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one of the best**

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Pediatric Orthopaedic  
Fellowship Program



**Children's**<sup>SM</sup>  
Healthcare of Atlanta



Our 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 orthopaedists 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. They also participate in a full range of educational opportunities, including:

- Didactic conferences
- Case presentation conferences
- Outpatient specialty clinics
- Private practice experience

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 Duke University, Atlanta Medical Center, Eisenhower Army Medical Center (Augusta, Ga.) and PinnacleHealth (Harrisburg, Pa.).

Visit [choa.org/orthofellowship](http://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, M.D. Dr. Lovell 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.



Scottish Rite hospital then



Scottish Rite hospital now

## Accreditation

Our program has been accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) since 1992. This accreditation helps ensure that our program and sponsoring institutions meet a high set of educational standards.

# standing out

## Why does Children's stand out?

- With three hospitals, more than 575 beds and more than 870,000 patient visits a year, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta is one of the largest pediatric clinical care providers in the country. Our orthopaedic patient volumes are among the highest in the country.\*
- Orthopaedic programs at Children's include general pediatric orthopaedics, bone health, hip, hand and upper extremity, spine, sports medicine, trauma and tumor.
- Children's is ranked among the top pediatric hospitals for orthopaedics by *U.S. News & World Report*.
- *Fortune* magazine has included Children's in its list of "100 Best Companies to Work For" for 10 consecutive years.
- Children's is home to Georgia's only Level I and Level II pediatric trauma centers.

\*U.S. News & World Report

# faculty



**Jed R. Axelrod, M.D.**

Pediatric Orthopaedic Surgeon  
*Areas of interest:* Myelomeningocele, foot



**Joshua Murphy, M.D.**

Pediatric Orthopaedic Surgeon  
*Areas of Interest:* Spine, fracture



**Michael T. Busch, M.D.**

Director, Pediatric Orthopaedic  
Fellowship Program  
Surgical Director, Sports Medicine Program  
Pediatric Orthopaedic Surgeon  
*Areas of interest:* Sports medicine



**Dana Olszewski, M.D., M.P.H.**

Pediatric Orthopaedic Surgeon  
*Areas of interest:* Cerebral palsy, hip



**Melissa A. Christino, M.D.**

Pediatric Orthopaedic Surgeon  
*Areas of Interest:* Sports medicine



**Michael L. Schmitz, M.D.**

Chief, Orthopaedics  
Pediatric Orthopaedic Surgeon  
*Areas of interest:* Spine, limb deficiency,  
cerebral palsy



**Dennis P. Devito, M.D.**

Medical Director, Orthopaedic  
Spine Program  
Pediatric Orthopaedic Surgeon  
*Areas of interest:* Spine



**Tim Schrader, M.D.**

Medical Director, Hip Program  
Pediatric Orthopaedic Surgeon  
*Areas of interest:* Hip



**Jorge A. Fabregas, M.D.**

Medical Director, Resident Education  
Pediatric Orthopaedic Surgeon  
*Areas of interest:* Tumor, limb deficiency



**S. Clifton Willimon, M.D.**

Medical Director, Orthopaedic Quality  
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Pediatric Orthopaedic Surgeon  
*Areas of interest:* Sports medicine



**Jill C. Flanagan, M.D.**

Pediatric Orthopaedic Surgeon  
*Areas of interest:* Bone health, complex  
limb deficiency



# Atlanta

## Why Atlanta?

The city of 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 metropolitan areas in the country, with more than 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 cities.
- Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport is known as the "world's busiest airport," with regular flights all over the world. Atlanta is within a two-hour flight of 80 percent of the U.S.
- Atlanta is home to 18 Fortune 500 companies and 11 Fortune 1000 companies.
- There is no shortage of museums, theaters and shopping areas.
- Professional sports teams located in the city include the Atlanta Falcons, Atlanta Braves and Atlanta Hawks.
- There are plenty of restaurant options in the city limits, including a wealth of ethnic cuisines.
- The seasonal climate is suitable for outdoor activities nearly year-round.
- Atlanta is within driving distance of both the mountains and the ocean.

# contact us



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All applications are accepted through ERAS.

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