



TITLE OF FELLOWSHIP	Bay of Plenty Rural / Regional Orthopaedic Fellowship	
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Length of Fellowship	6 months	
Initial start date	July 2026	
Institution(s)	Bay of Plenty Orthopaedic Department - Tauranga and Whakatāne Hospitals	
Sub Specialty (ies)	General Orthopaedics with focus on Arthroplasty, Complex Trauma, Paediatrics. (Tailored to current fellow) Future fellowships will focus on General Orthopaedics, with a goal of providing regional/rural care, with further subspecialty focus tailored to each fellow.	
Education Goals and Characteristics	<p>This fellowship is intended for graduates of NZOA / AOA Orthopaedic SET program to hone their clinical and surgical skills in a rural / regional environment while also developing professional skills required of surgeons in rural areas. This will include developing deeper cultural understanding, leadership and education.</p> <p>The fellow will gain a broad experience working with clinicians across Tauranga and Whakatane Hospitals, as well being involved in subspecialty cases at Grace Hospital. The focus will be on general Orthopaedics, including arthroplasty and trauma, along with further subspecialty focus tailored to the individual fellow and needs of their region.</p> <p>We will support individual growth with the opportunity to independently run operating lists, clinics and call where appropriate.</p> <p>The fellow will have the opportunity to further engage in the community through rural outreach clinics.</p> <p>Development of additional professional skills will be encouraged, eg. Te Reo courses, leadership and education development.</p>	

Requirements for Fellowship Applicants	FRACS
How is the Fellowship being funded?	Health NZ - Te Whatu Ora - Hauora a Toi Bay of Plenty
How to apply (where do applicants send enquiries)	Matthew Street via email, matthew.street@bopdhb.govt.nz
Description of Fellowship	<p>The fellowship will support a graduate of the NZOA/AOA SET programme to hone their clinical and surgical skills in a rural / regional environment while also developing professional skills required of surgeons in rural areas. This will include developing deeper cultural understanding, leadership and education.</p> <p>Fellowships will be tailored to each individual, focusing on general Orthopaedics and also including appropriate subspecialty mix for their intended region.</p> <p>It is intended that fellows will split time between Tauranga and Whakatāne Hospitals, and also attend theatre sessions at Grace Hospital to increase breadth of exposure.</p> <p>There will be an approximately 50/50 split between operating and outpatient sessions, aiming to foster technical surgical skills along with appropriate broader clinical management. The fellow will have the opportunity to engage in the community with rural outreach clinics.</p> <p>Transition to independent practice will be supported with the opportunity to run elective and trauma lists, outpatient clinics and occasionally call.</p> <p>Non clinical time will be used for additional professional development, eg. Te Reo courses, leadership and education.</p> <p>Overall Objective:</p> <p>To further develop clinical, professional and technical expertise in rural / regional surgery through close involvement with acute and planned care patient management through the Bay of Plenty Orthopaedic Department and across the Tauranga and Whakatāne Hospitals.</p> <p>Duration of Fellowship:</p> <p>The planned duration of fellowship is six months.</p> <p>Training Facility:</p> <p>The training will take place at Tauranga and Whakatāne Hospitals with primary oversight by Mr Matthew Street with additional oversight by other members of the department. Additional learning opportunities from third parties related to professional skills development will be actively encouraged.</p>

	<p>Specific Objectives: By the end of the fellowship it is expected that the following areas will be achieved:</p> <p><i>Clinical expertise</i> The fellow will be transitioning towards independent practice in a rural/general Orthopaedic environment. It is expected that the fellow will be able to run general orthopaedic outpatient clinics, operating lists and call, seeking support from colleagues/subspecialties where appropriate. The fellow will be encouraged to develop professional skills and cultural competency to appropriately engage with the wider rural community.</p> <p><i>Surgical expertise</i> The fellow will further develop and hone surgical skills for provision of general Orthopaedics including trauma and arthroplasty to the rural/regional community. Further subspecialty experience will be tailored to each fellow.</p> <p><i>Professional expertise</i> The fellow will be encouraged to develop professional skills to support independent rural/regional practice. They will be encouraged to spend non clinical time developing skills in cultural competence, leadership and education.</p>
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