



Chadwick F. Smith, MD, Incorporated Fellowship at the University of Southern California

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The Chadwick F. Smith, MD Incorporated Fellowship in Knee Surgery and Orthopaedic Sports Medicine is affiliated with several teaching hospitals on the west coast of California. The fellow will be required to complete a cadaveric simulated reconstruction of anterior cruciate ligament deficiency. The fellow will also be required to work with chondral defects; patellar mal-tracking; shoulder instability; SLAP lesions of the shoulder; subacromial decompression of the shoulder; and standard operations of the elbow, hip and ankle, including ankle fusion.



When surgeries do not conflict, the didactic lectures at the University of Southern California, the Orthopaedic Hospital and Cedars-Sinai Medical Center are required for each fellow.

If an individual wants to emphasize shoulder surgery in his arthroscopic future, "trading" with adjacent orthopaedic surgeons will allow the fellow to be heavily loaded with problems of the shoulder. If the individual is interested in research, for instance, new research on shrinkage of capsules in infants might be of interest.

The course lasts one year, with a requirement that two papers be published in peer review journals within two years of completion of the fellowship. On completion of the fellowship, the fellow becomes a member of the CFS International Fellowship Society, with all the rights and privileges of that group.

The center is organized with Chadwick F. Smith, MD as the Director and C. Thomas Vangsness, MD as the Assistant Director. The Chairman of the Department of The University of Southern California School of Medicine is Michael Patzakis, MD. The center is organized to ensure the basic skills of the arthroscopist are present when the fellow begins his training. If the skills are not present, he will be taught in a "one on one" setting through hands-on cadaveric work, direct observation and interaction with a surgeon. Ultimately, the examination in fresh cadaveric specimens will be the most valuable to the beginning arthroscopists.

The goal of the international fellowship is for the fellow to be an accomplished expert arthroscopic surgeon; a world leader, teacher and individual who can return to his home country and teach others the diagnosis and technical skills of advanced and newly-developing operative procedures.