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## AOA ACCREDITED FELLOWSHIP WEBSITE SUMMARY

<b>TITLE OF FELLOWSHIP</b>	<b>Perth Sports Surgery Fellowship (WA17274)</b>	
<b>Chief supervisor</b>	Associate Professor Peter D'Alessandro	
<b>Supervisors</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr Li-On Lam</li> <li>• Dr Brendan Ricciardo</li> <li>• Dr Sat Gohil</li> <li>• Dr Mike Finsterwald</li> </ul>	
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<b>Length</b>	6 Months (Starting February and August)	
<b>Stipend</b>	\$AUD 160,000 per annum pro rata	
<b>Institutions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fremantle, Fiona Stanley, Rockingham Hospitals (Public)</li> <li>• Bethesda, SJOG Murdoch Hospitals (Private)</li> <li>• University of Western Australia</li> <li>• Orthopaedic Research Foundation of Western Australia</li> <li>• Regional visits to Esperance and the Wheatbelt</li> </ul>	
<b>Educational goals and characteristics</b>	<p>The Perth Sports Surgery Fellowship will provide an outstanding and comprehensive experience in arthroscopic knee reconstruction and sports injury management.</p> <p>Accredited by ISAKOS and the AOA and based in Perth, Western Australia, the Perth Sports Surgery Fellowship offers a broad, high volume clinical experience of complex soft tissue knee surgery.</p> <p>This includes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Primary and Revision ACL using multiple graft options</li> <li>• PCL &amp; Multi Ligament Reconstruction</li> <li>• Complex Meniscal Repair &amp; Transplant</li> <li>• Chondral restoration (MACI/OATS/OCA/Fixation)</li> <li>• Patellofemoral Stabilisation</li> <li>• Osteotomy and Joint Preservation</li> <li>• Adolescent Knee Surgery</li> <li>• Hamstring Surgery</li> </ul> <p>For interested fellows, there is also the capacity to be exposed to shoulder</p>	

	<p>surgery (including arthroscopic rotator cuff and stabilisation, latarjet, arthroplasty), hip arthroscopy (labral repair, FAI osteoplasty, psoas lengthening) and joint replacement. Overall case mix and load is tailored to the fellows' specific interests and goals.</p> <p>The fellow will lead the Sports Trauma Unit and Sports Trauma Pathway at Fiona Stanley Hospital, receiving a high volume of acute knee referrals including the management of multi-ligament knee injuries for the southern half of Western Australia. There is no on-call or weekend requirement.</p> <p>The fellowship also involves management of a large number of elite athletes, with team coverage of multiple professional clubs including the Fremantle Dockers and West Coast Eagles in the Australian Football League, Perth Glory Soccer, Western Force in Super Rugby and Hockey Australia.</p> <p>This fellowship is aimed at sub-specialty level, with candidates possessing skills and experience that allow for rapid development of complex surgical and clinical decision making. Clinical and surgical independence is strongly encouraged. The fellow will run their own operating lists and clinics in the public sector and manage double operating lists in private.</p> <p>The fellow will have high level academic exposure through the Orthopaedic Research Foundation of WA, which has a strong track record of research excellence and a high rate of publication. We have multiple ongoing research projects (including internationally recognised RCTs) allowing the fellow to present at national/international meetings including Australian Knee Society/AOA/ISAKOS and contribute to publication.</p> <p>There are strong relationships and ongoing collaboration with previous fellows who have become leaders in their home nations, along with a fellowship discussion forum for support and regular discussion of difficult cases.</p> <p>There is the possibility of remaining a further 6 months in Perth if desired, by combining with the associated Arthroplasty and/or Trauma Fellowships.</p>
<p><b>Requirements/ criteria</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completion of Orthopaedic Training/FRACS equivalent in Home Country</li> <li>• Keen interest and strong base knowledge of arthroscopic knee surgery</li> <li>• Willingness to learn complex procedures and achieve surgical independence</li> <li>• Interest in Sports Injury Diagnosis and Surgical Management</li> <li>• Meets AHPRA English proficiency requirements</li> <li>• Eligible for AHPRA Registration</li> <li>• Ability to enjoy live sport along with the Perth lifestyle and its 300 days of yearly sunshine is essential</li> </ul>
<p><b>How to Apply</b></p>	<p>The fellowship positions have been filled until July 2027.</p> <p>Applications for August 2027-February 2028 are currently open and being accepted.</p> <p>Please provide CV, covering application letter, 2 written references <b>30 months prior to desired start date</b> and send to</p> <p><a href="mailto:OrthopaedicFellowshipsWA@health.wa.gov.au">OrthopaedicFellowshipsWA@health.wa.gov.au</a></p> <p>Please contact Fellowship director (<a href="mailto:peter@coastalorthopaedics.com.au">peter@coastalorthopaedics.com.au</a>) if more information is required.</p>