Burn Fellowship

AT THE NATION’S LARGEST BURN CENTER
“The fellowship is a well-rounded, high-volume education with some of the best trained and most experienced surgeons in the field. After the first few days, I began keeping track of my cases and can confidently say I have seen about 400 surgeries in the first 6 weeks. I have seen patients with burns 90%+ TBSA and dealt with some of the worst wounds I have ever encountered. The surgeons all work together very well and assist each other with large or difficult cases. The staff at the burn center are all very knowledgeable and care deeply about their patients.

Any surgeon who is looking to provide comprehensive burn and wound care would benefit greatly from an extra year spent during this fellowship. I cannot be more grateful, especially to Dr. Mullins, for seeing something in me and giving me the chance to pursue a newly-found passion.”

- Kade Hardy, D.O., 2020 Burn Fellow
Burn and Reconstructive Centers of America’s Burn Fellowship* program is designed to provide comprehensive, diverse and extensive training at the nation’s largest burn center.

During the 12-month BRCA fellowship, participants will be exposed to a multi-disciplinary approach to burn care for adult and pediatric patients. Fellows will shadow a range of burn and reconstructive surgeons and other medical professionals at the nation’s largest burn center – the Joseph M. Still Burn Center at Doctors Hospital in Augusta, GA, which is verified by the American Burn Association. BRCA surgeons treat patients for a wide range of injuries, including chemical, electrical and thermal burns, skin and soft tissue disorders and complex wounds.

In an environment fueled by the highest standards of burn care, BRCA Burn Fellows gain first-hand experience ranging from acute care of initial injuries to critical care management of patients to performance of long-term reconstructive procedures. Fellows will also participate in the care of patients with extremity injuries, degenerative skin disorders and other illnesses.

BRCA Burn Fellows access the most experienced burn team in America. Our Physician Mentor Team collaborates with our experienced mid-level practitioners to provide a fast-paced, world-class learning environment. Our medical team has treated thousands of patients over the years and bring that experience to each new case.

**Physician Mentors Include:**

+ **Shawn Fagan, M.D., FACS** | *Burn & Reconstructive Surgeon*
  *Chief Medical Officer, Burn and Reconstructive Centers of America*
+ **Zaheed Hassan, M.D.** | *Burn & Reconstructive Surgeon*
  *President, JMS Burn Centers, Inc.*
+ **Bounthavy Homsombath, M.D.** | *Burn & Reconstructive Surgeon*
  *Medical Director, Joseph M. Still Burn Center at Doctors Hospital*

*This Fellowship is not approved by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME).*
It’s all about experience

WHY WORK WITH BRCA? IN THIS CASE, BIGGER IS BETTER. BRCA OFFERS THE LATEST TECHNOLOGIES AND TREATMENT TECHNIQUES, ALONG WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO TREAT MORE PATIENTS THAN ANY OTHER PROGRAM IN THE COUNTRY. BRCA IS COMMITTED TO PROVIDING YOU WITH A FULL RANGE OF PROFESSIONAL ADVANTAGES AND COMPREHENSIVE BENEFITS THAT RECOGNIZE AND REWARD YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CARE OF OUR PATIENTS.

+ CLINICAL EXPERIENCE
  - Unparalleled access to a network of experienced burn, hand, wound and reconstruction specialists
  - Continuum of care that includes acute, surgical, critical care, reconstructive, rehabilitative and psychological management of adult and pediatric patients
  - Exposure to diverse topical and surgical treatment interventions
  - Opportunities to participate in clinical research programs

+ THE AUGUSTA EXPERIENCE
  - One of the fastest growing communities in Georgia
  - Augusta named America’s “Most Neighborly” city by Neighbor.com
  - Evans, GA—a suburb of Augusta—named best place to live in America by *Money Magazine*
  - Strong local healthcare community
  - Affordable housing market with median home price of $140,000—half of the national median price (Realtor.com)
  - Nationally-recognized primary, secondary and higher education schools, including the Medical College of Georgia at Augusta University
  - Diverse entertainment, culinary and social options
THE NATION'S LARGEST BURN CENTER IS GROWING TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO BURN CARE, ADD MORE PATIENT AND OPERATING ROOMS, AND EXPAND LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES.

+ $75 million expansion—the largest in the hospital’s history includes burn tower and associated parking garage
+ Opening in early 2021
+ 8 dedicated burn operating rooms
+ 99 patient beds
+ Dedicated PACU for burn patients
+ Expanded clinical and surgical areas
LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

During the 12-month BRCA Fellowship, participants will be exposed to the multi-disciplinary approach to burn care for adult and pediatric patients. Fellows will gain experience in:

**Acute care of burns**
- Advanced burn wound closure techniques
- Use of skin substitutes

**Care of degenerative skin disorders**
- Staphylococcal scalded skin syndrome
- Stevens-Johnson syndrome (SJS)/Toxic epidermal necrolysis (TEN)

**Burn reconstruction**
- Advanced techniques
  - Surgical flaps
- Laser scar therapy
  - CO₂ and pulse dye lasers

**Burn critical care management**
- Burn resuscitation
- Inhalation injuries
- Renal replacement therapy

**Clinical research**

**Hyperbaric oxygen treatments**

**Management of soft tissue disorders and infections**
- Calciphylaxis
- Necrotizing fasciitis
- Purpura fulminans

**Wound management**
- Complex wounds
- Diabetic wounds

MENTORSHIP

BRCA provides burn patients treatment in a complex care environment that requires collaboration among a diverse group of medical professionals, knowledge and application of innovative technologies, emotional support for patients and their families and prevention and education. During BRCA Burn Fellowship, participating surgeons will work hand-in-hand with the BRCA’s Physician Mentor Team in all aspects of patient care. This incorporates initial assessment and treatment, operating room intervention, critical care management, long-term reconstruction and scar therapy. This experience is enhanced by a diverse collection of practice environments including emergency receiving rooms, an outpatient clinic, burn operating rooms and dedicated burn ICU. In addition, Fellows will be exposed to reconstruction techniques, billing practices and other intricacies associated with practicing in a burn center.
Burn and Reconstructive Centers of America offers compensation competitive with first-year surgical faculty, benefits and professional coverage packages.

INTERESTED APPLICANTS SHOULD FORWARD CV AND REFERENCES TO:

Shawn Fagan, M.D., FACS
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To apply for a fellowship, candidates must be board certified or board eligible in general or plastic surgery and express an interest in burn care, trauma care and/or plastic surgery. CANDIDATES MUST:

+ Provide a current CV.
+ Provide two letters of support/referral.
+ Currently hold or be eligible to hold a Georgia medical license.
+ Have completed USMLE steps one, two and three.
+ In addition, foreign medical student graduates must have ECFMG certification and meet post-graduation training requirements in an ACGME-approved program as required by Georgia Composite Medical Board (requirements vary based on medical school).
Learn from the best.

Burn and Reconstructive Centers of America is the largest network of burn care in the United States with 16 locations in 9 states, including Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Mississippi, Nevada, South Carolina, Texas and Virginia. Each year, our centers treat more than 20 percent of the nation’s burn patients. Our network offers unsurpassed care that extends beyond the walls of our burn centers, beginning with an initial injury through long-term rehabilitation—ensuring no patient is turned away. From our first burn patient in 1978 to the thousands we treat today, our mission has remained the same:


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