

#Getting To Know DOS—Dr. Andrew Wright



SS: What was the last book you read?

AW: Last night I just finished [Armada](#) by Ernest Cline. It's a near-future, science fiction book that's filled with pop culture references from the 1980s and '90s.

SS: What is the next book you're planning to read?

AW: Aspirationally, I've been wanting to re-read Dickens, and I actually have [A Tale of Two Cities](#) on my bedside table. Realistically, my next book will probably be [Sevенеves](#) by a local author named Neal Stephenson. It's another science fiction book. My love for technology extends into what I read outside of work.

SS: Is there a TV series you enjoy watching?

AW: My daughters and I love watching "The Amazing Race." I would love to be on that show. I have twin daughters and they argue about which one of them would get to go with me. Another more embarrassing TV show that I have an inordinate fondness for is "Dancing With the Stars." I'd love to go on that show, too. When my wife and I were young and cool we used to do a lot of swing and rockabilly dancing. We even had a rockabilly band at our wedding.



Dr. Andrew Wright and his daughters Harriet (left) and Ada (right).

SS: What is the one phone app you can't live without?

AW: Twitter. I've found it to be the one of the best tools for professional development that I've ever encountered. I use it daily to keep up with literature and engage with other surgeons around the world. Recently, I helped start an online journal club on

Twitter called "The International General Surgery Journal Club." We routinely have a couple hundred comments and we usually have one of the authors of the paper participate. And of course I use it to follow the Seattle Sounders. I'm a Sounders fanatic. [SS note: Follow Dr. Wright at [@andrewswright](#) or join the journal club at [@igsjc](#).]

SS: If you could be any fictional character, who would it be?

AW: I'd be a Jedi Knight. I'm a huge Star Wars fan.

SS: What is your favorite Seattle restaurant?

AW: There are so many! I love [Rain City Burgers](#) – they make good milkshakes – and another favorite is [Westward](#). Tonight I will be trying a new restaurant, [Salare](#), which I'm really excited about.

SS: What is one of your guilty pleasures?

AW: Video games. I have an Xbox One – I'm a Seattleite here to represent Microsoft! My favorite all-time video game is [Mass Effect](#).

SS: Do you have a favorite memory or personal accomplishment from the last year?

AW: Taking my daughters to Tintagel which is the legendary birthplace of King Arthur. It's a fantastic spot on the cliffs of Cornwall overlooking the water – it's unbelievable. My daughters really loved it.

SS: Do you have a personal goal for this year?

AW: I have two: my perpetual, personal goal is to be able to do a handstand in yoga. I can do a headstand, but haven't yet mastered the balance needed for a handstand. My other goal is to teach my daughters to drive.

SS: Finally, what would you do if you weren't a surgeon?

AW: I'd be an architect or a woodworker. I do all of my own home improvement and I love building furniture – bookcases, desks, tables. I've replaced all the plumbing in my house, all of the electrical, and remodeled the bathrooms. The only thing I don't do myself is drywall.