



The Steadman Clinic's Dr. Thomas Hackett works with Sports Medicine Fellows in the SPRI Surgical Skills Lab

## EDUCATION DEFINES SPRI PROGRAMMING

### Newest Fellows Begin Training at SPRI

Each July, Steadman Philippon Research Institute (SPRI) bids farewell to one class of clinical fellows and welcomes the next cohort. The fellowship program includes eight fellows in the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME)-accredited Sports Medicine Fellowship, alongside a Foot & Ankle Fellow and Hip Preservation & Reconstruction Fellow.

While here in Vail, clinical fellows receive their training from attending surgeons from The Steadman Clinic and scientists from SPRI. SPRI is proud to welcome some of the finest young orthopaedic surgeons from all over the United States into these programs, where they learn the latest innovative orthopaedic techniques and treatments. The fellowship program focuses not only on learning surgical techniques, but also how to provide unparalleled patient care and ground their practices in research.

### International Scholars Focus on Research

SPRI hosts international research scholars from all over the world to perform research alongside SPRI's scientists and physicians from The Steadman Clinic. All of SPRI's international scholars are MDs in their home countries, and many are pursuing a PhD. This year, two of SPRI's scholars are MD, PhDs. The goal of the International Scholars Program is to teach international clinicians about the importance of evidence-based medicine and incorporating research into practice. When they return to their home countries, scholars will use the tools they learned in Vail. This year, SPRI is hosting scholars from Germany, Thailand and Japan.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT SPRI'S INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH SCHOLAR PROGRAM, SEE PAGE 3.**

# WELCOME 2022-2023 CLINICAL FELLOWS

## Tang Family-Endowed Sports Medicine Fellows

These fellows are generously funded by the Tang Family Education Endowment.



### JOHN (YIANNI) APOSTOLAKOS, MD, MPH

**Undergraduate:** University of Connecticut

**Graduate:** University of Connecticut

**Medical School:** University of Connecticut

**Residency:** Hospital for Special Surgery



### CLAIRE RYAN, MD

**Undergraduate:** Northwestern University

**Medical School:** Weill Cornell Medical College

**Residency:** University of Texas at Austin

## Sports Medicine Fellows



### RICHARD AMENDOLA, MD

**Undergraduate:** University of Iowa

**Graduate:** University of Iowa

**Medical School:** University of Iowa Medical School

**Residency:** SUNY Upstate Medical University



### MATTHEW DEASEY, MD

**Undergraduate:** University of Virginia

**Medical School:** Temple University

**Residency:** University of Virginia



### MATTHEW ANDERSON, MD

**Undergraduate:** Duke University

**Medical School:** Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai

**Residency:** Columbia University



### JONATHAN HASKEL, MD

**Undergraduate:** Duke University

**Medical School:** Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School

**Residency:** NYU Langone Orthopedic Hospital



### PETER CHANG, MD

**Undergraduate:** Arizona State University

**Medical School:** University of South Dakota School of Medicine

**Residency:** Washington University in St. Louis



### ALI NOORZAD, MD

**Undergraduate:** George Mason University

**Medical School:** Northeast Ohio Medical University

**Residency:** Cedars-Sinai Medical Center

## Foot & Ankle Fellow



### GARRET GAROFOLO, MD

**Undergraduate:** University of Michigan

**Medical School:** AUC School of Medicine

**Residency:** Maimonides Medical Center, Brooklyn New York

**Fellowship:** Southern California Orthopedic Institute

## Hip Preservation & Reconstruction Fellow



### BENJAMIN KUHNS, MS, MD

**Undergraduate:** Colgate University

**Graduate:** Northwestern University

**Medical School:** Case Western Reserve University

**Residency:** University of Rochester Medical Center

# WELCOME 2022-2023 INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARS



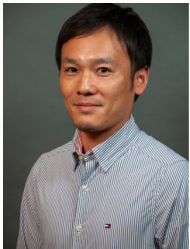
## PHOB GANOKROJ, MD

**Medical School:** Chulalongkorn University  
**Residency:** The Medical Councils of Thailand  
**Fellowship:** Police General Hospital, Thai Orthopaedics Society for Sports Medicine, Ewha Womans University Medical Center  
*Thailand*



## MARCO-CHRISTOPHER RUPP, MD

**Medical School:** Technical University of Munich  
**Residency:** Department of Orthopaedic Sports Medicine, University Hospital Rechts-der-Isar, TU Munich  
**Visiting Fellowship:** Midwest Orthopaedics at Rush  
*Germany*



## HARUKI NISHIMURA, MD, PHD

**Undergraduate:** University of Occupational and Environmental Health  
**Medical School:** University of Occupational and Environmental Health, Japan School of Medicine  
**Residency:** University of Occupational and Environmental Health, Fukuoka Shin-Mizumaki Hospital  
*Japan*



## KOHEI YAMAURA, MD, PHD

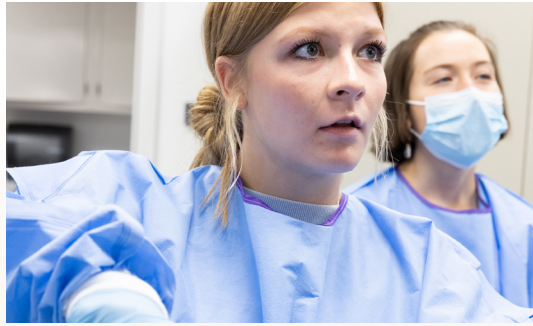
**Undergraduate:** Kobe University School of Medicine  
**Medical School:** Kobe University School of Medicine  
**Residency:** Rokko Island Konan Hospital, Kobe University Hospital, Himeji St. Mary's Hospital, Steel Memorial Hirohata Hospital, Hyogo Prefectural Central Rehabilitation Hospital  
*Japan*

## SCHOLARS MAKE LASTING IMPACT AT SPRI

SPRI's international scholars are not only in Vail to learn, but they are also here to contribute to SPRI's research. Many international scholars partner closely with physicians from The Steadman Clinic, helping to advance their research projects, publish papers and accelerate clinical translation. These scholars are integral members of the SPRI research team, and their status as clinicians provides a unique lens in the research they conduct at SPRI.

To continue hosting these valued clinician-researchers, SPRI is seeking philanthropic support. For more information on how you can contribute to this vital educational program, please contact Lee Jones ([ljones@sprivail.org](mailto:ljones@sprivail.org)) for more information.

# YOUTH EDUCATION PROGRAMS CONNECT SPRI WITH COMMUNITY



In addition to SPRI's clinical fellowships and international research scholars program, SPRI is proud to welcome young Colorado students into its labs through the Education and Public Outreach Committee (EPOC) programming. These programs include fifth grade lab tours for local students to experience science firsthand; middle school visits and science fair judging; and two distinctive programs for high school students: the year-long high school science club with SPRI mentorship and the Summer Scholars program, a week-long immersive STEM course on SPRI's campus.

Since its founding in 2011, SPRI has worked with over 4,000 local students through EPOC. SPRI's scientists and researchers generously volunteer their time to work with local students, and make a tremendous impact in these students' lives—many EPOC alumni go on to pursue concentrations and careers in STEM, citing their time at SPRI as a starting point for their passion in science and medicine.

## Education is Central to SPRI's Mission

With elite clinical fellowships, international scholarships and youth education programs, SPRI is committed to providing unparalleled education experiences. For more information about SPRI's educational offerings and how you can support these valuable programs, please contact SPRI's VP of Development Lee Jones ([ljones@sprivail.org](mailto:ljones@sprivail.org)).

