



Announcing: AAHKS Health Policy Fellow 2011-2012



Atul Kamath, MD

AAHKS Leadership believes in the importance of engaging young and future members, in order to assure they remain involved throughout their careers. Accordingly, the Health Policy Fellowship (HPF) program was created to provide an opportunity for future AAHKS members to get involved in the policy-making process, and to help them become effective advocates.

The goal of this program is to provide the Fellow the requisite exposure, training and skills to prepare for the advocacy of health policy efforts of AAHKS.

The AAHKS HPF is a two-year program that will provide exposure to the various legislative and regulatory bodies that impact our member's ability to render healthcare services to their patients.

Fellows are expected to:

- Attend the AAOS Research Capitol Hill Days, National Orthopaedic Leadership Conference, and various Council/Committee meetings of the AAOS, AMA, BOS and AAHKS.
- Participate in the AAHKS Health Policy Committee conference calls and attend other forums as deemed significant to the Mission of AAHKS, such as the Orthopaedic Device Forum.
- Develop a topic for a presentation or publishable paper at the beginning of the Fellowship and continue to work on the project throughout the Fellowship.
- Remain in close communication with the designated mentor or chair of the Fellowship program.

Dr. Atul Kamath has been selected for the position of AAHKS Health Policy Fellowship for 2011-2012. Dr. Kamath is an excellent candidate who is currently completing his Orthopedic Residency at the University of Pennsylvania. He has a strong background in the business aspects of orthopaedic surgery and now is looking to increase his exposure in the arena of Health Policy.

Dr. Atul Kamath was born and raised in New York City, NY. He was a National Merit Scholar and graduated *summa cum laude* in his field at Harvard University (A.B. History; Phi Beta Kappa). He then earned his M.D. from Harvard Medical School. He was awarded a number of research fellowships, including the William J. von Liebig Fellowship and Joseph Shaeffer Fellowship at Harvard Medical School. His medical peers chose him to be the Class Day speaker at their graduation ceremony.

This year Dr. Kamath will be a PGY5 resident and Clinical Instructor in the Department of Orthopedic Surgery at the University of Pennsylvania. During his residency training, he has been named an AAOS-OREF-ORS Clinician-Scientist, and he was named an AAOS Young Investigator for work on gender and ethnic disparities in total joint replacement. Dr. Kamath is active in a number of clinical research projects, and he has presented his work on the local and national stage. He is presently a resident member of AAHKS and serves as a Resident Liaison to the AAOS. He will pursue a fellowship in Adult Reconstruction at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota.

His diverse hobbies include squash, music, and playing and coaching soccer. He is excited for the opportunity to learn more about health care policy through this fellowship and to expand the voice of AAHKS. Please join us in welcoming and supporting Dr. Kamath in his new role.