

# JAAOS DEPUTY EDITOR FEATURE

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JAAOS has great Deputy Editors who manage the peer review article process for the Journal. Through their **knowledge and expertise**, they offer their time to help publish evidence-based literature that positively impacts the orthopaedic field. Each quarter, we will celebrate these efforts with a **featured volunteer** in the JAAOS Deputy Editor Feature.

## Tell us a little bit about your background as an orthopaedic surgeon.

I am in an academic sports medicine practice at the Ohio State University where I focus on knee surgery. My primary areas of interest are in treatment of patellofemoral conditions as well as anterior cruciate ligament injuries. I also have a strong research interest, particularly in outcomes following these knee procedures. In addition to my orthopaedic training, I completed a master's degree in public health and apply this training to my outcomes research.

## How long have you been a JAAOS Deputy Editor?

I began my tenure as a JAAOS Deputy Editor in 2016.

## How did you first find out about this opportunity?

With the launch of JAAOS Research, I was offered the opportunity to serve and the Deputy Editor for sports medicine research. I honestly do not recall how I found out about the opportunity, but was pleased to join the team.

## What has been the most rewarding or surprising thing about your work as a JAAOS Deputy Editor?

The most surprising thing about this position is the insight that it has given me into the process by which articles are reviewed and accepted at journals. This information has informed the way I respond to reviews of my own papers. Furthermore, reading the comments of our excellent peer reviewers has made me a better reviewer and writer myself.

## For someone who wants to become a JAAOS Deputy Editor, what's the most important skill to develop?

I think being a good Deputy Editor requires a broad understanding of the orthopaedic literature to understand which papers are potentially most relevant to the readership of the Journal. Editors must also be able to take into account both the thoughts of reviewers and their own critiques while assessing a paper. It is especially useful to be able to give constructive feedback to others in order to clarify findings and limitations of papers in order to effectively and appropriately disseminate new findings.

## What inspired your decision to choose your orthopaedic specialization?

I was looking for a field of orthopaedics where I could directly impact the lives of patients at all stages of life and get them back to their desired level of activity — be that getting an athlete back on the field, helping a parent get back to caring for and playing with their children, or helping an older adult get back to their morning walk without pain. Sports medicine afforded me this opportunity while allowing me to pursue my research interests related to ligament reconstruction and outcomes.

## Outside of medicine, what hobbies or activities do you enjoy in your free time?

Outside of medicine, I enjoy spending time with my family. We enjoy both snow and water skiing, travel, and supporting our local sports teams here in Columbus and especially at Ohio State.

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