

UT Southwestern / Children's Medical Center – Dallas

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Pediatric PL-2 House Staff

This booklet is intended to help integrate our pediatric interns into the busy and bustling interdisciplinary teams that keep our hospital running.

The entries here may offer you starting points for worthwhile conversations and interactions. In addition to basic geographic and training background facts, some facets of what our interview process noticed and appreciated in individual intern applicants are listed. For each intern, these lists include some – but not all – of their past endeavors and passions. They mention early – but not exclusive or restrictive – areas of interest.

The thoughtful and personalized cultivation of new colleagues and their diverse talents is essential to our long-term mission as an academic medical center and to our immediate levels of function.

The attending who pulled me aside years ago in a hallway to “welcome another Cubs fan to propounding” started a profoundly meaningful relationship with a grin and a wink. Given my lack of interest in baseball (and especially the Cubs), this conversation rapidly morphed to discussions about our patient’s renal function, which may have been the intent all along. Regardless, the fact that I still recall this conversation so vividly proves its impact. Likewise, the nurse who kindly and expertly taught me how to plot vital trends on a bedside monitor at 2AM did more for me and my patients than I think she ever realized.

I hope you, too, are willing to take time to thoughtfully engage with our trainees. If so, I strongly suspect you can directly help and develop them, and our institution.

-Jeff McKinney

Fatima Ahmad, M.D., M.S



- Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Medicine, M.D.
- University of Texas at Dallas, M.S. in Human Development and Early Childhood Disorders (anticipated 2023); B.S in Healthcare Studies
- President, Muslim Health Professionals Association
- Secretary, Rainbow Nutrition Group and Preventive Medicine Club at TTUHSC SOM
- Research: Coauthor abstract highlighting the clinical course and fatal outcomes in a case of Potter Syndrome encountered at Northwest Texas Hospital
- Leadership: cofounder of organization, Mu Delta Alpha: Professional Muslim Sorority (served many roles for years: Alumni National Mentor, Vice President, Public Relations Director, Secretary)
- Volunteer - Global Health Consortium and Northpoint Pediatric Care
- Urdu (native) / Hindi (advanced)

Career Interests: Refugee Population, Developmental Behavioral Pediatrics, Primary Care

Hobbies: Watching painting tutorials to create florals, Arabic calligraphy, sceneries, and abstract designs; fundraising, baking and decorating cupcakes for special occasions, cooking Pakistani foods, entertaining friends and family with magic tricks, and riding bike at the park with friends

Hamza Alnimir, M.D.



- University of Jordan Faculty of Medicine, M.D.
- Research Fellow: Non-Invasive Brain Stimulation (NIBS) in Diabetic Neuropathy and opioid Use Disorder
- Research: Psychoeducational Intervention in PTSD Patients at Syrian Refugee camp
- Research: Stem Cell Therapy in spinal cord injuries
- Research Publication: Imaging Guidance for Therapeutic Delivery: The Dawn of Neuroenergetics
- Volunteer: University Student Association / Student Union
- Volunteer, Mysarah Initiative (raise donation), Doctors and Children Campaign
- Arabic (native)

Career Interests: Child Neurology

Hobbies: Playing and watching soccer, hiking, swimming, Exploring natural landscape

Ayhan Atmanli M.D., Ph.D.



- Heidelberg University Medical School in Heidelberg, Germany; M.D
- Tufts University/Massachusetts General Hospital; Ph.D. in Biomedical Engineering
- Research (with Dr. Ibrahim Domian at MGH): Combined tissue engineering technology with stem cell biology to study the functional evolution of early pluripotent stem cell-derived myocardial subpopulations during lineage specification and diversification
- Research (with Dr. Eric Olson at UTSW): Studied Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy-associated cardiomyopathy using human pluripotent stem cell and mouse models to gain insight into the pathophysiology of the disease and to explore genome editing technology as a novel therapeutic avenue
- Awards: American Heart Association Predoctoral Fellowship Grant, two individual NHLBI Progenitor Cell Biology Consortium (PCBC) Jump Start Awards
- Graduate Teaching Assistant: Molecular Biotechnology and Tissue Engineering classes
- Freelance Research Consultant and Expert Scientific Reviewer
- German (native) / Turkish (native) / Spanish (basic)

Career Interests: Physician Scientist

Hobbies: Chess; Sports in general, but soccer in particular; Outdoors

Joshua Beitchman, M.D., M.B.S.



- The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, M.D.
- Midwestern University Glendale, M.S. in Biomedical Sciences
- Alpha Omega Alpha (Member of AOA)
- Leadership: President, Student Interest Group in Neurology UTHSA, Co-Director / Co-Chair, Camp Neuro, Developing Leader Initiative
- Research: Immediately observable responses to head trauma identify individuals at high risk for TBI with brainstem involvement
- Research: TBI-induced alterations to Amygdala glutamatergic circuitry influence the development of affective disorders
- Senior Medical Student Interview Committee
- Volunteer, Camp Power-Up, American Diabetes Association
- Volunteer, Boy Scouts of America - Troop 102; Eagle Scout

Career Interests: Child Neurology

Hobbies: Exploring nearby cities and towns, Outdoor adventures, Cooking/Grilling, Playing Golf

Zachary Blair, M.D.



- The University of Texas Southwestern Medical School, M.D.
- University of North Texas, B.A. in Biology
- Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society
- Research: Analysis of Right Ventricular Function in Children with Tetralogy of Fallot who have a prosthetic tricuspid valve
- Research: Unsupervised Domain Adaptation from Axial to Short-Axis Multi-Slice Cardiac MR Images with Weak
- Research: Atrial Function and Volumes using the 3D dual-phase Whole-heart Approach
- Mentor, Texas- Wide Pre-Medical Mentoring Program
- COVID-19 Medical Student Volunteer
- MCAT Instructor - Early Medical School Acceptance Program (EMSAP) / Kaplan Test Prep Dallas

Career Interests: Internal Medicine – Pediatrics

Hobbies: Attending Church, ice Hockey, playing guitar, collecting vinyl records, commercial aviation

Upasana Chandra, M.D.



- Medical College of Georgia at Augusta University, M.D.
- Duke University, B.S. in Neuroscience (Graduation with Distinction)
- Alpha Upsilon Phi
- Admissions Interviewer, MCG Admissions Committee
- Research: Investigating factors affecting access to psychosocial therapy in breast cancer survivors, analyzing differences in outcome and quality of life in patients with mental health resources vs patients without resources
- Research: Low vitamin K status is associated with markers of diabetes risk and visceral adiposity in overweight children
- Program Facilitator, Central Savannah River Area (CSRA) Program / Clinic Coordinator, 8th Street (Homeless) Clinic
- Volunteer, “Stop the Bleed” Medical Association of GA Medical Reserve Corps / Equality Clinic
- Bengali (native) / Spanish (basic)

Career Interests: Internal Medicine - Pediatrics

Hobbies: Vocal performance (choral, a cappella); musical instruments (piano, ukulele, harmonium); narrative writing; classic literature; old Hollywood thrillers; culinary competition shows; medical and sci-fi podcasts; Bhangra dance; trivia

Anna Cheng, M.D.



- USF Health Morsani College of Medicine, M.D.
- Howard Hughes Medical Institute Medical Research Fellowship Award
- President, Gold Humanism Honor Society (GHHS)
- Duke University, B.S. in Evolutionary Anthropology, Minors in Visual Arts and Chemistry
- Research: Elucidate the mechanisms behind aberrant DNA mitotic synthesis and subsequent DNA damage in nuclear abnormalities
- Volunteer, COCo (COVID-19 Confirmed) Telehealth Clinic / Ybor Youth Clinic
- Advocacy, equality and diversity in medicine by partnering up with other school-wide organizations
- Chinese (fair) / Spanish (basic)

Career Interests: Hematology-Oncology, Critical Care, Patient Advocacy and Equity

Hobbies: Visual arts, painting, playing the piano, making electronic beats and instrumentals, travelling, weight-lifting, visiting art museums and attending concerts

Aya Embabi, M.D., M.N.S.



- The University of Texas Southwestern Medical School, M.D., M.N.S. in Clinical Nutrition
- Research: Children's Dallas Gastroenterology and Anesthesiology Department, analysis of surgical treatment to detect patterns that could contribute to treatment and therapeutic guidelines
- Research: Nutritional Basic Sciences research on adipogenesis in mice in response to different types of high-fat diets.
- Leadership: Officer, Islamic Medical Association / Director of Community Outreach, Texas Medical Association
- Peer Mentor / Senior Advisor
- Volunteer, Egypt Cancer Network / United to Serve Health Fair
- Tutor, Biochemistry
- Arabic (native) / Spanish (advance)

Career Interests: Gastroenterology

Hobbies: Yoga, traveling, reading, puzzles

Joseph Formella, M.D.



- The University of Texas Southwestern Medical School, M.D.
- Rice University, B.A. in Biochemistry and Cell Biology
- Research: Retrospective study investigating potential biomarkers of response, particularly immune-related adverse events, in kidney cancer patients receiving immune checkpoint inhibitors
- Research: Study finding engineered PD-L1 receptors augment antitumor activity of HER-2 directed CAR T cells in high grade glioma
- President, Saint Basil the Great Catholic Society at UT Southwestern
- Reflection Rounds facilitator for Internal Medicine core rotation
- Volunteer, Peruvian American Medical Society in Moyobamba, Peru
- Spanish (native)

Career Interests: undecided; possibly: Hematology/Oncology, Infectious Disease, PICU

Hobbies: Travel, exercise/weightlifting, football, cooking (Peruvian dishes especially!), stock trading

Yarah Ghotmi, M.D.



- University of Arizona College of Medicine, M.D
- University of Arizona, B.S. in Neuroscience and Cognitive Science
- Alpha Omega Alpha (Member of AOA)
- Research: Characterizing the Bile Acid Levels and Composition in Necrotizing Enterocolitis of Human Subjects
- President, UACOM-T Student Government
- Treasurer, American Medical Women's Association
- Mentor / Advocate / Volunteer
- Coordinator, Shubitz Family Clinic/Women's Clinic / Pediatrics Interest Group
- Arabic (fair)

Career Interests: undecided

Hobbies: Cooking, baking, crafting, amateur traveler, retired thespian, game nights with family and friends, tending to my plants, leisurely bike rides, hiking, and yoga for physical activity and mental wellness

Brittany Grudzielanek, M.D.



- Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Medicine, M.D.
- Texas Tech University, B.A. in Psychology
- Vice President and Member, Alpha Omega Alpha (AOA)
- Leadership: Vice President, Texas Medical Association (TMA) and American Medical Association (AMA) chapter
- Treasurer, American Medical Women's Association
- Research: Retrospective Cohort Study, explored the difference in outcomes between Endoloops and Staplers during laparoscopic appendectomies
- Volunteer, Lubbock Impact Free Clinic
- Tutor, TTUHSC Peer Assisted Learning program
- Advocate for Special Needs Athletes

Career Interests: Neonatology, Hospitalist Medicine, Advocacy

Hobbies: Hiking, skiing, walking my two dogs (Lambeau and Luna), working out at Orange Theory, board games (Settlers of Catan is one of my favorites), spending time with family and friends

Nathan Hsieh, MD



- Wake Forest School of Medicine of Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center, M.D.
- Duke University, B.S.E in Biomedical Engineering; Chemistry and Music minors
- Treasurer, Gold Humanism Honor Society
- Research: Co-wrote research proposal for the Development and Evaluation of Health Education Classes Delivered at a Community Co-op Grocery Store
- Tutor / Co- Instructor / Student Advisor
- Lead Teacher, Brenner Families in Training (FIT)
- Research: wrote computer code in C++ and MATLAB
- Data Analytics Subcommittee
- Volunteer and Advocate, Freedom Global in Limuru, Kenya
- Chinese (fair)

Career Interests: General Pediatrics, Informatics

Hobbies: Music, playing the classical violin, symphony orchestra, chorale, singing, and songwriting, reading, physical fitness and intramural sports

Gokhan Kalkan, M.D.



- Marmara Üniversitesi Tıp Fakültesi, M.D.
- The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, Pediatric Critical Care Medicine Fellowship
- University of California San Francisco, Pediatric Infectious Diseases Fellowship
- Vice Chief of Staff / Associate professor, Gazi University Hospital in Turkey
- Lieutenant, Gulhane Military School of Medicine
- Research: evaluated the Burden of Burnout Syndrome in Pediatric Intensive Care Unit and Pediatric Emergency Department: A Multicenter Evaluation
- Many Publications: Peer Reviewed Journal Articles / Abstracts/ Book Chapters
- Turkish (native)

Career Interests: General Pediatrics

Hobbies: I enjoy biking, gardening and spending time with my wife and two children

Aisha Khan, M.D.



- Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Medicine, M.D.
- University of Texas at Dallas, B.S. in Neuroscience
- Gold Humanism Honor Society
- Research: investigate the effects of different caffeine dosages in preterm infants, gestational age (GA) 32 weeks or younger
- Research: Kawasaki disease vs. Takayasu Arteritis in the pediatric population
- Instructor, Heal the City- Women's Mental Health night
- Leadership: Supervisor / Manager / Liaison The Free Clinic
- Punjabi (native) / Urdu (native)

Career Interests: Pediatric Mental Health, Underserved Populations

Hobbies: running (West Texas Running Club), soccer, reading, horseback riding, soaking in sunshine, watching Studio Ghibli films, and doing jigsaw puzzles

Joshua Lipsitz, M.D.



- George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences, M.D.
- Vanderbilt University, B.A. Political Science (Major) and Neuroscience (Minor)
- Admissions Committee Member and Medical School Ambassador
- Research: investigated the biochemical and morphological consequences of storing red blood cells by analyzing the 2,3-diphosphoglycerate levels, deformability, aggregation, and hemolysis of blood samples
- Co-Coordinator, HIV/AIDS Public Health Summit
- HIV Tester and Sexual Health Counselor
- Peer Mentor / Site Leader / Volunteer / Liaison, HIV/AIDS related service trips
- Shadowing Chair, Alpha Epsilon Delta

Career Interests: Pediatric Nephrology, Advocacy, and Medical Education

Hobbies: Brewing espresso-based coffee drinks, watching documentaries, traveling domestically and internationally, building my tie collection, eating local ice cream

Meredith Montgomery, M.D.



- University of Alabama School of Medicine, M.D.
- Auburn University, B.S. in Biomedical Sciences/Pre-med, Summa Cum Laude
- Instructor, Clinical Skills Teaching Associate
- Research: Examined epidemiologic data as well as disease course and long-term outcomes of patients recovering from COVID-19
- Research: Performed basic science research to investigate the use of PIM3 kinase inhibitor, M-110, as a potential therapy in treatment hepatoblastoma
- Emcee, Best Medicine Show
- Mentor, UABSOM Learning Community Peer Mentoring Program / Project Uplift
- Co-coordinator, Senior Companion Program
- Volunteer / Advocate, Equal Access Birmingham

Career Interests: Emergency Medicine, Hospital Medicine, and Critical Care

Hobbies: running, hiking, dancing and choreography, traveling, live music and concerts, listening to podcasts

Kaycee Moshofsky, M.D.



- Oregon Health & Science University School of Medicine, M.D.; Masters in Clinical Research
- Southern Methodist University, B.S. in Biology; Health & Society
- Co-President, OHSU Club Peds
- Pediatric Talwalkar Mentorship Grant
- Emergency Medical Technician
- Research: Developing a mobile application for suicide prevention targeted toward adolescent use post-discharge from ED
- Research: investigate the impact of trametinib on the tumor microenvironment and immune cell subsets in acute myeloid leukemia
- Student Mentor / Tutor
- Spanish (basic)

Career Interests: : Hematology/Oncology, BMT

Hobbies: love spending time outdoors: running, hiking, backpacking, long walks, I enjoy being active, playing sports, volleyball, learning golf, cooking healthy meals with my husband, family time

Monisha Narayanan, M.D.



- Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Medicine, M.D.
- University of Georgia, B.S. in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
- Maurice Dyer M.D. Memorial Award - Most Outstanding Pediatrics Student and Gerald Holman, M.D. Pediatric Scholarship Award
- President, Medical Ethics and Humanities Society and Docs 4 Kids/Pediatrics Interest Group
- Vice President, Pediatrics Club
- Research: Published case reports on the complete resolution of supraventricular tachycardia induced hydrops fetalis and on the first MIS-C case in West Texas, completed QI research regarding EOS calculator implementation in the newborn nursery, and completed a thesis project on the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on children
- Volunteer, Ronald McDonald House, Heal the City Free Clinic, and Lubbock Impact Free Clinic
- Alpha Epsilon Delta
- Spanish (good)

Career Interests: Cardiology

Hobbies: Carnatic (South Indian classical) violin, Bharatanatyam (South Indian classical dance), vegetarian cooking/baking, traveling, and photography

Ernest Naturinda, M.D.



- Makerere University School of Medicine, Uganda, M.B.Ch.B.
- Medical Officer, Baylor College of Medicine Children's Foundation / Mengo Hospital
- President, Western Uganda Health Students' Association
- Part-time Lecturer, Victoria University
- Research: under Children's Hospital's Global Hope program, Identified Quality Improvement (QI) needs, designing and conducting QI Plan-Do-Study-Act cycle
- Chairperson of the University Health Committee
- Research assistant on the NetsForLife project under the Ministry of Health
- Intern Medical Doctor, Fort Portal Regional Referral Hospital

Career Interests: Pediatric Hematology-Oncology

Hobbies: Movies, soccer, traveling, reading

Gabriela Ocampo, M.D.



- Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine at Florida Atlantic University, M.D.
- Duke University, B.S. in Neurobiology
- Leadership: treasurer Team Peds, secretary AMWA, OBGYN chair Medical Specialties club
- Research: Quality Improvement research into current recommendations for health care professionals for screening patients for child sexual abuse
- Award, Palm Beach County Medical Society 2019 “Heroes in Medicine”
- KidSafe Foundation volunteer and child safety advocate
- Kaplan MCAT Instructor, FAMU/FAU Medical Scholars MCAT Preparation Program
- FAU College of Medicine Owl Ambassadors Program
- Co-Author, FAU M1 and M3 Survival Guides
- Spanish (native) / French (basic)

Career Interests: Pediatric Emergency Medicine or Critical Care

Hobbies: I enjoy yoga, cycling, reading, crafting, and swimming. I also love to explore thrift stores and restaurants

Garrison Olds, M.D.



- University of Kansas School of Medicine – Wichita, M.D.
- Kansas State University, B.S. in Medical Biochemistry, Minors in History, Chemistry, and Biology
- Leadership: Co-President, Major Academic Society / Vice President, Pediatrics Interest Group
- Riley County Medical Society Scholarship
- KU Wichita Pediatrics - Recruitment Committee
- Research: Co-Author, Acute myeloid leukemia masquerading as pseudotumor cerebri: A rare initial presentation
- Research: Investigated the role of DGAT and PDAT enzymes in *Camelina sativa* triacylglycerol biosynthetic pathways
- Instructor, martial arts classes: Taekwondo and Jiu-Jitsu (2nd Degree Black Belt in Taekwondo and Blue Belt in Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu)
- Tutor, General Biochemistry and General Physics

Career Interests: Biochemical Genetics (specifically Metabolic Enzyme Deficiencies!), Allergy and Immunology, Infectious Disease, Full-Scope Pediatric Primary Care, Concierge and DPC models of practice, and the Business of Medicine

Hobbies: Martial artist, basketball player, movie enthusiast, avid summer swimmer, trained pianist; Lord of the Rings, Star Wars, and the Marvel Cinematic Universe are my nerdoms

David Oleson, M.D.



- Baylor College of Medicine, M.D.
- Brigham Young University, B.S. in Neuroscience
- Gold Humanism Honor Society (Member of GHHS)
- Student Honor Council Member / Admissions Interviewing Subcommittee Member
- Research: Fulbright scholarship to conduct focus group discussions with autism service providers and caregivers in Cambodia
- Research: Assessed needs of refugees in Houston through qualitative and quantitative means
- Global Health Pathway Teaching Assistant
- Fulbright Student Researcher to Cambodia
- Korean (advanced) / Mon-Khmer, Cambodian (advanced) / Japanese (basic)

Career Interests: Neurodevelopmental Disabilities (NDD) in underserved populations

Hobbies: Spending time with wife and three children; playing and watching basketball, audiobooks and podcasts; learning languages; learning about other countries, cultures and foods; studying east and southeast Asian history and current events; traveling

Panayotis Pachnis, M.D., Ph.D.



- University College London (UCL) Medical School, M.D., Ph.D.
- University College London (UCL), B.S. in Neuroscience
- Member, Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health
- National Institute for Medical Research
- Research: Worked with Professor Ralph DeBerardinis, Chief of Pediatric Genetics and Metabolism investigate the regulation of metabolism by oxidative phosphorylation in vivo
- Research: studied how nutrients interact with intrinsic metabolic pathways to regulate growth and metabolism
- Completed an elective program in Athens, Greece
- Greek (native)

Career Interests: Physician Scientist

Radha Patel, M.D.



- University of Tennessee Health Science Center College of Medicine, M.D.
- University of North Carolina, B.A. in Hispanic Literature and Cultures; B.S.P.H. in Environmental Health Science
- Alpha Omega Alpha; Gold Humanism Honor Society
- Alumni Merit Scholarship
- Phi Beta Kappa
- Research: Conducted qualitative research surrounding parental perceptions of child sexual abuse and prevention in Lima, Peru
- President of Student 2 Student, an organization that teaches sexual education to high school students
- Co-President, South Asian Medical Science Alliance(SAMoSA)
- Community Service Co-Chair for Class of 2021
- Co-Liaison for GHHS Chapter; started Uncomfortable Conversations, an anti-racism learning series
- Peer Mentor, UTHSC MPOWER Learning Communities
- Spanish (advanced)

Career Interests: Adolescent Medicine, General Pediatrics, Public Health, Advocacy

Hobbies: Listening to audiobooks and podcasts, knitting, crocheting, and crafting in general, hiking, cooking new foods and sharing with my friends, trying new restaurants, exploring new places

Krista Perez, M.D.



- Creighton University School of Medicine, M.D.
- Baylor University, B.S. in Biology and Medical Humanities
- T4CIP (Trainees for Child Injury Prevention)
- Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society
- Social Chair, Pediatric Interest Group
- Research: CHEER Study, explored pre-formatted discussions about impostor syndrome and changing habits
- American Academy of Pediatrics Representative for District 6
- COVID Testing Volunteer
- Student Advocates for Vaccine Education
- Peer Mentor, Vital Signs
- Team Captain, Relay For Life
- Spanish (fair)

Career Interests: Pediatric Emergency Medicine and Advocacy in Child Injury Prevention

Hobbies: Kickboxing, running, musical theater, exploring zoos, playing with my pets, Reading, traveling and Zumba

Stefan Peterson, M.D.



- University of Colorado School of Medicine, M.D.
- University of Colorado, B.A. in Psychology
- Joseph Cogen Medical Scholarship
- Medical Student Advisor
- Research: Translator/COVID Post Hospital Follow-up addressed the physical and emotional well-being of the patient during their recovery from COVID hospitalization, evaluated social and economic impact months later
- Research: Programmed and standardized scenarios for use in multi-institutional trauma research across multiple types of simulation platforms
- Curriculum Ambassador
- Spanish Medical Interpreter / Simulation Technician
- Spanish (advanced)

Career Interests: General Pediatrics with interest in Global Health

Hobbies: Piano/music, museums, Spanish and learning languages, traveling- especially Mexico family history research, skiing, snowboarding, board games- especially Settlers of Catan

Vi Pham, M.D.



- The University of Texas Southwestern Medical School, M.D.
- The University of Texas at Dallas, B.S. in Biology
- Alpha Omega Alpha
- Leadership: President, Southwestern Alliance Against Food Insecurity / President and Committee Chair, Healthy Living
- Research: Evaluated the lamina propria yield in biopsies obtained from pediatric eosinophilic esophagitis patients using an endoscopic standardized perpendicular placement
- Reflection Rounds Facilitator for Internal Medicine Core Clerkship
- Peer Mentor, UT Southwestern Colleges System / Panel Speaker Volunteer
- Teaching Assistant / Supplemental Instruction Leader
- Vietnamese (basic)

Career Interests: General Pediatrics, Child-Abuse Pediatrics

Hobbies: Video games, movies, tv shows, and anime, traveling, trying new restaurants and cuisines, cooking and baking, rock climbing and strength training, playing the violin and the kalimba

Emily Pregmon, M.D.



- University of Florida College of Medicine, M.D.
- University of Florida, B.S. in Psychology with an emphasis in Behavioral and Cognitive Neuroscience
- Alpha Omega Alpha Research Award for research on caffeine
- Member and Project Supervisor, GHHS
- Research: investigated the effects of in utero caffeine exposure on the DNA makeup of mesenchymal stem cells obtained from human umbilical cords
- Research: participated in drug discovery research aimed at treating hypoxic brain injuries in children
- Administrator for “ Gator Sitters” volunteered to provide consistent childcare COVID-19 Pandemic
- Biochemistry Student Instructor

Career Interests: Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics

Hobbies: Passion for cooking and baking, husband and I recently rescued a Black Labrador mix, and we love to find local trails and parks to wear out her energy, visiting theme parks, enjoy going to Disney's Star Wars Land with my younger brother and Epcot's food festivals

Suraj Rama, M.D.



- University of Kentucky College of Medicine, M.D.
- University of Kentucky, B.B.A. in Finance; B.A. in Biology
- Gold Humanism Honor Society (Member of GHHS)
- Research: Case report of Paroxysmal Vocal Cord Dysfunction (PVCD)
- Academic Committee Chair; Outreach Director; Peer Support for UKCOM Resilient PR / Class Representative; Event Co-Coordinator, UKCOM Medical Student Government Association
- Leadership: Graduate Student Mentor; Vice-President, Global Brigades / Graduate Student Mentor; Founder/President, Multicultural Association of Pre-Health Students
- Big Sibling Mentor, UKCOM Big Sibling Little Sibling Program
- Gujarati (native)

Career Interests: Internal Medicine - Pediatrics

Hobbies: Sports - Team Captain for India volleyball club, golf, traveling, handling family business at family's motel that entails interacting with customers and learning maintenance skills and learning about how to run a business in general

Shelly Saini, M.D.



- University of Miami Leonard M. Miller School of Medicine, M.D.
- Emory University, B.S. in Chemistry
- Alpha Omega Alpha (AOA)
- President, UMMSM Caring Hearts
- Research: Demonstrated the effect of long-standing HIV infection on cardiovascular risk factors based on type and timing of HIV treatment
- Research: Four-year longitudinal medical school education track focusing on infectious disease and immunologic medicine
- Mentor, UMMSM Academic Society Program
- Volunteer, FL Department of Health COVID-19 Contact Tracing
- Punjabi (advanced) / Hindi (advanced)

Career Interests: undecided

Hobbies: Dancing - Bhangra Punjabi folk dance, music - play harmonium, tabla, and clarinet, water media painting

Tina Seidu, M.D., M.H.S.



- Howard University College of Medicine, M.D.
- Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, M.H.S. in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology;
- Johns Hopkins University, B.A. in Public Health Studies
- Alpha Omega Alpha Carolyn L. Kuckein Student Research Fellowship
- HUCM Chapter Treasurer, Region VI Treasurer & National Treasurer, Student National Medical Association
- Research: examined the molecular mechanism of hyperandrogenic (HA)-induced nonalcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD)
- Research: compared the potencies of hydrogen peroxide and lactic acid in suppressing bacterial pathogens associated with poor birth outcomes
- Volunteer, Health Professions Recruitment and Exposure Program (HPREP) / Peer mentor
- Volunteer, Nutrition and Exercise for Children's Esteem Program (NExForCE)
- Graduate Student Assembly Representative - HUCM Student Council

Career Interests: Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine and Hospitalist Medicine, Underserved Population, Research

Hobbies: Sampling BBQ: I research and visit restaurants that specialize in barbecue, and I love learning about barbecuing techniques with anyone willing to share that information, completing jigsaw puzzles, canoeing and kayaking

Samuel Showalter, M.D.



- University of Washington School of Medicine, M.D.
- Texas Christian University, B.S. in Biology
- Alpha Omega Alpha (AOA)
- Research: performed extensive literature review about clinical trial characteristics based on funding source, reasons for trial discontinuation, and issues specific to pediatric clinical trials
- Research: evaluated sexual selection of gene expression in brook trout through next generation sequencing and qPCR
- Volunteer, Crush the Curve COVID-19 Testing
- Wellness Committee / VP of Observations
- Spanish (basic)

Career Interests: General Peds, Undecided

Hobbies: Reading historical fiction novels, hiking, biking, camping, skiing, playing frisbee golf
Jigsaw puzzles, watching sports (especially baseball)

Samarth Shrivastava, M.D.



- The University of Texas Southwestern Medical School, M.D.
- University of Pennsylvania, B.A. in Psychology
- Co-President, PRIDE at UT Southwestern Medical Center
- Research: Body Modifications and Risky Behaviors Among Adolescents, survey study seeking to understand sociodemographic and behavioral factors leading to body modifications
- Mentor, Health Professionals Recruitment Exposure Program
- Court Appointed Special Advocate, Dallas CASA
- Volunteer, Resource Center of Dallas
- Emergency Department Scribe
- Teaching Assistant
- Community Health Outreach Specialist, Mazzoni Center in Philadelphia

Career Interests: Internal Medicine - Pediatrics

Hobbies: Cast-iron cooking, hiking and backpacking, jogging with my dog, hunting for vinyl records of Ella Fitzgerald

Suriya Subramanian, M.D.



- Creighton University School of Medicine, M.D.
- Saint Louis University, B.S. in Neuroscience
- CUSOM Admissions Committee Member
- Research: studied the collateralization of cortical, amygdaloid, and hippocampal inputs to several basal forebrain functional-anatomical macrosystems, using retrograde tracing
- Co-Editor, What I Saw in Peds
- Fundraising Chair, Pediatric Interest Group
- Peer Mentor, Vital Signs /EDGE Pre-Medicine Mentoring Program
- Volunteer, Child Life Services /Acute and Sexual Health Magis clinics
- Teaching Assistant, Genetics
- Tamil (good) / Spanish (fair)

Career Interests: Child Neurology

Hobbies: Tennis, biking/hiking, basketball, Survivor (TV Show)

Jorge Trevino-Calderon, M.D.



- Technology of Monterrey Medical School, M.D.
- Harvard Medical School, Postdoctoral Research Fellow in Neurology and Diabetes
- Clinical Trial Coordinator, Beth Israel Deaconess /Brigham & Women's Hospital
- Content Author: Osmosis, Inc; short reviews on high-yield topics for USMLE Steps 1 & 2
- Research: TS-HDS and FGFR3 antibodies in Small Fiber Neuropathy and Associated Dysautonomia. Muscle and Nerve
- Primary Care Physician in an urban clinic - Water and Drainage workforce
- Histology Instructor
- Spanish (native) / German (basic)

Career Interests: Child Neurology

Hobbies: Live music, cycling, playing guitar, scuba diving, yoga, CrossFit, calisthenics, pop culture (cinema, art, TV series), Carne asada (as an event), playing and watching soccer, watching stand-up comedy

Samuel Wang, M.D.



- The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio Joe R. and Teresa Lozano Long SOM, M.D.
- The University of Oklahoma, B.S. in Biology, Minors in Spanish and Medical Humanities
- Director of Operations, ScribeMD: Reflective Writing Pen Pal Program
- Medical Student Interview Committee
- Research: Conducted molecular phylogenetic research with several species of marine saltwater fish that explored patterns of selection on OXPHOS genes
- COVID-19 Contact Investigation Volunteer
- Global Health: Kisoboka Uganda Summer Medical Outreach
- Project Co-Leader and Instructor, Healthy Children, Healthy Citizens
- Spanish (good) / Chinese (good)

Career Interests: Primary Care, Hospital Medicine, Global Health

Hobbies: Singing and playing piano, percussion, ukulele; practicing tricks with the Chinese yoyo, learning card magic, collecting and playing board games, baking cookies and cakes, exploring local restaurants and different cuisines, participating in intramural sports

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- University of Texas Medical Branch School of Medicine, M.D.
- Texas A&M University, B.S. in Biomedical Sciences and B.S. in Entomology (certificate in Public Health)
- Alpha Omega Alpha (AOA), Gold Humanism Honor Society (GHHS)
- Eagle Scout
- Leadership: Student Director, Luke Society Clinic / Program Director, Local Galveston Smoking Cessation Program / Class Officer – School of Medicine Class
- Research: Fitness tracking technology and social determinants of health in pediatric weight loss clinics
- Teaching: Created and developed interprofessional education and simulation curricula
- Volunteer: Luke Society Clinic for the Homeless, CPS Toy Drives

Career Interests: Gastroenterology, Quality Improvement, Medical Education

Hobbies: Camping, bow ties, Star Wars, game nights, finding new hiking trails with my dogs, baseball, escape rooms, and letting culinary creativity thrive while cooking and baking with my wife

Kaili Yang, M.D.



- The University of Texas Southwestern Medical School, M.D.
- University of California Los Angeles, B.S. in Physiological Science
- Treasurer, Alpha Gamma Delta
- Research: Retrospective study comparing diagnostic yield of nerve/muscle biopsies and genetic testing in pediatric neuromuscular disease
- Mentor, Health Professions Recruitment and Exposure Program (HPREP)
- Emergency Room Medical Scribe
- Microanatomy Teaching Assistant
- Chinese (good)

Career Interests: Hospitalist

Hobbies: Powerlifting, traveling, cooking, art history, piano, hanging out with my cat Nori