



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 metropolitan areas in the country, 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 cities.
- 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 percent of the U.S.
- Atlanta is home to 15 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, Atlanta Hawks and Atlanta United.
- 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 the mountains and ocean.

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

All applications are accepted through ERAS.



One of the first, one of the best

Pediatric Orthopaedic
Fellowship Program



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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 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, trauma, inpatient care and teaching. They also participate in a number of educational opportunities, including:

- Case presentation conferences
- Didactic conferences
- Learning from 11 surgeons who introduce fellows to diverse cases and techniques
- National conferences and skills courses
- Outpatient specialty clinics
- Research

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.).

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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. 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 the Pediatric Orthopaedic Society of North America (POSNA). This accreditation helps make sure that our program and sponsoring institutions meet a high set of educational standards.

standing out

Why does Children's stand out?

- With three hospitals, 638 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 country.*
- 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 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 12 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, MD
Pediatric Orthopaedic Surgeon
Interests: Myelomeningocele, foot



Joshua Murphy, MD
Pediatric Orthopaedic Surgeon
Interests: Spine, trauma



Michael T. Busch, MD
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Surgical Director, Sports Medicine Program
Pediatric Orthopaedic Surgeon
Interest: Sports medicine



Dana Olszewski, MD, MPH
Pediatric Orthopaedic Surgeon
Interests: Cerebral palsy, hip



Melissa A. Christino, MD
Pediatric Orthopaedic Surgeon
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Michael L. Schmitz, MD
Chief, Orthopaedics
Pediatric Orthopaedic Surgeon
Interests: Spine, limb deficiency, cerebral palsy



Dennis P. Devito, MD
Medical Director, Orthopaedic Spine Program
Pediatric Orthopaedic Surgeon
Interest: Spine



Tim Schrader, MD
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Jorge A. Fabregas, MD
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Interests: Tumor, limb deficiency



S. Clifton Willimon, MD
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Jill C. Flanagan, MD
Pediatric Orthopaedic Surgeon
Interests: Bone health, complex limb deficiency