



Rural Generalist (Arthroplasty, Upper Limb, and Trauma) Fellowship (NSW2603501)

Chief Supervisor: Dr Krishnankutty Rajesh, FRACS (Orth), FRCS (Orth), FRCS (Gen)

Co-supervisors: Dr Luke Barr, FRACS (Orth)

Length of program: 6 Months

Institutions: South East Regional Hospital

Stipend: \$65,000 AUD per annum

Educational Goals:

The successful candidate will join the orthopaedic team at South East Regional Hospital (SERH), Bega. The fellowship provides broad exposure to rural generalist Orthopaedic practice.

Clinical Activities:

- Elective operating lists — hip and knee arthroplasty, shoulder arthroplasty, upper limb surgery, and general orthopaedic cases
- Acute trauma lists — daily half-day lists covering fracture management
- Fracture clinic — the fellow takes an active role reviewing acute presentations and follow-up patients
- Day surgery hospital — participation in day procedure lists at associated facilities
- Consulting rooms — developing independent outpatient assessment and management skills

Educational goals encompass medical and surgical expertise in arthroplasty of both the upper and lower limb in a regional centre. The department performs approximately 30 shoulder replacements per year in addition to high-volume hip and knee arthroplasty. By the end of the fellowship, the candidate is expected to be proficient in routine lower limb arthroplasty and to have gained meaningful exposure to shoulder arthroplasty techniques.

Teaching and Academic Commitments:

- Weekly X-ray / radiology meetings — the fellow leads case presentation and teaching to junior staff
- Monthly journal club
- M&M meetings every three months
- Regular registrar teaching coordinated by the fellow

Audit is an integral part of the fellowship.

Research opportunities are actively encouraged. The unit has ongoing prospective research projects in arthroplasty outcomes and operative efficiency in which fellows are invited to participate.

Educational Qualifications/Requirements:

Candidates should have completed AOA Orthopaedic training programme, or a comparable training programme accepted by the AOA.

AOA Transition to Practice (TTP) fellows are accepted in selective cases, subject to approval by the fellowship supervisor.

Candidates should have experience in hip and knee arthroplasty and routine orthopaedic trauma commensurate with their level of training.

How to apply:

Applications should be directed to the Head of Department, Dr Krishnankutty Rajesh. Please email your CV to: admin@boneclinic.com.au