

Thirty-one-Item Questionnaire Distributed to All Sixty-nine Graduates of the Brown Orthopaedics Trauma Fellowship

1. What year did you finish the Brown trauma fellowship program (1995 to 2000, 2001 to 2005, or 2006 to 2011)?
2. Following your PGY6 year, did you complete an additional subspecialty fellowship or serve a military obligation? Select all that apply: arthroplasty, foot and ankle, hand, pediatrics, research, shoulder and elbow, spine, sports, trauma, tumor, military obligation, other, or none.
3. What percent of your practice is currently dedicated to (answers add up to 100%): arthroplasty, foot and ankle, hand, pediatrics, research, shoulder and elbow, spine, sports, trauma, or tumor?
4. What percent of your practice was trauma-related in your first three years in practice (or currently, if you have been in practice less than three years): 0% to 20%, 21% to 40%, 41% to 60%, 61% to 80%, or 80% to 100%?
5. Do you currently take orthopaedic trauma call associated with an emergency department at a hospital in which you have privileges? (Yes or no.)
6. If you no longer take Emergency Room call, how long after your trauma fellowship completion did you stop? Why?
7. Following your trauma fellowship, have you at any time held an academic appointment? (Yes or no.)
8. If you have held an academic appointment, what was the level? For how long did you hold it? What is your current appointment?
9. Have you held any of the following leadership positions within your department? Choose all that apply: chairman, division chief, trauma division chief, fellowship program director, residency program director, assistant residency program director, medical student orthopaedic rotation director, or other.
10. How would you define your practice setting? Select all that apply: private practice solo, private practice group, academic practice (salary from private practice), academic practice (salary from academic institution), military practice, public institution (salary from government entity), hospitalist (salary from hospital), locum tenens, or other.
11. If you are in a surgical practice, do you have resident coverage all the time, sometimes, or never?
12. If you are currently affiliated with an orthopaedic residency program, has your program added extended training beyond the traditional five-year model? (Yes for the required PGY6 year, yes for the optional PGY6 year, no, or not applicable.)
13. If your program has not extended training beyond five years, has your program considered extending training beyond the traditional five-year model? (Yes for the required PGY6 year, yes for the optional PGY6 year, no, or not applicable.)

****For the following questions, please read the statement and choose your answer based on the 5-point Likert scale: strongly agree, agree, neither agree nor disagree, disagree, or strongly disagree.****

14. Of the PGY1-6 years, I would rate the PGY6 year as the most valuable year. (Strongly agree, agree, neither agree nor disagree, disagree, or strongly disagree.) Why?
15. Of the PGY1-6 years, I believe that the PGY6 year was the most important year in helping me to reach my career goals (compared with the PGY1-5 years in training). (Strongly agree, agree, neither agree nor disagree, disagree, or strongly disagree.)
16. I would choose to complete the PGY6 year if I had to do it over again. (Strongly agree, agree, neither agree nor disagree, disagree, or strongly disagree.)
17. I would recommend an orthopaedic training program incorporating a PGY6 trauma fellowship year to others who are now beginning their training. (Strongly agree, agree, neither agree nor disagree, disagree, or strongly disagree.) Why?
18. I believe I could have done without the PGY6 year and have still reached the same end point in training. (Strongly agree, agree, neither agree nor disagree, disagree, or strongly disagree.)
19. I believe that the PGY6 trauma fellowship year will compensate for experience lost because of resident duty-hour restrictions. (Strongly agree, agree, neither agree nor disagree, disagree, or strongly disagree.)
20. I believe that every orthopaedic training program should require such a PGY6 year. (Strongly agree, agree, neither agree nor disagree, disagree, or strongly disagree.)
21. The PGY6 trauma fellowship year at Brown offers the following advantages in training over my peers from other orthopaedic training programs:
 - a. Improving patient communication and professionalism skills: strongly agree, agree, neither agree nor disagree, disagree, or strongly disagree.
 - b. Learning to utilize consulting services effectively: strongly agree, agree, neither agree nor disagree, disagree, or strongly disagree.
 - c. Improving preoperative decision-making and planning: strongly agree, agree, neither agree nor disagree, disagree, or strongly disagree.
 - d. Improving operative decision-making: strongly agree, agree, neither agree nor disagree, disagree, or strongly disagree.

- e. Improving operative surgical skills: strongly agree, agree, neither agree nor disagree, disagree, or strongly disagree.
 - f. Improving confidence with being independent surgically: strongly agree, agree, neither agree nor disagree, disagree, or strongly disagree.
 - g. Improving competence and comfort with complex surgical cases: strongly agree, agree, neither agree nor disagree, disagree, or strongly disagree.
 - h. Improving postoperative inpatient decision-making: strongly agree, agree, neither agree nor disagree, disagree, or strongly disagree.
 - i. Improving postoperative outpatient decision-making: strongly agree, agree, neither agree nor disagree, disagree, or strongly disagree.
 - j. Improving surgical complication management: strongly agree, agree, neither agree nor disagree, disagree, or strongly disagree.
 - k. Enhancing ethical judgment: strongly agree, agree, neither agree nor disagree, disagree, or strongly disagree.
 - l. Improved understanding of documentation and coding: strongly agree, agree, neither agree nor disagree, disagree, or strongly disagree.
22. With regard to the amount of supervision by senior staff during the PGY6 year, I would have desired more supervision, no change in the amount of supervision, or less supervision.
23. With regard to the amount of teaching by senior staff during the PGY6 year, I would have desired more teaching, no change in the amount of teaching, or less teaching.
24. I believe that the research time during the PGY6 year was valuable. (Strongly agree, agree, neither agree nor disagree, disagree, or strongly disagree.)
25. My perception of the value of the PGY6 year has improved over time since my graduation. (Strongly agree, agree, neither agree nor disagree, disagree, or strongly disagree.)
26. I believe that the PGY6 Brown trauma fellowship year would allow one to enter a practice in orthopaedic traumatology at a level-I trauma center without completing an additional fellowship. (Strongly agree, agree, neither agree nor disagree, disagree, or strongly disagree.) Why?
27. I believe that the PGY6 trauma fellowship was beneficial in helping me obtain a subspecialty fellowship compared with my peers in a standard five-year program. (Strongly agree, agree, neither agree nor disagree, disagree, strongly disagree, or not applicable.) Why?
28. I believe that the PGY6 trauma fellowship year allowed me to maximize my learning in my subsequent fellowship compared to peers who did not have a PGY6 year. (Strongly agree, agree, neither agree nor disagree, disagree, strongly disagree, or not applicable.) Why?
29. I believe that the PGY6 trauma fellowship was beneficial in helping me obtain a job compared with my peers in a standard five-year program. (Strongly agree, agree, neither agree nor disagree, disagree, strongly disagree, or not applicable.) Why?
30. The PGY6 year was financially burdensome. (Strongly agree, agree, neither agree nor disagree, disagree, or strongly disagree.)
31. Do you have any recommendations about how to improve the Brown PGY6 year?