



UK Fellowship Questionnaire

Did the Fellowship fulfil the BOFAS criteria? Yes

Please answer these questions in the free text box below.

1. Which Year? 2022
2. What was the annualised total number in your log book? 450
3. What was the % of cases that you were the lead surgeon for most of the procedure? 320
4. How many academic publications are you highly likely to submit from your Fellowship (be honest)? 1
5. What were the highlights?

I did this fellowship between March and September 2022. In a year, I would have logged 450 cases, of which 320 are primary surgeon. The fellowship is with the 2 senior surgeons in the department (RB and RS), although there is plenty of opportunity to work with the other F&A surgeons as well. There is a varied case mix, ranging from neurological feet (e.g. CMT) to deformity correction and ankle replacements. There are also the more straightforward forefoot /hindfoot cases. There is some exposure to diabetic foot and bone infection unit cases if you wish to learn about this. There was excellent opportunity for fellow lists, where you can select straightforward cases for independent operating.

I was part of the on call rota which formed 1 week of night on calls in 15 weeks (these were not busy as you only covered the NOC). I am likely to publish at least one paper from the unit, and there are regular research meetings and journal clubs which actively encourage research activity.

This is an excellent fellowship. There are 4 excellent trainers in the foot and ankle department, and also some overlap with the limb recon/BIU department who are also excellent to learn from. This is a great fellowship for those who want to learn about complex foot/ankle deformity correction and also gain exposure and experience in managing straightforward cases. There is also lots of opportunity for independent decision making which is fantastic for the step up to consultant practice.

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