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

Shoulder & Elbow Fellowship

Fellowship Interviews 2026

NewYork-Presbyterian

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.

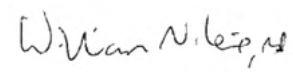
The Columbia Shoulder & Elbow Fellowship, founded in 1977 by Dr. Charles S. Neer II, is honored as the first and most prestigious program of its kind in the world. Since then, we have been responsible for training over 100 fellows—both nationally and internationally. Among our alumni are many of the 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.

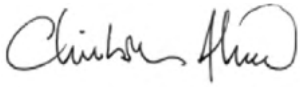
Sincerely,



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

Louis U. Bigliani Endowed 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 21, 2026

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

Interviews Sunday, February 22, 2026

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 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 L. Edwards, MD *Fellow 2005–2006*
Associate Professor, University of California San Francisco; Team Doctor, City College of San Francisco, University of San Francisco, and Oakland Ballet

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 four 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 online projects. As our previous Shoulder & Elbow Fellows have garnered international acclaim, we anticipate the same success for our future fellows.

The successful Shoulder & Elbow Fellowship candidate is accepted into the Columbia Shoulder & Elbow Fellowship, under the direction of Dr. William N. Levine, Fellowship Director, Chief of the Shoulder Service and Co-Director of the Division; Dr. Christopher S. Ahmad, Chief of Sports Medicine and Co-Director of the Division; Dr. Charles M. Jobin, Associate Fellowship Director; and Dr. Michael L. Knudsen, Assistant Professor of Orthopedic Surgery." The second 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

Director, Shoulder & Elbow Fellowship

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, Shoulder & Elbow Fellowship

- Head Team Physician, New York Yankees & New York Football Club
- Past President, Major League Baseball Team Physicians Association
- Co-founder, Baseball Health Network and the Annual Baseball Sports Medicine: Game-Changing Concepts Conference
- Advanced Arthroscopic Shoulder, Elbow, & Knee Surgery, Tommy John Surgery
- NCAA Division 1 Soccer, Columbia University

Charles M. Jobin, MD

Louis U. Bigliani Endowed 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
- Team Physician, Iona College
- 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
- Former Assistant Team Physician, NY Giants
- Former Team Physician, Pace University and Iona College
- Consultant, New York Public School Athletic League

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
- Team Physician, Iona College
- Member, American Orthopaedic Society for Sports Medicine BOLD Playmaker (Boosting Orthopaedic Leaders' Development)

Charles A. Popkin, MD

Associate Professor of Orthopedic Surgery

- Team Physician, USA Hockey, Fordham University, Mercy College & the Hackley School
- Columnist, USA Hockey Magazine *"Ask Dr. Hockey"*
- Member, USA Hockey Safety & Protective Equipment Committee
- Pediatric & Adolescent Sports Medicine
- Pediatric Fracture Care
- Former NCAA Football Defensive Back, Colgate University

Division Faculty

Lauren H. Redler, MD

Associate Professor of Orthopedic Surgery

- Pediatric, Adolescent & Adult Sports Medicine, Shoulder, Elbow, & Knee Arthroscopy
- US Lacrosse, Sports & Science Safety Committee
- Team Physician: Nightingale-Bamford School & the Dwight School
- Former 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
- Sports Medicine Physician, Squash Tournament of Champions

David P. Trofa, MD

Associate Professor of Orthopedic Surgery

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

Sports Medicine Physicians

Thomas S. Bottiglieri, DO

Chief, Primary Care Sports Medicine
Assistant Professor of Sports Medicine

- Acute & Chronic Musculoskeletal Conditions
- Concussion Management
- Head Team Medical Physician, Columbia University Athletics
- Medical Officer & Team Physician, New York City Football Club
- Head Team Physician, Alliance University and NJ Hitmen Hockey
- Medical Director for numerous high schools in Bergen and Passaic Counties, NJ, and NYC

Morgan A. Busko, MD

Assistant Professor of Sports Medicine

- Injury Prevention & Preventative Care
- Specializes in Endurance Athletes, Runners Health, and managing bone stress injuries, focusing on injury prevention
- Team Physician, Columbia Athletics Cross Country and Track & Field
- Five-time Hawaii Ironman World Championship Finisher with three podium finishes
- Marathon runner, Former NCAA Division III runner

Elan L. Goldwaser, DO

Assistant Professor of Sports Medicine

- Team physician, US Ski and Snowboard
- Team Physician, Iona College
- Ultrasound diagnostics/procedures and regenerative biologics
- Integrative concussion management, and osteopathic manipulative medicine
- Marathoner, Former NCAA Division III, Cross Country, Track & Field, and Swimming

Marissa B. McCay, MD

Assistant Professor of Sports Medicine

- Treats athletes of all ages and abilities
- Experience in treating athletes involved in adapted sports
- Previously served as Team Doctor for two Massachusetts high school football teams, UMass Boston Women's Ice Hockey & Lacrosse, and the Boston Ballet

Jessica M. Tsao, MD

Assistant Professor of Sports Medicine

- Specializes in non-operative management of acute and chronic musculoskeletal injuries in athletes of all ages and levels
- Former NCAA Division 1 Women's Soccer, University of Portland
- Fulbright Scholar

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 A. 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

Primary Attending **Dr. William Levine**

Secondary Dr. Christopher Ahmad / Dr. Charles Jobin / Dr. Michael Knudsen

Rotation Two – October / November

Primary Attending **Dr. Christopher Ahmad**

Secondary Dr. William Levine / Dr. Charles Jobin / Dr. Michael Knudsen

Rotation Three – December / January

Primary Attending **Dr. Charles Jobin**

Secondary Dr. William Levine / Dr. Christopher Ahmad / Dr. Michael Knudsen

Rotation Four – February / March

Primary Attending **Dr. Charles Jobin**

Secondary Dr. William Levine / Dr. Christopher Ahmad / Dr. Michael Knudsen

Rotation Five – April / May

Primary Attending **Dr. Christopher Ahmad**

Secondary Dr. William Levine / Dr. Charles Jobin / Dr. Michael Knudsen

Rotation Six – June / July

Primary Attending **Dr. William Levine**

Secondary 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.*

Typical Faculty Case Log

	# 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.

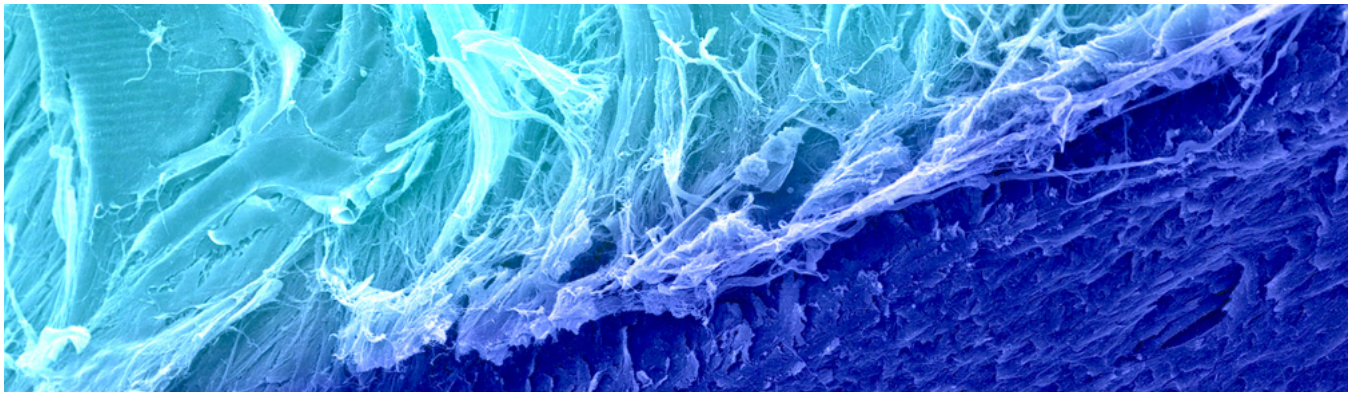
Total shoulder replacement was introduced by Dr. Neer in the early 1970's and shoulder replacement has continued to be at the forefront of innovation at Columbia with the development of the Bigliani-Flatow Prosthesis and the next generation of implants developed by Dr. Levine. Dr. Neer also made major 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.

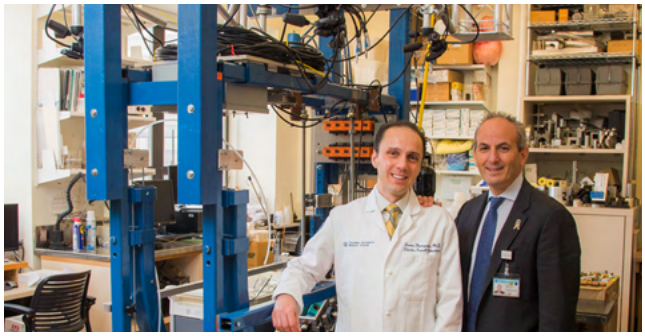
Fellowship training offers extensive exposure to the shoulder and elbow including arthroscopy, reconstructive, and trauma surgery. Because the Medical Center is a tertiary care facility, our fellows are exposed to complex and interesting cases and benefit from working with nationally and internationally 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
2025 American Orthopaedic Association Pillar of the Orthopaedic Profession

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

(L-R) Matthew R. LeVasseur, MD; William N. Levine, MD; Michael J. Danaher, MD

(L-R) Matthew R. LeVasseur, MD and Michael J. Danaher, MD, 2024-2025 Fellows

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
- Two 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.

2025–2026 Graduate Staff Salaries

Graduate Staff Level	Salary Effective July 2025	Annual Living Supplement paid quarterly	Academic Activities Supplement paid biannually	Total Direct Pay
PGY 1	$92,700	$7,500	$1,000	$101,200
PGY 2	$102,600	$7,500	$1,000	$111,100
PGY 3	$111,000	$7,500	$1,000	$119,500
PGY 4	$114,200	$7,500	$1,000	$122,700
PGY 5	$118,000	$7,500	$1,000	$126,500
PGY 6	$120,100	$7,500	$1,000	$128,600
PGY 7	$123,800	$7,500	$1,000	$132,300

Past Fellows: Where Are They Now?

Members of the Columbia Shoulder and Elbow Society at the 2025 Biennial Meeting in Naples, FL

1977 – 1978 Louis U. Bigliani, MD
Chairman Emeritus
Columbia University
New York, NY

1977 – 1978 Craig Foster, MD
Danbury, CT

1978 – 1979 Steven McIlveen, MD
Paramus, NJ

1978 – 1979 Lloyd Barnard, MD
East Providence, RI

1979 – 1980 Keith Watson, MD
Fort Worth, TX

1980 – 1981 Francis Mendoza, MD
Lenox Hill Hospital
New York, NY

1981 – 1982 Edward Craig, MD, MPH
CEO, Tria Medical Center
Minneapolis, MN

1982 – 1983 Jose Perez Sanz, MD
Chicago, IL

1983 – 1984 John Brems, MD
Cleveland Clinic
Cleveland, OH

1983 – 1984 Thomas Fithian, MD
Newport News, VA

1984 – 1985 Dave Morrison, MD
Long Beach, CA

1984 – 1985 William Seitz, MD
Cleveland Clinic
Cleveland, OH

1984 – 1985 Edward Self, MD
Ridgewood, NJ

1985 – 1986 Peter McCann, MD
Director of Orthopaedic Surgery
Lenox Health Greenwich Village
New York, NY

1986 – 1987 Anthony Brown, MD
Wightington, England

1986 – 1987 Evan Flatow, MD
President, Mount Sinai West
New York, NY

1986 – 1987 Osvandre Lech, MD
Chief, Shoulder Service
Passo Fundo, Brazil

1987 – 1988 Craig Satterlee, MD
North Kansas City, MO

1987 – 1988 Robert Dalsey, MD
Haddonfield, NJ

1988 – 1989 Frances Cuomo, MD
Chief, Shoulder Service
Montefiore Medical Center
New York, NY

1988 – 1989 Seth Miller, MD
Ortho & Neurosurg Specialists
Greenwich, CT

1989 – 1990 Frank Cordasco, MD
Hospital for Special Surgery
New York NY

1989 – 1990 George McCluskey, MD
Chief, Shoulder Service
Columbus, Georgia

1990 – 1991 Richard Fischer, MD
Hilliard, OH

1990 – 1991 Scott Steinmann, MD
Mayo Clinic
Rochester, MN

Past Fellows: Where Are They Now?

1990 – 1991 Efraim Deliz, MD
Bayamon, Puerto Rico

1991 – 1992 Roger Pollock, MD
Paramus, NJ

1991 – 1992 Gregory Nicholson, MD
Rush-Presbyterian Medical Center
Chicago, IL

1991 – 1992 Michelle Glasgow, MD
Sycamore, IL

1992 – 1993 Xavier Duralde, MD
Peachtree Orthopedic Clinic
Atlanta, GA

1992 – 1993 David Weinstein, MD
Southern Colorado Orthopedic
Colorado Springs, CO

1992 – 1993 Cathy Compito, MD
Beth Israel Medical Center
New York, NY

1993 – 1994 Mark Rodosky, MD
Chief, Shoulder Service
University of Pittsburgh
Pittsburgh, PA

1993 – 1994 Timothy Codd, MD
Towson Orthopaedics Associates
Towson, MD

1994 – 1995 Alton Barron, MD
NYU Langone
New York, NY

1994 – 1995 Ken Yamaguchi, MD
SVP and CMO - Centene
Washington University
St. Louis, MO

1995 – 1996 Patrick Connor, MD
OrthoCarolina
Team Physician, Panthers
Charlotte, NC

1995 – 1996 William Levine, MD
Department Chair,
Chief, Shoulder Service
Columbia University
New York, NY

1995 – 1996 Robert Wilson, MD
Rankin Ortho & Sports Med Ctr
North East Washington, D.C.

1996 – 1997 Julian Arroyo, MD
Puget Sound Orthopedic Surgeons
Lakewood, WA

1996 – 1997 Mark Miller, MD
Chesterfield, MO

1997 – 1998 Guido Marra, MD
Director, Shoulder/Elbow Service
Northwestern Medical Center
Chicago, IL

1997 – 1998 Chris Martin, MD
Salt Lake City, UT

1998 – 1999 Treg Brown, MD
Herrin, IL

1998 – 1999 J. Michael Wiater, MD
Chief, Shoulder Surgery
William Beaumont Hospital
Royal Oak, MI

1999 – 2000 Michael Freehill, MD
Sports & Orthopaedic Specialists
Edina, MN

1999 – 2000 Theodore Blaine, MD
Hospital for Special Surgery
Stamford, CT

2000 – 2001 Gregory Bauer, MD
Chief, Shoulder Service
Goldsboro Orthopaedic Assoc.
Goldsboro, NC

2000 – 2001 Anand Murthi MD
Chief of Shoulder & Elbow Surgery
Union Memorial Hospital
Baltimore, MD

2001 – 2002 Gregory Lervick, MD
Twin Cities Orthopaedics
Eden Prairie, MN

2001 – 2002 Raymond Carroll, MD
Cary Orthopaedics
Cary, NC

2002 – 2003 Walter Stanwood, MD
Plymouth Bay Orthopaedic
Duxbury, MA

2002 – 2003 Rolando Izquierdo, MD
Crystal Lake Professional Center
Crystal Lake, IL

2003 – 2004 Kevin Setter, MD
Chief, Shoulder/Elbow Surgery
SUNY Upstate Medical College
East Syracuse, NY

2003 – 2004 Ilya Voloshin, MD
Chief, Shoulder Surgery
University of Rochester
Rochester, NY

Past Fellows: Where Are They Now?

2004 – 2005 Steven Goldberg MD
Physicians Regional Medical Center
Naples, FL

2004 – 2005 Sean Bak MD
Motor City Orthopedics
Novi, MI

2005 – 2006 John-Erik Bell, MD
Chief, Shoulder & Elbow Surgery
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center
Lebanon, NH

2005 – 2006 Sara Edwards, MD
Associate Professor, UCSF
San Francisco, CA

2006-2007 Matthew Kippe, MD
New Bedford, MA

2007 – 2008 Aaron Covey, MD
Westport, CT

2007 – 2008 Maher Bahu, MD
Orthopedic Specialists of Oakland

2008 - 2009 Katherine Vadasdi, MD
Orthopaedic & Neurosurgical Specialists
Greenwich, CT

2008 - 2009 Chad Marion, MD
Pacific Medical Center
Seattle, WA

2009-2010 Karen Boselli, MD
Concord Orthopedics
Concord, NH

2009-2010 R. Michael Greiwe, MD
Commonwealth Orthopaedics
Edgewood, KY

2010-2011 Stephanie Hsu, MD
Northside Orthopedics
Atlanta, GA

2010-2011 Todd Moen, MD
The Carrell Clinic
Dallas, TX

2011-2012 Ian R. Byram, MD
Bone and Joint Institute of Tennessee
Franklin, TN

2011-2012 Hyun-Min (Mike) Kim, MD
Associate Professor
University of Missouri
Columbia, MO

2012-2013 Okechukwu Anakwenze, MD
Chief, Shoulder Service
Duke University
Durham, NC

2012-2013 Jaicharan Iyengar, MD
Alpine Orthopaedic Medical Group
Stockton, CA

2013-2014 Eugene W. Brabston , MD
Assistant Professor, UAB Hospital
Birmingham, AL

2013-2014 Balazs Galdi, MD
Chief, Sports Medicine
Assistant Professor, Rutgers University
Newark NJ

2014-2015 Justin L. Hodgins, MD
St. Michael's Hospital
University of Toronto
Ontario, Canada

2014-2015 David Kovacevic, MD
New York, NY

2015-2016 Juliana Munoz, MD
Assistant Professor, University of Miami
Miami, FL

2015-2016 Diego Villacis, MD
Aurora Healthcare
Summit, WI

2016-2017 Djuro Petkovic, MD
Illinois Bone and Joint Institute
Chicago, IL

2016-2017 Brian B. Shiu, MD
Assistant Professor, University of Maryland
Baltimore, MD

2017-2018 Brian Grogan, MD
Assistant Professor, University of Wisconsin
Madison, WI

"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?**

2017-2018 Daniel Song, MD
Colorado Springs, CO

2018-2019 James Irvine, MD (AOSSM)
University of Pittsburgh
Pittsburgh, PA

2018-2019 Michael Knudsen, MD (ASES)
Assistant Professor
Columbia Orthopedics, New York, NY

2019-2020 Mario Lobao Goncalves, MD (AOSSM)
Assistant Professor
Louisiana State University, Shreveport, LA

2019-2020 J.T. Heffernan, MD (ASES)
Proliance, Puget Sound Orthopedics
Lakewood, WA

2020-2021 Nicholas Dantzker, MD (AOSSM)
Knoxville Orthopaedic Clinic
Knoxville, TN

2020-2021 Nathan Lanham, MD (ASES)
Associate Professor, Penn State
Hershey, PA

2021-2022 Thomas Fortney, MD (AOSSM)
New Hampshire Orthopaedic Center
Concord, NH

2021-2022 Nathan Kopydlowski, MD (ASES)
Aurora Health Care,
Milwaukee, WI

2022-2023 Alan Reynolds, MD (AOSSM)
Assistant Professor, Wake Forest University
School of Medicine
Winston-Salem, NC

2022-2023 Brandon Rogalski, MD (ASES)
Assistant Professor, Medical University
of South Carolina
Charleston, SC

2023-2024 Abed Abdelaziz, MD (AOSSM)
Texas Orthopedics
Austin, TX

2023-2024 Alex Rondon, MD (ASES)
Advanced Orthopedics of New England
Hartford, CT

2024-2025 Michael J. Danaher, MD (AOSSM)
Wellstar Medical College of Georgia
Augusta, GA

2024-2025 Matthew L. LeVassuer (ASES)
OrthoNY
Albany, NY

2025-2026 William Curtis, MD (AOSSM)
Current Fellow
University of New Mexico

2025-2026 Andrew Luzzi, MD (ASES)
Current Fellow
NYOH

2026-2027 Henry "Hank" Fox, MD
Incoming Fellow
Johns Hopkins Medicine

2026-2027 Charlie Poff, MD (ACGME)
Incoming Fellow
University of Chicago School of Medicine

"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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