

Tygerberg Hospital, South Africa Trauma Fellowship

Location

Cape Town, South Africa

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Job Description

This is a 6 to 12 month Fellowship at a major tertiary and academic institution providing comprehensive exposure in Orthopaedic Trauma and Reconstructive Surgery.

The goal of the Fellowship is to offer instruction and expertise in the assessment, planning, surgical management and follow-up of all spheres of trauma and post traumatic reconstruction.

As a Fellow in Orthopaedic trauma you will be a full and inclusive member of the orthopaedic trauma and reconstruction unit and although comprehensive supervision is available at all time, this fellowship carry significant responsibilities and a high workload. The fellow will function in parallel with another local resident for two months, where after he or she will function as an independent resident under direct supervision of a specialist consultant.

- Patient assessment and management in consultation with the treating consultant
- Extensive theatre exposure (Operating trauma patients supervised and unsupervised)
- “On Call” responsibilities as an orthopaedic trauma and emergency “Cutting-Resident” (+- 5-7 calls per month)
- Patient care co-ordination and liaison between health professionals as well as with patients and family members.
- JMS support, supervision, feedback and teaching

- Undergraduate Student interaction and teaching
- Self-management (including time management, accessing education and training, and completing college requirements)
- The resident will be expected to partake in a research project or a relevant audit during his rotation.

Prerequisites to be considered for this fellowship:

- Full fellowship in Orthopaedic Surgery with RACS and the Australian Orthopaedic Association or equivalent.
- Only candidates from Australia or New Zealand will be considered.

Fellowship Duration

- 6 Months
- 15 January to 14 July OR 15 July to 14 January

Stipend

AUD \$25,000 - 6 months

How to Apply

An application has to be submitted at least twelve months before commencement of the Fellowship as registration at the Health Professional Council of South Africa (HPCSA) take about 4-8 months.

Applications to be forwarded to the Fellowship Director, Dr IPS Terblanche at ipsterblanche@gmail.com and should include:

- An introduction letter that explain your reasons and rationale for applying for this fellowship as well as the period that you are interested in.
- Curriculum Vitae (Comprehensive)
- Names and contact details of three referees

In order to assist with your application please provide a copy of your application to argo@stryker.com

About the Location

Cape Town is regarded as the Mother City of South Africa and is situated in the Western Cape Province, an area which is regarded as one of the most beautiful regions in the world. The City is a rare cultural gem, resulting from the amalgamation of Indonesian, French, Dutch, British and German settlers, the local San and Khoi tribes and the Nguni tribes from the north.

The impressive presence of Table Mountain, flanked by the legendary Devil's Peak and historical Signal Hill, stands proudly above the city. Beautiful white sandy beaches along a peaceful coastline frame the Cape Peninsula, which is famed for its unique floral kingdom and magnificent countryside. The surrounding area extends far into the wine lands, green in summer and red-gold in autumn.

The Mother City boasts a multitude of entertainment, ranging from outdoor activities and adventures in the sun to a roaring night life under neon signs. The vast range of shopping opportunities includes haggling with shop holders at Greenmarket Square Flea Market, as well as breezing through sophisticated and stylish shopping malls. The huge variety of restaurants reflects the multicultural history of the Cape and caters for everyone's taste, from fast-food outlets and casual to the chic to the very elegant.

About the Facility

Tygerberg Hospital is a tertiary hospital located in Bellville, Cape Town, South Africa. The hospital was officially opened in 1976 and is the largest hospital in the Western Cape (and the second largest hospital in South Africa), with an inpatient capacity of about 1899 beds. It is a major academic and tertiary referral institution and acts as the primary teaching facility for the University of Stellenbosch Health Science Faculty. The facility is the only tertiary referral hospital for about 3 million people. The hospital serves about 10 000 patients on a normal workday.

Tygerberg Hospital is by far the busiest Level I Trauma Center in the Western Cape and although our unit has an extremely high trauma workload, our patients receive a very high standard of Orthopaedic trauma care.

The division of Orthopaedics has extensive experience in the entire field of acute orthopaedic trauma with special emphasis on complex fractures and the poly-traumatized patients.

We offer extensive and considerable expertise in reconstruction of post-traumatic deformities, mal-

unions, non-unions and infection. Ample support is rendered by the Department of Plastic and Reconstructive surgery.

The Division of Orthopaedic Surgery consists of:

- Nine Orthopaedic specialists with extensive experience in Orthopaedic trauma.
- 21 Orthopaedic residents
- Orthopaedic Research Unit: Director-Professor Robert Lamberts

Fellowship Aim

South Africa is experiencing a very high burden of trauma and the majority of our workload entails trauma and emergency orthopaedics. The aim of this fellowship is to share our extensive experience in this field and to enable the fellow to gain considerable experience and expertise in this field. The fellow will assist and perform between 300-600 procedures during the rotation and be exposed to the full range of orthopaedic trauma.

About the Supervisor

Dr Ignatius P.S Terblanche, MBChB, FCS (Ortho) (SA)

Dr Terblanche studied and qualified as an Orthopaedic surgeon in South Africa. After spending time in the United Kingdom (Gaining experience in mostly Foot and Ankle surgery), he returned to Tygerberg Hospital. He is the head of the Foot and Ankle unit and the director of the Trauma Fellowship and is supported by an highly professional team of Orthopaedic surgeons with an interest in Trauma and Reconstructive Orthopaedic surgery.

Registration requirements for working in South Africa

The HPCSA requires full registration to enable the fellow to actively treat and operate patients. The International Office at the University of Stellenbosch Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences will aid the applicant with the registration process.

Successful applicants can contact Me Rachel Pullen at the International Office: crp@sun.ac.za