



## History:

Founded in 2017, the Midwest Foot and Ankle Fellowship strives to provide cutting-edge education and opportunities for the fellows. The program is supported by the Foot and Ankle Center of Nebraska and the Midwest Medical Education Foundation. The program focuses on the surgical reconstruction of the foot and ankle as well as amputation prevention and wound healing. This well-rounded exposure as includes a focus on practice management skills.

## Past Fellows

- 2017-2018 – James Whelan, DPM
- 2018-2019 - Matt McCabe, DPM

## Training goals:

- To produce a competent Podiatric Physician and Surgeon skilled in performing reconstructive surgery procedures of the forefoot, midfoot, rearfoot and ankle
- To produce competent Podiatric Physician and Surgeon skilled in performing amputation prevention through advance wound care techniques, proper nonsurgical offloading and limb salvage skills such as surgical offloading and deformity correction
- To provide the requisite skills necessary to practice in a competent and ethical manner
- To provide practice management skills including proper billing and documentation
- To produce cutting-edge research in Foot and Ankle surgery.

## Training opportunities:

- Research in limb salvage and advanced reconstruction of the foot and ankle
- Training and travel to courses such as arthroscopy and external fixation
- Presentation opportunities at local, regional and national scientific meetings

## Training duration:

- August 1, 2018 to July 31, 2019

Faculty:

- Robert Greenhagen, DPM - Fellowship Director
- James Whelan, DPM – Assistant Fellowship Director
- Patrick Nelson, DPM
- Jordan Sikes, DPM
- Nicholas Olari, DPM
- John Lazoritz, DPM
- Paul Dayton, DPM
- Mindi Dayton, DPM

2018-2019 Faculty schedules

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Dodge</b>	Greenhagen	Greenhagen	Nelson	Nelson	Lazoritz	Lazoritz Whelan
<b>Grover</b>	Olari	Sikes	Olari	Olari	Sikes	
<b>La Vista</b>	Sikes	Lazortiz	Sikes	Lazoritz	Olari	
<b>Council Bluffs</b>	Whelan		Whelan (PM)	Whelan	Whelan	
<b>Ankeny</b>	P Dayton	P Dayton	M Dayton P Dayton		P Dayton	
<b>Clarinda</b>	Nelson		Lazoritz			
<b>Wound</b>		Whlean	Greenhagen (PM)			
<b>VA</b>		Nelson	Greenhagen (AM)	Greenhagen		
	Lazortiz (PM)					
<b>OR</b>	Lazoritz (AM)	Olari	Whelan (AM)	Sikes Dayton	Nelson Greenhagen	

#### Expectations:

- The Fellow's first obligation is to his/her continued development of surgical skills. Therefore, fellows are expected to place surgical cases above clinical exposure. All surgical cases of the current faculty should be attended if possible. The Fellow should confirm with the faculty if he/she is expected to dictate the operative report. If the Fellow is expected to dictate the operative report, this must be done within 48 hours of the date of service. The Fellow should confirm all proper diagnosis and procedures to ensure accurate documentation and billing.
- The Fellow's second obligation is to develop clinical skills including in-office procedures, evaluation and management of foot and ankle pathology, and proper coding/billing. The Fellow will work in a variety of settings including private practice office, wound care center, hospital based offices, and rural/critical care hospitals. The Fellow is expected to properly document these clinical visits which should be done in a timely manner.
- The Fellow is expected to complete one original research project during his/her year fellowship. This research project is to be completed under the guidance of one or more faculty members. It is expected that the manuscript will be submitted for publication in a peer reviewed journal such as JAPMA or JFAS.
- The Fellow is expected to assist in teaching opportunities. The Foot and Ankle Center of Nebraska and Iowa firmly believe in medical education. The Fellow will oversee rotating podiatric students from Des Moines University as well as family practice and internal medicine residents from the University of Nebraska Medical Center. The Fellow will assist and oversee student/resident presentations at radiology round.
- The Fellow is expected to participate and oversee the coordination of monthly educational meetings including radiology and wound care rounds. Students and residents should be given the first opportunity to present. If no student or resident is present, the Fellow will be expected to present the cases. The Fellow is also expected to coordinate wound care rounds with other non-faculty providers such as vascular and plastic surgeons.
- The Fellow is expected to present at one or more regional/national conferences. Opportunities include submission of his/her manuscript for presentation, presentation at the annual Heartland conference, or presentation at a local surgical skills course.

## Educational curriculum

- Daily
  - Surgical case participation
    - Goals:
      - Review and list indications
      - Understand surgical technique and approaches
      - Establish evidence based post-operative care for each patient's needs and procedure
      - Learn proper documentation and billing of each procedure
  - In office patient care
    - Goals:
      - Master the skills of a proper history and physical
      - Create evidence based treatment plan based post-operative care for each patient's needs and procedure
      - Understand physical, social, and economic barriers that may affect outcomes of complex patient such as limb salvage or trauma
      - Learn proper documentation and billing of each procedure
- Monthly
  - Radiology rounds
    - Goals:
      - Master presentation skills in front of an audience of peers
      - Learn evidence based critical thinking for complex surgical cases
  - Physician/leadership meetings
    - Goals:
      - Learn complexities of running a medical practice
      - Develop business and management skills
- Quarterly
  - Interdisciplinary wound care rounds
    - Goals:
      - Master presentation skills in front of an audience of peers
      - Establish the importance of working with various medical specialties to improve limb salvage outcomes

- Yearly
  - Research
    - Goals:
      - Improve research and manuscript writing skills
      - Advance evidence based medical treatment of foot and ankle pathology
  - Conference presentation
    - Goals:
      - Master presentation skills in front of an audience of peers
      - Advance evidence based medical treatment of foot and ankle pathology
  - Advance surgical training course
    - Goals:
      - Improve specialty surgical skills such as arthroscopy, external fixation, advanced wound care, etc.