad / Dr. Charles Jobin / Dr. Michael Knudsen

Typical Weekly Schedule

- **Monday:** Indications Conference / Attending DPO (Rotates every 2 months) in AM, VC3 Clinic in PM
 - **Tuesday:** OR with Ahmad (NYP Allen Hospital)
 - **Wednesday:** OR w Levine (NYP Allen Hospital)
 - **Thursday:** Grand Rounds / OR w Jobin (NYP Allen Hospital)
 - **Friday:** Techniques Conference / SESM Educational Curriculum / OR with Knudsen (NYP Westchester Hospital)
- ** Shoulder & Elbow Fellow is expected to cover shoulder and elbow cases for Drs. Popkin / Christian / Redler when free and sports fellow not available.*

Faculty Case Log 2024

	# of Procedures	Total
Shoulder Cuff & Instability		1333
Arthroscopic Cuff Repair	340	
Arthroscopic Subacromial Decompression	215	
Arthroscopic Limited/Extensive Debridement	325	
Arthroscopic Labral Instability Repair	160	
Arthroscopic Biceps Tenodesis	101	
Arthroscopic Distal Clavicle Excision	26	
Arthroscopic Slap Repair	47	
Open Biceps Tenodesis	91	
Open Cuff Repair	10	
Open Shoulder Instability with Glenoid Bone Graft	5	
Open Distal Clavicle Excision	6	
Open Shoulder Instability	7	
Arthroplasty		306
Shoulder Arthroplasty	243	
Revision Shoulder Arthroplasty	63	
Trauma		90
ORIF Clavicle	38	
ORIF Shoulder	37	
AC/CC/SC Reconstruction	7	
Pectoralis Repair	8	
Elbow		558
Neuroplasty of Arm	185	
UCL Reconstruction	115	
Elbow Scope	90	
UCL Repair	47	
Distal Biceps and Triceps Repair	31	
Open Debridement	31	
Epicondylitis Surgery	15	
Elbow ORIF	21	
Unlisted Arthroscopic Code	23	
Total Shoulder & Elbow Procedures		2287

A Brief History of the Fellowship



Drs. Levine, Neer, and Bigliani



The New York Orthopaedic Hospital & The Columbia Shoulder Fellowship

The Shoulder Service at the New York Orthopaedic Hospital is the oldest and most prestigious in the world - founded by Dr. Charles S. Neer, who is known as the "father of modern shoulder surgery." The Shoulder Service has been responsible for developing and refining many of the major procedures in shoulder surgery today.

Total shoulder replacement was introduced by Dr. Neer in the early 1970's and shoulder replacement has continued to be at the forefront of innovation at Columbia with the development of the Bigliani-Flatow Prosthesis and the next generation of implants developed by Dr. Levine. Dr. Neer also made major contributions with his classification of proximal humerus fractures, as well as the development of acromioplasty for impingement syndrome and the capsular shift procedure for glenohumeral instability.

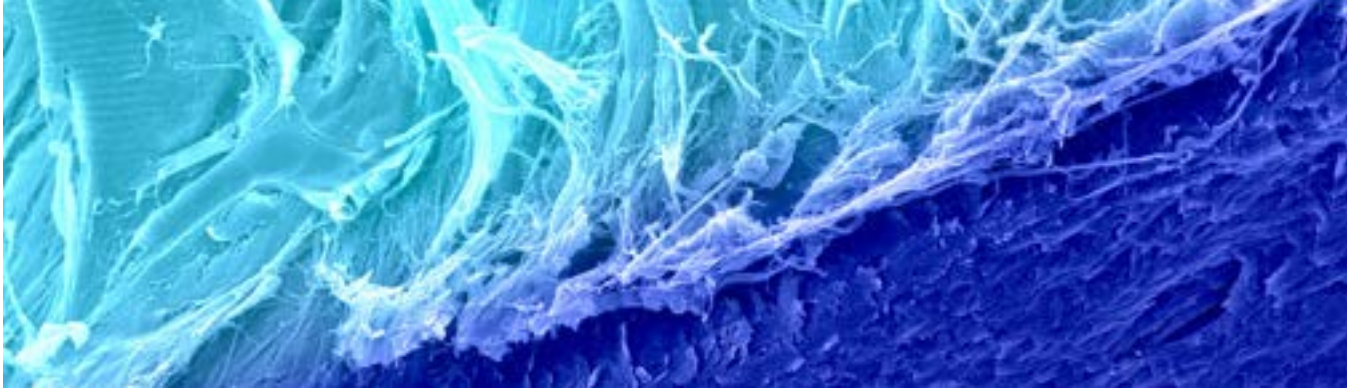
Fellowship training offers extensive exposure to the shoulder and elbow including arthroscopy, reconstructive, and trauma surgery. Because the Medical Center is a tertiary care facility, our fellows are exposed to complex and interesting cases and benefit from working with nationally and internationally known specialists. The Shoulder & Elbow Fellowship program is enhanced by the resources of the Medical Center, the interactive educational opportunities such as early morning didactic conferences, grand rounds, journal club, service rounds, indications conferences, clinic coverage and numerous prominent guest lecturers.



"As the Columbia Shoulder and Elbow Fellowship enters another year, it is gratifying to see the success and excellence that the fellowship has achieved over the years. This excellence is measured by the achievements of our fellows after they have left our program. Our faculty and staff continue to improve our level of teaching and mentoring in all aspects of shoulder and elbow surgery. Finally it is very satisfying to see the friendships and camaraderie that exists in our Columbia Fellowship family."

Louis Bigliani, MD – Inaugural Fellow 1977–1978
Chair Emeritus, Columbia University Department of Orthopedic Surgery

Research & Academic Experience



*Colorized scanning electron micrograph of an enthesis,
Drs. Stavros Thomopoulos and William Levine in the
biomechanics laboratory,
The Carroll Laboratories for Orthopedic Surgery*

Research plays a critical role in fulfilling the mission of the Shoulder and Elbow Service. Fellows build upon their existing research skills with extensive exposure to methodology, study design, and critical data review. In addition, Fellows are expected to complete at least two original research projects (basic science or clinical research) appropriate for publication in peer-reviewed journals. One of these projects will be presented at the Fellow's year-end Grand Rounds. Fellows will have numerous additional research opportunities, including invited review articles, book chapters, and technique videos.

Fellows must dedicate a half-day per week to research, which will be monitored via bi-weekly research meetings with the entire Shoulder, Elbow & Sports Medicine faculty and research staff. These meetings enable Fellows to improve their scientific presentation skills, as well as providing an opportunity to receive constructive criticism of their projects. The departmental facilities and research resources are available to Fellows.

Courses & Meetings



Abed Abdelaziz, MD, delivers his final fellowship presentation: Pitch Clock Impact on UCL Tears



(L-R) Charles Jobin, MD, Associate Director, Shoulder & Elbow Fellowship, 2024 graduate Alex Rondon, MD, and Department Chair & Shoulder & Elbow Fellowship Director William N. Levine, MD

Over the course of their fellowship year, the Shoulder & Elbow Fellow will have the opportunity to attend a variety of national and regional courses and meetings:

- Arthrex Boot Camp (beginning of the academic year)
- The American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons Annual Meeting
- The American Shoulder & Elbow Surgeons Annual Meeting
- 2 Leading National Industry Sponsored Courses
- Columbia Shoulder Society Biennial Meeting



"My fellowship year was one of the best experiences of my life. My family and I loved our time in New York City and I consider my training in all aspects of shoulder and elbow surgery to be unsurpassed. I went straight from fellowship to an academic position without any other shoulder/elbow fellowship-trained surgeons as partners. Drs. Levine and Ahmad gave me the tools, experience, and wisdom I needed to care for the most difficult shoulder and elbow cases with confidence from day one out of fellowship. They were indispensable advocates in helping me secure my academic position and in helping me advance academically throughout my career. The mentorship I experienced with Drs. Levine and Ahmad in fellowship has transformed into a long-standing friendship for which I am grateful. I am honored to be a part of the rich history and tradition of the Columbia Neer-Bigliani-Levine legacy."

John-Erik Bell, MD – Fellow 2004-2005
Chief of Shoulder and Elbow, Dartmouth-Hitchcock

The Big Apple: Where to Live and What to Do

Columbia University Irving Medical Center is located on the shore of the Hudson River and at the foot of the Washington Bridge in New York City. Many housing options exist in New York City and many fellows live on the upper west side. There are housing options available through the NYP GME office. For more information on NYP policies and procedures, please review the information in the USB drive provided.

New York is the financial and cultural capital of the world. One can easily reach the midtown area via a 20-minute subway ride that reveals a world of art, theater and shopping. The Museum of Modern Art, the Museum of Natural History, the Metropolitan Museum and the Hayden Planetarium are but a few of the many city museums. Radio City Music Hall, Carnegie Hall and the four theaters of Lincoln Center are replete with music, ballet, opera, and other live entertainment. You can enjoy the latest Broadway musical, play or revival after dining in the world's finest restaurants.

New York never sleeps! Easily accessible from three airports by car or public transportation, the Medical Center location will allow you to go to the beach for the day or to the Catskill Mountains for the weekend. If sports are in your blood, Yankee and Shea Stadiums are a subway ride away, Madison Square Garden is a couple stops away, and the Meadowlands Sports Complex is located just across the river in New Jersey.



2024-2025 Graduate Medical Education Salary & Stipend

Graduate Staff Level	Salary Effective July 2023	Salary Effective July 2024	Annual Living Supplement \$1,875 paid quarterly	Total Direct Pay Effective July 2024
PGY 1	\$81,000	\$89,100	\$7,500	\$96,600
PGY 2	\$89,700	\$98,700	\$7,500	\$106,200
PGY 3	\$97,000	\$106,700	\$7,500	\$114,200
PGY 4	\$99,800	\$109,800	\$7,500	\$117,300
PGY 5	\$103,200	\$113,500	\$7,500	\$121,000
PGY 6	\$105,000	\$115,500	\$7,500	\$123,000
PGY 7	\$108,200	\$119,000	\$7,500	\$126,500

Past Fellows: Where Are They Now?



Members of the Columbia Shoulder Society at the 2013 Biennial Meeting

1977 – 1978	Louis U. Bigliani, MD Chairman Emeritus Columbia University New York, NY	1985 – 1986	Peter McCann, MD Director of Orthopaedic Surgery Lenox Health Greenwich Village New York, NY
1977 – 1978	Craig Foster, MD Danbury, CT	1986 – 1987	Anthony Brown, MD Wightington, England
1978 – 1979	Steven McIlveen, MD Paramus, NJ	1986 – 1987	Evan Flatow, MD President, Mount Sinai West New York, NY
1978 – 1979	Lloyd Barnard, MD East Providence, RI	1986 – 1987	Osvandre Lech, MD Chief, Shoulder Service Passo Fundo, Brazil
1979 – 1980	Keith Watson, MD Fort Worth, TX	1987 – 1988	Craig Satterlee, MD North Kansas City, MO
1980 – 1981	Francis Mendoza, MD Lenox Hill Hospital New York, NY	1987 – 1988	Robert Dalsey, MD Haddonfield, NJ
1981 – 1982	Edward Craig, MD, MPH CEO, Tria Medical Center Minneapolis, MN	1988 – 1989	Frances Cuomo, MD Chief, Shoulder Service Montefiore Medical Center New York, NY
1982 – 1983	Jose Perez Sanz, MD Chicago, IL	1988 – 1989	Seth Miller, MD Ortho & Neurosurg Specialists Greenwich, CT
1983 – 1984	John Brems, MD Cleveland Clinic Cleveland, OH	1989 – 1990	Frank Cordasco, MD Hospital for Special Surgery New York NY
1983 – 1984	Thomas Fithian, MD Newport News, VA	1989 – 1990	George McCluskey, MD Chief, Shoulder Service Columbus, Georgia
1984 – 1985	Dave Morrison, MD Long Beach, CA	1990 – 1991	Richard Fischer, MD Hilliard, OH
1984 – 1985	William Seitz, MD Cleveland Clinic Cleveland, OH	1990 – 1991	Scott Steinmann, MD Mayo Clinic Rochester, MN
1984 – 1985	Edward Self, MD Ridgewood, NJ		

Past Fellows: Where Are They Now?

1990 – 1991	Efraim Deliz, MD <i>Bayamon, Puerto Rico</i>	1997 – 1998	Guido Marra, MD <i>Director, Shoulder/Elbow Service Northwestern Medical Center Chicago, IL</i>
1991 – 1992	Roger Pollock, MD <i>Paramus, NJ</i>	1997 – 1998	Chris Martin, MD <i>Salt Lake City, UT</i>
1991 – 1992	Gregory Nicholson, MD <i>Rush-Presbyterian Medical Center Chicago, IL</i>	1998 – 1999	Treg Brown, MD <i>Herrin, IL</i>
1991 – 1992	Michelle Glasgow, MD <i>Sycamore, IL</i>	1998 – 1999	J. Michael Wiater, MD <i>Chief, Shoulder Surgery William Beaumont Hospital Royal Oak, MI</i>
1992 – 1993	Xavier Duralde, MD <i>Peachtree Orthopedic Clinic Atlanta, GA</i>	1999 – 2000	Michael Freehill, MD <i>Sports & Orthopaedic Specialists Edina, MN</i>
1992 – 1993	David Weinstein, MD <i>Southern Colorado Orthopedic Colorado Springs, CO</i>	1999 – 2000	Theodore Blaine, MD <i>Hospital for Special Surgery Stamford, CT</i>
1992 – 1993	Cathy Compito, MD <i>Beth Israel Medical Center New York, NY</i>	2000 – 2001	Gregory Bauer, MD <i>Chief, Shoulder Service Goldsboro Orthopaedic Assoc. Goldsboro, NC</i>
1993 – 1994	Mark Rodosky, MD <i>Chief, Shoulder Service University of Pittsburgh Pittsburgh, PA</i>	2000 – 2001	Anand Murthi MD <i>Chief of Shoulder & Elbow Surgery Union Memorial Hospital Baltimore, MD</i>
1993 – 1994	Timothy Codd, MD <i>Towson Orthopaedics Associates Towson, MD</i>	2001 – 2002	Gregory Lervick, MD <i>Twin Cities Orthopaedics Eden Prairie, MN</i>
1994 – 1995	Alton Barron, MD <i>NYU Langone New York, NY</i>	2001 – 2002	Raymond Carroll, MD <i>Cary Orthopaedics Cary, NC</i>
1994 – 1995	Ken Yamaguchi, MD <i>SVP and CMO - Centene Washington University St. Louis, MO</i>	2002 – 2003	Walter Stanwood, MD <i>Plymouth Bay Orthopaedic Duxbury, MA</i>
1995 – 1996	Patrick Connor, MD <i>OrthoCarolina Team Physician, Panthers Charlotte, NC</i>	2002 – 2003	Rolando Izquierdo, MD <i>Crystal Lake Professional Center Crystal Lake, IL</i>
1995 – 1996	William Levine, MD <i>Department Chair, Chief, Shoulder Service Columbia University New York, NY</i>	2003 – 2004	Kevin Setter, MD <i>Chief, Shoulder/Elbow Surgery SUNY Upstate Medical College East Syracuse, NY</i>
1995 – 1996	Robert Wilson, MD <i>Rankin Ortho & Sports Med Ctr North East Washington, D.C.</i>	2003 – 2004	Ilya Voloshin, MD <i>Chief, Shoulder Surgery University of Rochester Rochester, NY</i>
1996 – 1997	Julian Arroyo, MD <i>Puget Sound Orthopedic Surgeons Lakewood, WA</i>		
1996 – 1997	Mark Miller, MD <i>Chesterfield, MO</i>		

Past Fellows: Where Are They Now?

2004 – 2005	Steven Goldberg MD Physicians Regional Medical Center Naples, FL	2010-2011	Todd Moen, MD The Carrell Clinic Dallas, TX
2004 – 2005	Sean Bak MD Motor City Orthopedics Novi, MI	2011-2012	Ian R. Byram, MD Bone and Joint Institute of Tennessee Franklin, TN
2005 – 2006	John-Erik Bell, MD Chief, Shoulder & Elbow Surgery Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center Lebanon, NH	2011-2012	Hyun-Min (Mike) Kim, MD Associate Professor University of Missouri Columbia, MO
2005 – 2006	Sara Edwards, MD Associate Professor, UCSF San Francisco, CA	2012-2013	Okechukwu Anakwenze, MD Chief, Shoulder Service Duke University Durham, NC
2006-2007	Matthew Kippe, MD New Bedford, MA	2012-2013	Jaicharan Iyengar, MD Alpine Orthopaedic Medical Group Stockton, CA
2007 – 2008	Aaron Covey, MD Westport, CT	2013-2014	Eugene W. Brabston, MD Assistant Professor, UAB Hospital Birmingham, AL
2007 – 2008	Maher Bahu, MD Orthopedic Specialists of Oakland	2013-2014	Balazs Galdi, MD Chief, Sports Medicine Assistant Professor, Rutgers University Newark NJ
2008 - 2009	Katherine Vadasdi, MD Orthopaedic & Neurosurgical Specialists Greenwich, CT	2014-2015	Justin L. Hodgins, MD St. Michael's Hospital University of Toronto Ontario, Canada
2008 - 2009	Chad Marion, MD Pacific Medical Center Seattle, WA	2014-2015	David Kovacevic, MD New York, NY
2009-2010	Karen Boselli, MD Concord Orthopedics Concord, NH	2015-2016	Juliana Munoz, MD Assistant Professor, University of Miami Miami, FL
2009-2010	R. Michael Greiwe, MD Commonwealth Orthopaedics Edgewood, KY	2015-2016	Diego Villacis, MD Aurora Healthcare Summit, WI
2010-2011	Stephanie Hsu, MD Northside Orthopedics Atlanta, GA		



"My attendings at the Columbia Shoulder & Elbow Fellowship were pivotal in helping me secure my first job. I had family obligations and reached out to many job opportunities but with disappointing results. When I explained my career goals to the Columbia faculty, Drs. Ahmad, Jobin and Levine called my top choice academic practice within the week. I had an interview a few weeks thereafter. I can unequivocally say I would not have my current job without the Columbia Shoulder fellowship and the help and guidance from my attendings at Columbia."

Julianne Marvin Munoz, MD – Fellow 2015-2016
Assistant Professor, University of Miami

Past Fellows: Where Are They Now?

2016-2017	Djuro Petkovic, MD Illinois Bone and Joint Institute Chicago, IL	2021-2022	Thomas Fortney, MD (AOSSM) New Hampshire Orthopaedic Center Concord, NH
2016-2017	Brian B. Shiu, MD Assistant Professor, University of Maryland Baltimore, MD	2021-2022	Nathan Kopydlowski, MD (ASES) Aurora Health Care, Milwaukee, WI
2017-2018	Brian Grogan, MD Assistant Professor, University of Wisconsin Madison, WI	2022-2023	Alan Reynolds, MD (AOSSM) Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist Asheboro, NC
2017-2018	Daniel Song, MD Colorado Springs, CO	2022-2023	Brandon Rogalski, MD (ASES) Medical University of South Carolina Charleston, SC
2018-2019	James Irvine, MD (AOSSM) University of Pittsburgh Pittsburgh, PA	2023-2024	Abed Abdelaziz, MD (AOSSM) Texas Orthopedics Austin, TX
2018-2019	Michael Knudsen, MD (ASES) Assistant Professor Columbia Orthopedics, New York, NY	2023-2024	Alex Rondon, MD (ASES) Advanced Orthopedics of New England Hartford, CT
2019-2020	Mario Lobao Goncalves, MD (AOSSM) Assistant Professor Louisiana State University, Shreveport, LA	2024-2025	Michael J. Danaher, MD (AOSSM) Wellstar Medical College of Georgia Augusta, GA
2019-2020	J.T. Heffernan, MD (ASES) Proliance, Puget Sound Orthopedics Lakewood, WA	2024-2025	Matthew LeVassuer (ASES) TBD Albany, NY
2020-2021	Nicholas Dantzker, MD (AOSSM) Knoxville Orthopaedic Clinic Knoxville, TN	2025-2026	William Curtis, MD (AOSSM) Incoming Fellow University of New Mexico
2020-2021	Nathan Lanham, MD (ASES) Womack Army Medical Center Ft. Bragg, NC	2025-2026	Andrew Luzzi, MD (ASES) Incoming Fellow Columbia University/New York Orthopaedic Hospital



“It was the privilege of my lifetime to complete the world-renowned Columbia Shoulder and Elbow Fellowship. I chose this fellowship because of the legendary mentorship of Drs. Levine, Ahmad, and Jobin. They invested so much time and energy into my fellowship experience, focusing on setting me up for a lifetime of success. This incredible fellowship year provided extensive cutting-edge clinical and operative training across all shoulder and elbow pathology, invaluable one-on-one mentorship that extends well beyond the fellowship year, an elite sports medicine experience including the opportunity to care for professional and collegiate athletes, abundant research opportunities and resources, exceptional academic conferences across the globe, access to innumerable connections throughout the field, lifetime friendships, and direct access to the greatest city in the world.”

Returning to the Columbia faculty in 2021 was an equally easy decision. I am thrilled to now pass on the knowledge, skills, and values that I was fortunate enough to receive to the next generation of surgeons. The Columbia Shoulder and Elbow Fellowship remains unparalleled in its ability to train future leaders, and I am honored to now contribute to this legacy. I cannot imagine a more fulfilling extension of my initial training, nor a better place to continue advancing the field of Shoulder and Elbow Surgery.”

Michael Knudsen, MD – Fellow (ASES) 2018-2019
Assistant Professor, Columbia Orthopedics



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