



TRAINING **FUTURE LEADERS** OF ORTHOPAEDIC SPORTS MEDICINE

Post-residency fellowships focus on surgical excellence, patient care, and innovative research

CLINICAL FELLOWSHIPS

SPRI's Department of Education is currently home to three fellowships for surgeons who have completed their orthopaedic surgery residencies: the Sports Medicine Fellowship, Foot & Ankle Fellowship and Hip Preservation & Reconstruction Fellowship. Next year, SPRI is expanding its clinical fellowship offering, welcoming the first-ever fellow in the Spine Surgery Fellowship.

In February 2023, *Arthroscopy, Sports, Medicine and Rehabilitation* reported that Steadman Philippon Research Institute (SPRI) was the top orthopaedic sports medicine fellowship program in the U.S., as reported by fellowship applicants. For decades, the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME)-accredited Sports Medicine Fellowship at SPRI has exemplified the institute's mission in educating tomorrow's orthopaedic sports medicine leaders.

The 2024–25 SPRI fellowship class includes eight fellows in the Sports Medicine Fellowship, alongside one Foot & Ankle Fellow and one Hip Preservation & Reconstruction Fellow. These ten clinical fellows receive training and mentorship from attending surgeons from The Steadman Clinic and scientists at SPRI. During their year in Vail, fellows are taught innovative orthopaedic techniques and treatments, learn how to care for patients and participate in cutting-edge research in SPRI's labs.

INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIPS

International Research Scholars are welcomed to Vail each year to participate in scientific research in SPRI's labs. These scholars are medical doctors in their home countries, and commit to staying one-to-two years to complete an immersive research program, under the mentorship of SPRI scientists and surgeons from The Steadman Clinic. Scholars are an instrumental part of SPRI's research program, contributing to high-impact publications and often receiving major awards.

SPRI FELLOWSHIP ALUMNI AT THE STEADMAN CLINIC:

Did you know that 9 of
The Steadman Clinic's 26 physicians
are graduates of SPRI's Clinical
Fellowship Programs? That's more
than a third of the team! **Drs.**
Randall Viola, Peter Millett,
C. Thomas Haytmanek, Jr,
Jonathan Godin, Jared Lee,
Joseph Ruzbarsky, Sonny Gill,
Jonathon Backus and
Ali Noorzad are all alumni of
SPRI's clinical fellowships.

Welcome, 2024–2025 Clinical Fellows

TANG-ENDOWED SPORTS MEDICINE FELLOWS

These fellows are generously supported by the Tang Family Education Endowment



TYLER UPSTROM, MD

Undergraduate: Washington University in St. Louis

Medical School: Weill Cornell Medical College

Residency: Hospital for Special Surgery



COLIN MURPHY, MD

Undergraduate: University of Florida

Medical School: Georgetown University School of Medicine

Residency: University of North Dakota School of Medicine & Health Sciences (Sanford Health)

DR. J. RICHARD STEADMAN LEGACY FELLOW

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



JOE FEATHERALL, MD

Undergraduate: Rochester Institute of Technology

Medical School: Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine at Case Western Reserve University

Residency: University of Utah

SPORTS MEDICINE FELLOWS



NEIL PATRICK BLANCHARD, MD

Undergraduate: University of Virginia

Medical School: Marshall University School of Medicine

Residency: University of Virginia



BENJAMIN ROTHRAUFF, MD, PHD

Undergraduate: Northwestern University

Medical School: University of Pittsburgh

Graduate School: University of Pittsburgh

Residency: University of Pittsburgh Medical Center



SAM HUNTLEY, MD, MPH

Undergraduate: University of the Cumberland

Medical School: University of Miami Miller School of Medicine

Graduate School: University of Miami

Residency: University of Miami/Jackson Memorial Hospital



JORDAN TEEL, MD

Undergraduate: Baylor University

Medical School: Texas A&M University

Residency: Baylor University Medical School



JAKE LONG, MD, MBA

Undergraduate: University of Nebraska

Medical School: University of Nebraska Medical Center

Graduate School: University of Nebraska Omaha

Residency: Duke University

Fellows and International Scholars

FOOT & ANKLE FELLOW



CHASE ROMERO, MD

Undergraduate: Rice University
Medical School: University of Texas Long School of Medicine
Residency: University of Texas at Austin

HIP PRESERVATION & RECONSTRUCTION FELLOW



MAZEN IBRAHIM, MD, PHD

Undergraduate: Mansoura University
Medical School: Mansoura University
Graduate School: Mansoura University
Residency: Mansoura University
Fellowships: University of Ottawa, National University of Singapore, Heidelberg University, Bern University Hospital, and others

INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARS



AYHAM JABER, MD

Germany
Medical School: Heidelberg University
Residency: Heidelberg University
Fellowship: Heidelberg University



KEISUKE NAKAYAMA, MD, PHD

Japan
Medical School: University of Occupational and Environmental Health, Japan School of Medicine
Graduate School: University of Occupational and Environmental Health, Japan School of Medicine
Residency: University of Occupational and Environmental Health



SHINTARO MUKOHARA, MD, PHD

Japan
Medical School: Hiroshima University School of Medicine
Graduate Schools: Kobe University and University of the Ryukyus
Residency: Kobe University Hospital

FELLOWSHIP FACULTY AND TEAM

Graduating fellows often share that one of the highlights of their year in Vail is working with world-class attending faculty from The Steadman Clinic—it’s a differentiating aspect of the program, and several of the faculty are alumni of the clinical fellowships themselves.

Sports Medicine Fellowship

- MARC J. PHILIPPON, MD
Co-Director and Faculty
- MATTHEW T. PROVENCHER, MD
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
Co-Director and Faculty
- JONATHON D. BACKUS, MD
Co-Director and Faculty
- Hip Preservation & Reconstruction
- MARC J. PHILIPPON, MD
Co-Director and Faculty
- JOEL M. MATTA, MD
Co-Director and Faculty

Spine Fellowship (launching 2025)

- SONNY S. GILL, MD
Co-Director and Faculty
- MICHAEL GALLIZZI, MD
Co-Director and Faculty
- Education Fellowship Manager
- LIZ PYKE



Oscar Tang and his wife Agnes Hsu-Tang with Dr. Marc Philippon at the 2024 SPRI Hail & Farewell Ceremony, a graduation for the previous year’s fellows and welcome to the new class.

SPRI EDUCATION ENDOWMENTS

In 2018, Oscar Tang and the Tang Family made a generous donation to SPRI’s education programs, launching the first endowment in SPRI’s history. **The Tang Family Education Endowment** ensures that SPRI’s elite education programs will continue to be supported—each year, the endowment supports two named fellows.

In 2023, the **Dr. J. Richard Steadman Education Endowment** was established to honor Dr. Steadman’s legacy and passion for educating sports medicine fellows.

To learn more about the SPRI’s Education Endowments or how you can support a SPRI fellow, contact **SPRI VP of Development Lee Jones** at ljones@sprivail.org.