@NU_IntMed Match Day Celebration
Props to the Residents: PGY2 Retreat
Props to the Residents: Intern Academic Half-Day
Props to the Residents:
#ProudToBeGIM
Props to the Residents: LMSA Mentoring Event
Props to the Residents: PGY3 Women’s Professional Development Retreat
Props to the Residents: Wellness Events
Props to the Residents: Learning

“My suspicion for giant cell arteritis is higher than low but lower than high.”
- @jschnitts
Thank you to the recruitment team

Kelly Hrdy
Aarati Didwania
Dave Neely
Debi Mitra
Ben Singer
Kim Dow
Socorro Esparza
Special Thanks
Selection Committee

Arnold Abud  Dan Evans  Dave Neely
Mike Angarone  Khalilah Gates  Adeboye Ogunseitan
Liz Apolonio  Bruce Henschen  Kevin O’Leary
Jeff Barsuk  Kamari Jackson  Jim Otto
Kristen Carroll  Mike Jiang  James Paparello
Yusra Cheema  Sadiya Khan  Ronak Patel
Angelo Costas  Cheryl Lee  Beth Anne Scharle
Rachel Cyrus  Kate McGee  Marion Stanley
Aarati Didwania  Jonathan Moreira  Maria Theodorou
Brigid Dolan  Debi Mitra  Pat Tosetti

Ben Singer: Physician Scientist Training Program

Northwestern Medicine
Diversity Selection Committee

Debi Mitra               Khalilah Gates
Muriel Jean Jacques     Cheryl Lee
Julie Vermylen          Adeboye Ogunseitan
Quentin Youmans         Beth Anne Scharle
Sarah Chuzi             Manuel Fernandez
Maria Theodorou         Bianca Lavelle
Marion Stanley          Elizabeth Cabrera
Jonathan Moreira        Chief Medical Residents
Faculty Interviewers

> 1000 Faculty Interviews
500 hours of faculty time

- GIM – 236
- Hosp Med – 182
- Heme/Onc – 99
- GI/Hep - 78
- Cards – 76
- PCCM – 76
- Neph - 55
- ID – 48
- Rheum – 35
- Allergy – 30
- Endo – 14
- Palliative - 11

- Chief Residents - 98
Distinguished Interviewers!

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Jeff Barsuk
Matthew Bruce
Dan Evans
Justin Fiala
Robert Hirschtick
Bijal Jain
Debi Mitra
Sean O’Connor
James Paparello
Marion Stanley
Kelly Wachsberg
Jane Winter

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Arnold Abud
Michael Angarone
Wendy Brown
Kristen Carroll
Bruce Henschen
Cheryl Lee
Jonathan Moreira
Chetan Vakkalagadda

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Kamari Jackson
Michael Jiang
Kate McGee
Pat Tosetti
Themes in 2021-2022

- Application Inflation
- Virtual Interview Season
- COVID Surge #3
- More P/F grading
- Fewer AOA designation
- Wellness
- Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
  - Holistic Review for DEI with a 16-person committee
  - Used a rubric published by the AAMC that removed school rank, AOA and upweighted leadership, service, life experiences.
  - Revised our Interview Evaluation Form for improved language
  - Blinded our reviewers to certain data to improve holistic review.
Residency Interview Season

3100 applicants
2000 USMG
Avg # Programs Applied (USMG) = 34

PSTP – 135 applicants
HO = 48
Cards = 37
GI/Hep = 18
ID = 13
PCCM = 10
Endo = 4
Rheum = 2

Interviewed
- 438 Categorical Applicants
- 38 PSTP
- 14 Med Derm

Schools
Northwestern – 41-->35
UofC – 9-->7
UofMich – 13-->13
UIC – 16-->10
HBCU – 5-->7

Baylor – 9-->4
Duke – 12-->12
Columbia – 12-->18
UPenn – 19-->14
UofWash – 13-->16
UCSF – 16-->9
Northwestern IM Residency Class of 2025
Nicole Altomare

Medical School:
• Rutgers – Robert Wood Johnson

Undergraduate:
• Cornell

Interviewed By:
• Dr. Kamari Jackson & Dr. Carlson

Interesting fact:
• Inspired by Dr. Martin Blaser and sought out him out to do projects with.
• Chair of student wellness for her school's AMA chapter; President of the Mind-Body Medicine Interest Group
• Experience and interest in nutritional science
• Research in IBD in South Asians
• Passion for GI, wellness and mental health.

Hometown: Bellmore, NY
Dhiraj Ankolekar

Medical School:
- University of Texas - Southwestern

Undergraduate:
- Texas A&M

Interviewed By:
- Dr. Kristen Carroll & Dr. Evans

Interesting fact:
- Co-founded and worked for years as a manager and co-owner of a supply company (Pack & Go LLC manufacturing)
- Substitute teacher.
- Big into dance – Bollywood to Ballroom.
- Interested in Palliative Care

Hometown: Conroe, TX
Daniel Arndorfer

Medical School:
• University of Wisconsin

Undergraduate:
• University of Miami

Interviewed By:
• Dr. O’Connor & Dr. Batlle

Interesting fact:
• Grew up working on a farm in rural Wisconsin
• Part of the Training in Urban Medicine and Public Health (TRIUMPH) program, working with a community organization promoting environmental health and health equity
• Environmental health research: aquatic reach and the health of Milwaukee’s rivers
• Interested in community health and gastroenterology

Hometown: Sullivan, WI
Toluwalase 'Tolu' Awoyemi

Medical School:
• University of Ibadan

Undergraduate:
• University of Oxford

Interviewed By:
• Dr. Loie Farina & Dr. Yusra Cheema

Interesting fact:
• Played collegiate soccer
• Rhode Scholar and PhD at Oxford studying extracellular vesicles.
• Passionate about cardi-obstetrics and studied pre-eclampsia biomarkers as part of his research at Oxford.
• 2021 U.K. PhD Student of the Year
• 35 Most Inspiring Youths under-35 in Africa and Diaspora

Hometown: Iresi, Nigeria
Adam Cohen-Nowak

Medical School:
• Thomas Jefferson University

Undergraduate:
• Washington University

Interviewed By:
• Dr. Ahmed & Dr. Young

Interesting fact:
• Gold Humanism Awardee
• Student director of a needle exchange program in Philly
• Rower and Bartender.
• Research projects and career interests in Heme/Onc, as well as Addiction Medicine

Hometown: Wynnewood, PA
Medical School:
• Northwestern

Undergraduate:
• Northwestern

Interviewed By:
• Dr. Tosetti & Dr. Fintel

Interesting fact:
• Musician and singer. Music director of an a cappella group
• Dog walker
• ECMH Student Clinic Leader
• Substantial research in ophtho and cards: Dr. Sadiya Khan and TAVR projects with Dr. Flaherty and Dr. Cantey

Hometown: Ney, OH
Deepa Daryani

Medical School:
• Wayne State University

Undergraduate:
• University of California, San Diego

Interviewed By:
• Dr. Mahieu & Dr. Wunderink

Interesting fact:
• UCSD’s Bollywood Dance team ‘Zor’
• Was an Advanced Scribe for 2 years using Google Glasses.
• Helped start and lead a program for medical students to volunteer at a methadone clinic.
• Research projects in community health; and projects in MedEd around mentorship

Hometown: Fremont, CA
Shirin Dey

**Medical School:**
- Columbia

**Undergraduate:**
- Columbia

**Interviewed By:**
- Dr. Kia & Dr. Munshi

**Interesting fact:**
- Singer, musician (guitar and violin) and actress
- Masters in Bioethics
- New York Regional AMA student Co-President
- Research developing physical exam module
- MSK projects and research assistant for 2 years HSS Rheumatology

Hometown: Dayton, OH
Rachel Dubner

**Medical School:**
- NYU

**Undergraduate:**
- Northwestern

**Interviewed By:**
- Dr. Scharle & Dr. Yvonne Lee

**Interesting fact:**
- Sports photographer for “The Daily Northwestern”
- Community Service Program Award
- Cards research in SCAD and MINOCA; and GI project on CRC screening in Asians and Hispanics. 7 papers
- Interested in Women’s Health

Hometown: Pittsburgh, PA
**Stephanie Franco**

**Medical School:**
- Georgetown

**Undergraduate:**
- Virginia Tech

**Interviewed By:**
- Dr. Mendelson & Dr. Fletcher

**Interesting fact:**
- Was a Home Health aide.
- Projects on COVID, Pregnancy and currently conducting a large meta-analysis on AML patients.
- “Stephanie's biggest strength came across as her empathy and recognizing the struggles that her patients have gone through and being motivated through this to advocate for them.”

Hometown: Fayetteville, NC
Arati Gangadharan

**Medical School:**
- Dartmouth

**Undergraduate:**
- Dartmouth

**Interviewed By:**
- Dr. Aarati Didwania & Dr. Jain

**Interesting fact:**
- Indian classical dancer
- Projects in opioid use, frailty.
- Received an Albert Schweitzer Fellowship to study of Health Literacy
- Interested in cardiology - EP.

Hometown: Novi, MI
Kevin Grudzinski

**Medical School:**
- Rush

**Undergraduate:**
- University of Illinois

**Interviewed By:**
- Dr. Henschen & Dr. Wood

**Interesting fact:**
- Division I Baseball Player
- Started his own clinical reasoning podcast called ‘Alert and Oriented!’
- Has been featured on Clinical Problem Solvers as well. Interest in teaching diagnostic reasoning.
- Clinical interest in Esophageal Ca and GI.

Hometown: Hoffman Estates, IL
Eli Grunblatt

Medical School:
- University of Washington

Undergraduate:
- Yeshiva University

Interviewed By:
- Dr. Sporn & Dr. Edwards

Interesting fact:
- Tennis and Ice Hockey player.
- Learning German and Japanese linguistics
- PhD in Heme/Onc – small cell lung cancer and; head and neck cancer.
- Investigated the role of MYC family members in driving chemoresistance in small cell lung cancer

Hometown: New York, NY
Mihir John

Medical School:
- Tufts

Undergraduate:
- University of Georgia

Interviewed By:
- Dr. Hirschtick & Dr. Tosetti

Interesting fact:
- Co-president of Tufts Interpreter program
- MPH with research in food insecurity
- Developing an online platform, Feed to Heal, to connect patients to pantries.
- Career interests are in GI.

Hometown: Columbus, GA
Kipp Johnson - PSTP

Medical School:
• Mt. Sinai

Undergraduate:
• University of Chicago

Interviewed By:
• Dr. Jayson Baman & Dr. Stanley

Interesting fact:
• PhD in AI/Machine Learning in CVD.
• Started Oova - diagnostic testing lab for fertility hormones
• Head of Translational Cardiology at Tempus Labs
• Guideline Co-Author (Machine Learning), JACC: CV Imaging
• Student Rep on NRMP Board of Directors

Hometown: Dubuque, IA
Amulya Joseph

**Medical School:**
- Washington University

**Undergraduate:**
- Washington University

**Interviewed By:**
- Dr. Scharle & Dr. Doobay-Persaud

**Interesting fact:**
- Amateur runner and powerlifter
- Classical pianist and violinist.
- Research in neuro-genetics
- Worked for Culinary Medicine, an organization that partners with a local FQHC to provide nutritional assistance and education

Hometown: Mason, OH
Minji Kim

Medical School:
• UCLA

Undergraduate:
• UCLA

Interviewed By:
• Dr. Nancy Dolan & Dr. Choudhury

Interesting fact:
• Lots of medical education experiences and participating in a Med Ed/Teaching Fellowship
• Editor-in-Chief of UCLA Med Literary Magazine
• Project on PETCT/MRI to evaluate cardiac fibrosis in VT.
• Career interest in Cardiology

Hometown: Seoul, South Korea
Downey, CA
Natalie Knox

Medical School:
• Loyola

Undergraduate:
• Duke

Interviewed By:
• Dr. Benson & Dr. VanWagner

Interesting fact:
• Gold Humanism awardee
• President of Loyola’s Near Peer Professionalism Program
• Helped create a COVID19 cancer patient registry
• Interested in humanism and spirituality in cancer care.

Hometown: Springfield, IL
Jared Larson

**Medical School:**
- University of Iowa

**Undergraduate:**
- Case Western Reserve University

**Interviewed By:**
- Dr. Fancher & Dr. Jain

**Interesting fact:**
- Baker and cat owner
- Interest in LGBTQ+ initiatives
- Marathoner
- Experiences/interest in global health; research in machine learning

Hometown: Moline, IL
Jaimie Lin – MedDerm

**Medical School:**
- University of New Mexico

**Undergraduate:**
- University of New Mexico

**Interviewed By:**
- Dr. Shah & Dr. Arnold Abud

**Interesting fact:**
- Gold Humanism awardee
- Research in vascular anomalies and in Staph
- Community service award winner (incredible amounts of volunteer work)

Hometown: Los Angeles, CA
Albuquerque, NM
Rachel Orbuch

**Medical School:**
- Northwestern

**Undergraduate:**
- University of Wisconsin

**Interviewed By:**
- Dr. Buck & Dr. Kahn

**Interesting fact:**
- Gold Humanism Awardee
- Founded Students for Patient Advocacy and (SPARC); significant work at CHC.
- Led GirlSportWorks – a nonprofit in Peru empowering women through athletics
- GIM project with Dr. Persell on the effects of primary care delivery during the pandemic.

Hometown: Minneapolis, MN
Tejasvi 'Teju' Peesay

Medical School:
• Georgetown

Undergraduate:
• University of Maryland

Interviewed By:
• Dr. Doobay-Persaud & Dr. Michael Jiang

Interesting fact:
• Gold Humanism awardee
• Research in Head n Neck Cancer
• Social media chair for White Coats 4 Black Lives group; and on committee for Racial Justice Committee
• Artist and board member of an arts and medicine publication

Hometown: Germantown, MD
Elena Pezzino

Medical School:
• SUNY-Buffalo

Undergraduate:
• Boston College

Interviewed By:
• Dr. Jain & Dr. Brown

Interesting fact:
• Waitress for 4 year at a Sicilian Steakhouse.
• Best known for my “Sketchy Micro” themed party.
• Research in Neurology and Surgery.
• Interested in gut-brain interaction. Created a project looking at if probiotics could affect migraines and seizures in children.

Hometown: Buffalo, NY
Marlise Pierre-Wright

Medical School:
• Northwestern

Undergraduate:
• Princeton

Interviewed By:
• Dr. Bierman & Dr. Dhanani

Interesting fact:
• Gold Humanism Awardee
• MPH/MPP
• Worked for several years with USD HHS on affordable care act.
• Research here on informed consent in gyne procedures.
• Worked on state legislation to support individuals who have been trafficked.

Hometown: Stamford, CT
Jack 'John' Pietrykowski

Medical School:
• UCSD

Undergraduate:
• Pomona College

Interviewed By:
• Dr. Benson & Dr. Akhter

Interesting fact:
• Likes vinyl records, surfing and guitar
• Pomona College Football Team Captain
• Research project on massage therapy in the ICU.
• Interested in academic hospital medicine vs cardiology.

Hometown: Orinda, CA
Anjana Rajan

**Medical School:**
- Weill Cornell

**Undergraduate:**
- Washington University

**Interviewed By:**
- Dr. Tas Hussain & Dr. Cyrus

**Interesting fact:**
- Gold Humanism Awardee
- Student Rep for 2 years on Cornell’s Curriculum Council
- NYT game section fan: WORDL?!
- Significant research in GI (SIBO) and in Hep/Neph with a project on renal disease in cirrhosis.

Hometown: West Bloomfield, MO
Nivetha Saravanan

**Medical School:**
- Boston University

**Undergraduate:**
- Boston University

**Interviewed By:**
- Dr. Phil Speigel & Dr. Brown

**Interesting fact:**
- Does budget-friendly vacations called WWOOFing
- Very active in med school on Student Affairs and Wellness Committees
- Projects on pregnancy and substance abuse.
- Passionate about care for vulnerable patients.

Hometown: Richmond, VA
Abhinav Sehgal

Medical School:
• Georgetown

Undergraduate:
• University of North Carolina

Interviewed By:
• Dr. VanWagner & Dr. Brenner

Interesting fact:
• Significant GI research including UGI and LGI - Colon Cancer Screening.
• Research mentor for a local high school
• Speaks Spanish, Hindi and Creole
• Brenner: “We discussed multiple topics from interest in sci-fi books to our paths towards a career in GI”

Hometown: Chicago, IL
Emmalee Skorich

Medical School:
• Northwestern

Undergraduate:
• Michigan State University

Interviewed By:
• Dr. Tas Hussain & Dr. Peters

Interesting fact:
• Two time Club Soccer National Champion - Team Capt.
• Lots of volunteer work.
• Also heavy FSM committee work (assessment, recruitment, sustainability)
• Neuro/onc research with Dr. Matthew Tate.
Gavin Sowa - PSTP

Medical School:
• UCSF

Undergraduate:
• Southern Illinois University & Thomas Edison State University

Interviewed By:
• Dr. Ison & Dr. Stanley

Interesting fact:
• 6 years as a US Navy Nuclear Submarine Mechanic
• Mushroom hunter, Motorcycle enthusiast, and practices Ju Jitsu
• Research during Master’s program in med school -- Virology/immunology research - COVID, HIV

Hometown: Decatur, IL
Aniruddha Srivastava

**Medical School:**
- University of Wisconsin

**Undergraduate:**
- University of Wisconsin

**Interviewed By:**
- Dr. Wallia & Dr. Yvonne Lee

**Interesting fact:**
- Gold Humanism Awardee
- Coffee aficionado.
- Grew up on a farm in rural WI near dairy and ginseng farms.
- Transplant nephrology research; and advocacy work for drug affordability

Hometown: Wausau, WI
Matt Stanton

Medical School:
• Dartmouth

Undergraduate:
• Dartmouth

Interviewed By:
• Dr. Jiang & Dr. Fiala

Interesting fact:
• A triplet!
• Sports fan, DJing and led sketch comedy night at Dartmouth.
• Was a product manager at a health wellness tech company.
• QI/Tech interest and experience.
• Research interests are in GI/IBD.

Hometown: Chicago, IL
Bukky Tabiti

**Medical School:**
- Southern Illinois University

**Undergraduate:**
- Loyola University

**Interviewed By:**
- Dr. Scharle & Dr. Choudhury

**Interesting fact:**
- Self-published book of poetry. Editor of her school's medical arts journal.
- Created an anti-bias curriculum at SIU
- Studied pipeline programs for URM
- Interested in gene therapy for Sickle Cell Disease and a career in benign heme.

Hometown: Chicago, IL
Wendy Tong

Medical School:
• Columbia

Undergraduate:
• University of Chicago

Interviewed By:
• Dr. Steker & Dr. Fancher

Interesting fact:
• Music director and dance choreographer
• Interest in narrative medicine with several poems published in JAMA Oncology
• Research in cardiology, neurology
• Career interest in palliative care

Hometown: Plano, TX
Alexandra Trevino

**Medical School:**
- Indiana University

**Undergraduate:**
- Indiana University

**Interviewed By:**
- Dr. Doobay-Persaud & Dr. Vermylen

**Interesting fact:**
- Worked at Oak Street Health as a clinical informationist.
- Served on Student Promotions Committee and Chair of IU Med School service learning committee.
- Research projects in cardiology and separately in cystic fibrosis disparities of care

Hometown: Crown Point, IN
Ben Ulrich - PSTP

**Medical School:**
• Indiana University

**Undergraduate:**
• Purdue University

**Interviewed By:**
• Dr. Schroedl & Dr. Matthew Bruce

**Interesting fact:**
• PhD on the role of IL-9 in allergic airway disease.
• Co-founded Global Impact Collective, a non-profit to improve resources in Haiti and India
• Led the ‘Second Year Show’ parody of M2 year for an audience of 600
• Has a Corgi and fan of West Ham United SC
• Career plan in Pulm/Allergy/Immunology

Hometown: Plainfield, IN
Grant Whitmer

Medical School:
• Northwestern

Undergraduate:
• Case Western Reserve University

Interviewed By:
• Dr. Moore & Dr. Jim Flaherty

Interesting fact:
• He has 180k followers on a science social media feed!!
• Golden College Society Chair
• ECMH tutor.
• Peds ID projects.
• Wants to do basic science Infectious Diseases! Arshad lab in gram neg bacteremia (ESBL) virulence.

Hometown: North Barrington, IL
Medical School:
• Baylor

Undergraduate:
• Texas A&M

Interviewed By:
• Dr. Jain & Dr. Henschen

Interesting fact:
• Houston Humane Society: Worked with dogs with behavioral difficulties to facilitate eventual adoption
• Pianist; Distance Runner
• Developed a low-cost, point-of-care optical imaging device to noninvasively detect oral dysplasia and cancer
• Interested in cardiac imaging, preventive cardiology, and heart failure

Hometown: Phoenix, AZ
Mary Zhu

**Medical School:**
- Washington University

**Undergraduate:**
- Harvard University

**Interviewed By:**
- Dr. Cheryl Lee & Dr. Jain

**Interesting fact:**
- Volunteered and did research to support immigrant health
- ASH physician scientist research award: studied the role of U2AF1 mutations in the pathogenesis of chronic neutrophilic leukemia. Also projects in MDS.
- Manu Jain noted she’s ‘quite polished!’

Hometown: Shanghai, China
Northwestern IM Residency Class of 2025
Faculty who matched 3 or more:
• Ashti Doobay-Persaud
• Beth Anne Scharle
• Manu Jain

Faculty who matched 2 or more:
• Al Benson
• Bijal Jain
• Bruce Henschen
• Kendall Fancher
• Lisa VanWagner
• Michael Jiang
• Lubna Choudhury
• Marion Stanley
• Pat Tosetti
• Tas Hussain
• Wendy Brown
• Yvonne Lee
Nice, Hard-Working and Smart

Chief Fellows
• Joyce Njoro – UCSF
• Elanor Yang – UC Irving
• Lua Jafari – UCLA
• Celso Diaz - UCLA

Major Recognition
• Natalie Cameron – Stamler Award
• Rachel Issaka – Endowed Professorship
• Quentin Youmans – White House Roundtable
Performance is called “Patient Found on Floor After Tearing TABS Alarm Out from the Wall”.

Seylah Abud    Eleanor Lambden    Andrew Chen    Efrosini Kalas
Thank You and let’s Celebrate!
Advocacy
End War and Support Refugees

• Raising money

• Securing and organizing relief packages and medical supplies

• Consider direct relief work

Contact Dr. Sophia Korovaichuk