Duke Orthopaedics is the busiest orthopaedic practice in the Raleigh/Durham region seeing over 140,000 outpatients a year. Duke University Hospital ranked highest in orthopaedics in the southeast by U.S. News and World Report. In the last year our faculty published over 150 papers and ranked 6th in the nation in NIH funding. The department has 80 faculty members, 55 of whom are practicing clinicians, in addition to 40 residents and 12 fellows.

There are three core pediatric orthopaedic attendings: Robert Fitch, Robert Lark, and Benjamin Alman. Together they perform roughly 1,000 procedures each year and cover all aspects of pediatric orthopaedics including: spine, hip, sports, trauma, complex deformity, and tumor. Our pediatric service line also includes Fraser Leversedge who specializes in pediatric upper extremity, Jonathan Riboh who specializes in pediatric sports, and Steve Olson who specializes in hip preservation. Our core faculty published over 250 articles or book chapters, have been invited to lecture around the world, and have received numerous awards for their work.

**Robert (Rob) Lark** attended medical school at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill prior to completing his orthopaedic residency at Duke University. He then went on to complete his pediatric orthopaedic fellowship at Rady Children’s Hospital in San Diego, California before returning to Duke to join the faculty in 2010. Dr. Lark has clinical and research interests in early onset spine deformity, pediatric trauma, and growth. Rob is an active member of POSNA and the SRS, serving on committees for both organizations. **Working with Dr. Lark you will be exposed to virtually all aspects of pediatric orthopaedics including trauma, growing spine techniques, and advanced hip reconstruction.**

**Robert Fitch** completed medical school and residency training at Duke University. Following fellowship at the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital, he joined the Orthopaedic faculty at Duke in 1983. In addition to his has broad experience in general orthopaedics and trauma, he attends a multidisciplinary cerebral palsy clinic and is medical director of the myelodysplasia clinic. He has specific expertise and interest in limb deformity management and has a busy spinal deformity practice. **While working with Dr. Fitch, the clinical exposure will be broad and deep; there will be an emphasis on honing surgical skills and refining physical diagnosis capabilities.**

**Benjamin (Ben) Alman** went to medical school at Jefferson Medical College before completing his residency in orthopaedics at Tufts University School of Medicine, and a pediatric orthopaedic fellowship at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto. Prior to his arrival at Duke, Ben was the head of Orthopaedics at the Hospital for Sick Children. He now serves as the Urbaniak Professor and Chair of Orthopaedic Surgery at Duke. Ben has a general pediatric orthopaedic practice, but with a focus on children with orthopaedic syndromes, tumors and tumor like conditions, and neuromuscular problems. He received the Tator Mentoring Award from the University of Toronto, the Association for Surgical Education Excellence in Innovation Award, the Huene award for outstanding contributions to pediatric orthopedics, and the outstanding clinical paper awarded at a recent POSNA meeting. **While training with Ben you will learn a practical approach to syndromes we see in orthopaedics, how to treat patients with deformity due tumors or tumor like conditions, an efficient approach to common pediatric orthopaedic conditions, and to question dogma.**
The Fellowship

Fellows work primarily at Duke University Hospital in Durham. They rotate with the entire faculty in both the clinics and the operating room. On a typical week they will be in the clinic two days a week and in the operating room the remaining three days. Time and resources are provided to support the fellow’s work on research as well as to attend regional and national educational events. The fellow will receive graded independent experience including the ability to supervise resident trainees. There is a more than adequate case load for the fellow to receive training to be proficient in all aspects of pediatric orthopaedics including spine, hip, sports, and complex deformity. A state of the art skills lab and soft tissue lab are available for the fellow’s educational needs.

Living in Durham

The secret is out: Durham is a great place to live. No matter how you slice it, the quality of life, available opportunities, and prospects for growth are better here than just about anywhere in America. It’s easy to see why — natural beauty, low cost of living, big city amenities, accessibility to the coast and mountains, and great weather for most of the year. But don’t just take our word for it; here are a few of the recent accolades heaped on the Bull City:

#1 America’s Most Tolerant City (The Daily Beast)
#1 Greatest Basketball Town to Visit (CNN)
#1 Fastest Growing Metropolitan Area (US Census Bureau)
#1 America’s Foodiest Small Town (Bon Appetit)
#2 Best Green Cities- Lifestyle and Quality of Life (Country Home)
#2 America’s Brainiest Cities (The Daily Beast)
#3 Best Place for Business and Careers (Forbes)
#4 Best Mid-sized Area for Jobs (Forbes)
#4 “Most Educated Cities” (U.S. News and World Report)
#5 “Top 100 Places to Live” (Relocate-America)
#6 Best Places for Young Adults (The Business Journals)

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