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SPRI NEWS

HIGH-IMPACT ORTHOPAEDIC TRAINING BEGINS



Faculty and the 2026–2027 class of clinical fellows at the annual Hail and Farewell event in Vail on July 30, 2026

SPRI WELCOMES NEW CLASS OF CLINICAL FELLOWS AND INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH SCHOLARS

Each year, **SPRI'S DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION** provides essential training to physicians and researchers. Backed in scientific research and clinical excellence, SPRI's education programs support and train the next generation of orthopaedic and sports medicine leaders. In this edition of SPRI News, we invite you to meet the 2026–2027 class and learn more about these impactful programs.

MESSAGE OF THE CHAIRMAN AND CEO

At Steadman Philippon Research Institute (SPRI), we know that advancing orthopaedic care begins with investing in the people who will lead the field forward. Education and mentorship are central to that mission, and our clinical fellowship programs provide an important opportunity to share knowledge, foster collaboration and prepare the next generation of orthopaedic surgeons for the challenges ahead.

Each year, we are proud to welcome talented physicians to Vail who bring a passion for learning, a commitment to their patients and a desire to make a difference. During their time at SPRI, our fellows gain experience in the operating room and the research environment while learning the importance of asking thoughtful questions and working together to improve patient care. Each fellow becomes a part of a community that extends well beyond their fellowship year.

We hope our fellows leave SPRI with more than advanced clinical and research skills. We want them to carry with them a spirit of curiosity, innovation and collaboration—and to become leaders who will continue to advance orthopaedic medicine in their own institutions and communities. Their accomplishments become part of SPRI's broader legacy and help ensure that the knowledge and values developed here continue to reach patients around the world.

In this fall edition of SPRI News, we invite you to explore how SPRI invests in developing the next generation of leaders in orthopaedics and sports medicine. We are grateful to our fellows, educators, researchers and supporters who make this essential work possible.

Sincerely,



MARC J. PHILIPPON, MD
CHAIRMAN, STEADMAN PHILIPPON RESEARCH INSTITUTE



DAN DRAWBAUGH
CEO, STEADMAN PHILIPPON RESEARCH INSTITUTE



2026–2027 Clinical Fellows

CLINICAL FELLOWSHIPS DEFINE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING

POST-RESIDENCY PROGRAMS OFFER SURGICAL TRAINING, RESEARCH AND PATIENT CARE

CLINICAL FELLOWSHIPS

Within SPRI's Department of Education, three advanced clinical fellowships are currently offered to surgeons who have completed their orthopaedic surgery residencies: the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME)-accredited Sports Medicine Fellowship, the American Orthopaedic Foot & Ankle Society (AOFAS)-accredited Foot & Ankle Fellowship, and the SPRI Spine Fellowship, now in its second year.

During their year in Vail, clinical fellows provide athletic team coverage to the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Teams, U.S. Air Force Academy Football and local high schools, providing the physicians with invaluable hands-on experience in treating a variety of sports-related injuries.

The 2026–27 SPRI fellowship class includes eight fellows in the Sports Medicine Fellowship, alongside one Foot & Ankle Fellow and one Spine Fellow. This year, SPRI is hosting two of its research alumni as fellows—Dr. Ionna Bolia-Kavouklis previously served as an International Research Scholar and Dr. Bryant Elrick previously worked at SPRI as a Research Assistant to Dr. Peter Millett.

Together, SPRI's ten fellows receive hands-on training and mentorship from world-class surgeons at The Steadman Clinic and leading scientists at SPRI. Throughout their year in Vail, fellows refine their surgical skills, care for patients, and contribute to innovative research in SPRI's laboratories.

INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIPS

Each year, SPRI also welcomes International Research Scholars—medical doctors from around the globe who join our research teams for one to two years. Guided by SPRI scientists and surgeons at The Steadman Clinic, these scholars immerse themselves in orthopaedic research, advance high-impact projects, and frequently earn recognition through awards and publications. Their contributions are an essential part of SPRI's research mission.



Drs. Jonathon Backus and C. Thomas Haytmanek, Jr. recognize 2025–2026 Foot and Ankle Fellow Dr. Elise Grzeskiewicz at the annual Hail and Farewell ceremony on July 30, 2026.

THE TANG FAMILY EDUCATION ENDOWMENT: In 2018, Oscar Tang, Agnes Hsu-Tang and the Tang Family gave a generous gift to SPRI's education programs, launching the Tang Family Education Endowment, the first endowment in SPRI's history. Each year, the endowment supports two named fellows.

WELCOME, 2026–2027 CLINICAL FELLOWS AND INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARS

TANG-ENDOWED SPORTS MEDICINE FELLOWS

These fellows are generously supported by the Tang Family Education Endowment



PETAR GOLIJANIN, MD, MBA

Undergraduate: Merrimack College
Medical School: Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth
Graduate School: Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth
Residency: University of Texas Austin Dell MC



SAMUEL LORENTZ, MD

Undergraduate: Indiana University
Medical School: Indiana University School of Medicine
Residency: Duke University

DR. J. RICHARD STEADMAN LEGACY FELLOW

This sports medicine fellow is supported by philanthropic donations in honor of the late Dr. J. Richard Steadman



IOANNA BOLIA-KAVOUKLIS, MD, MSC, PHD

Medical School: Aristotle University School of Medicine
Graduate School: National and Kapodistrian University of Athens
Internship: Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center
Residency: University of Southern California

SPORTS MEDICINE FELLOWS



RYANN DAVIE, MD

Undergraduate: University of Oregon
Medical School: Medical College of Georgia
Residency: Hospital for Special Surgery



ALLISON MORGAN, MD, MA

Undergraduate: Vanderbilt University
Medical School: Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine
Graduate School: Northwestern University
Residency: New York University



BRYANT ELRICK, MS, MD

Undergraduate: Colorado School of Mines
Graduate School: Creighton University
Medical School: University of Colorado School of Medicine
Residency: University of Colorado School of Medicine



EVAN ZHENG, MD

Undergraduate: Harvard College
Medical School: Harvard Medical School
Residency: Harvard Combined Orthopaedic Residency



JASON GARRY, MD

Undergraduate: Brigham Young University
Medical School: University of Utah School of Medicine
Internship: University of Arizona
Residency: Emory University



Fellowship mentor Dr. Randy Viola with 2026–2027 sports medicine fellows and Arthrex team after elbow lab at SPRI.

FOOT & ANKLE FELLOW



LAUREN SHUMAKER, MD

Undergraduate: University of Mississippi
Medical School: University of Tennessee Health Science Center (UTHSC) College of Medicine
Residency: UTHSC Campbell Clinic

SPINE FELLOW



HANNAH HARRIS, MD

Undergraduate: The Ohio State University
Medical School: The Ohio State University College of Medicine
Residency: The Ohio State University

INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARS



CHRISTIAN SCHENK, MD

Germany
University Hospital Munich
AGA International Shoulder Fellow



SHUYA TANAKA, MD, PHD

Japan
Medical School: Kobe University School of Medicine
Residency: Akashi Medical Center, Kobe University Hospital, Hyogo Prefectural Kakogawa Medical Center, Chibune Hospital, Konan Medical Center
Fellowship: Shinsuma Hospital

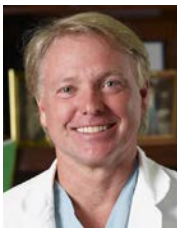
SPRI FELLOWSHIP ALUMNI AT THE STEADMAN CLINIC:

More than one third of The Steadman Clinic's staff is comprised of SPRI fellowship alumni. Drs. Randall Viola, Peter Millett, C. Thomas Haytmanek, Jr., Jonathan Godin, Jared Lee, Joseph Ruzbarsky, Sonny Gill, Jonathon Backus and Ali Noorzad graduated from SPRI's clinical fellowship programs.

FELLOWSHIP FACULTY

Graduating fellows often share that one of the most special aspects of their time in Vail is working with the world-class attending faculty from The Steadman Clinic. Several faculty members, including Drs. Millett, Godin, Haytmanek, Backus and Gill, are graduates of SPRI's fellowships themselves, helping to fulfill SPRI's education mission.

SPORTS MEDICINE FELLOWSHIP



Marc J. Philippon, MD
Co-Director and Faculty



Matthew T. Provencher, MD, MBA
Co-Director and Faculty



Thomas R. Hackett, MD
Faculty



Peter J. Millett, MD, MSc
Faculty



Armando F. Vidal, MD
Faculty



Leslie B. Vidal, MD
Faculty



Jonathan A. Godin, MBA, MD
Faculty

FOOT & ANKLE FELLOWSHIP



C. Thomas Haytmanek, Jr, MD
Director and Faculty



Jonathon D. Backus, MD
Faculty

SPINE FELLOWSHIP



Michael Gallizzi, MD
Co-Director and Faculty



Sonny S. Gill, MD
Co-Director and Faculty



Randall W. Viola, MD
Fellowship Mentor



Liz Pyke
Education Fellowship Manager



To learn more about SPRI's education programs and how you can support tomorrow's orthopaedic leaders, please contact **Kristin Morgan, SPRI Vice President of Development,** at kmorgan@sprivail.org.