

**Aditya (Adi) Achanta, MD**

Categorical

I grew up in Michigan. I went to undergrad at the University of Michigan and medical school at Harvard. For fun, I like to cook Indian food with my family, play rec football with friends, watch detective/crime shows, and am currently learning how to play the guitar. My favorite food in Boston is veggie ramen from Santouka.

**Titilayo (Titi) Afolabi, MD, MS**

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I am Nigerian-American and grew up on Staten Island, NY. Before medical school, I worked as a high school science teacher in the Bronx. I love medical education, global health equity, and health justice. I also love cooking, eating, and discussing TV, books, and politics. I have a long-haired miniature dachshund named Sasha!

**James Alzate, MD**

Categorical

I grew up in Lancaster, PA in a multicultural family with Pennsylvania Dutch and Colombian influences. I went to school at Pennsylvania College of Health Sciences and Millersville University where I studied nursing, after which I worked as an RN in the ER for several years before going back to school with the dream of becoming a physician. After completing my pre-medical studies at Scripps College, I attended Donald and Barbara Zucker School of Medicine in New York. Some of my interests include interdisciplinary communication in healthcare, cardiology, value-based care, and health equity. In my free time, I enjoy listening to my vinyl collection, playing board games, and roller skating whenever I can.

**Brandon Aubrey, MBBS, PhD**

Categorical

I was born in Sydney, Australia, and lived in Toronto and New York with my family while growing up. I completed high school in New York and undergraduate studies at the University of Pennsylvania. I then returned to Australia to commence medical school at the University of Sydney. I then trained to become a Clinical Hematologist and Hematopathologist. I later worked as an attending Hematologist at the Royal Melbourne Hospital while completing a PhD at the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute, where I studied apoptosis and p53 biology. After finishing the PhD, I moved back to the US to work at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute as a post-doctoral research fellow in the lab of Scott Armstrong, where I currently work on drug development for AML. My wife is a Boston-local and we now have a beautiful 1 year old son. I love running, soccer, swimming, cooking, and reading to my son.

**Hadeal Ayoub, MD**

Categorical

I grew up in Sudan. Then my family moved to New York, where I went to college. I am a national park enthusiast and a proud nerd who wanted to build cars for a living but stumbled into medicine and fell in love with this fantastic job! My superpower is that I am annoyingly happy most of the time!

**Richard (Ricky) Baylis, MD, PhD**

Categorical

Raised in Ohio, I attended The Ohio State University to study biomedical engineering before transitioning to the University of Virginia for the MSTP. During my PhD, I focused on cellular adaptations in atherosclerosis and how we leverage those adaptations to improve plaque stability. Outside the hospital, I love experiencing new things - tackling new recipes, playing new sports, and immersing in new cultures. In this next adventure, I'm so excited to move to Boston with my soon-to-be-wife and co-intern, Molly Kelly-Goss. My long-term ambition is to integrate clinical medicine and basic science - my current fascination is the interaction of cancer and cardiovascular disease. Can't wait to meet all of you and go through this journey together!

**Sourik Beltrán, MD, MBE**

Primary Care

I'm a Mexican and Japanese immigrant who grew up primarily in Michigan. I did my undergrad at Washington University in St. Louis where I studied cultural and medical anthropology before spending a year as an organizer for a Latinx and Latin American community organization in South St. Louis. I went to Penn for medical school where I focused primarily on homeless medicine and also earned my masters in bioethics. I'm interested in topics related to bias, racism in medicine, health disparities, and the ethics of stigmatizing patient labels. Sourik means "ray of sunlight".

**Helen Bermudez, MD**

Categorical

I was born and raised in a small town in Cuba called Esperanza. I immigrated to the US with my mom when I was 15 years old and have been living in Hialeah, FL ever since. I attended Miami Dade Honors College and Florida International University where I majored in Biology. After college, I took a gap year and worked as an interventional teacher at a high school. I then attended the University of Miami for medical school. During medical school, I married my high school sweetheart who will be by my side as I start this next chapter as part of the MGH family. Based on my personal life experiences and from being at Jackson Memorial Hospital, a safety-net hospital during medical school, I'm very interested in serving and advocating for underserved communities. I'm also interested in GI and medical education. In my free time, I enjoy traveling, painting, salsa dancing, and playing dominoes, board games, and video games. I also love to explore new restaurants with my husband and with friends.

**Linette Bosques-Nieves, MD, PhD**

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My name is Linette Bosques and I am very excited to join the MGH family! I was born and raised in Puerto Rico, where I lived until my college graduation from the University of Puerto Rico Mayagüez. Prior to medical school, I obtained a PhD in cell biology under the mentorship of Dr. Gary Kupfer in hematology and oncology. I aspire to pursue a career in academic medicine as a physician-scientist focused on basic science research, patient care, and mentorship. I am passionate about advocating for the health of Black and Latinx patients and the advancement of underrepresented minorities in medicine and science. I enjoy sports (volleyball, softball, and tennis), listening to música latina, and spending time with my family in Puerto Rico and Massachusetts.

**Rachael Carricaburu, MD, MS**

Primary Care

Rachael Carricaburu is a former Physician Assistant who is originally from upstate New York but has called Anchorage, Alaska home for the last 13 years. Her medical areas of interest include underserved medicine and the care of marginalized people, including homeless, HIV, addiction and LGBTQ medicine. Through her work with these groups, she has become a passionate social justice advocate. In her off time, you may find her mountain biking with her dog, Felix, practicing yoga, reading fiction, or working in her backyard vegetable garden. After residency she hopes to return to Anchorage to teach medical and PA students and continue working with the underserved population she has grown to love.

**Alexis Coolidge, MD**

Categorical

I grew up in Lake Placid, NY and spent most of my childhood outdoors exploring and hiking in the Adirondacks. I attended Middlebury College in Vermont and later moved to Boston for medical school at Harvard. I enjoy reading science fiction, running, and distance hiking.

**Afker Daniel, MD**

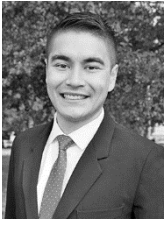
Med-Peds

I grew up in Malden, Massachusetts and then attended Harvard University where I majored in Government. After graduation, I taught middle school science for two years with Teach For America in Atlanta. I attended medical school at Johns Hopkins where I continued to work in education and advocacy. During medical school, I received a Doris Duke Fellowship through which I pursued research in Kisumu, Kenya. I stayed in Kenya for two more years working in the health tech start-up space. I hope to continue working in domestic and global health advocacy, with a focus in women and children's health. I love running, playing touch rugby, and sci-fi movie nights with my husband.

**Robert Dilley, MD, PhD**

Categorical

I grew up in Atlanta and Philly. I went to Hopkins for undergrad and did my MD-PhD at Penn where I studied telomere maintenance. I'm interested in heme/onc and all things molecular biology. I love biking, drinking hazy IPAs, exploring new places, and cooking delicious food with my wife Leela!

**Richard Ebright, MD, PhD**

Categorical

I was born and raised in North Brunswick, NJ, but I've been in Boston for many years now, having completed college and an MD/PhD at Harvard. My PhD work was with Daniel Haber and Shyamala Maheswaran at the MGH Cancer Center, studying genes that promote the metastatic capacity of breast cancer circulating tumor cells, and I'm interested in continuing to pursue oncology clinical work and research going forward. Outside of the hospital and the lab, you can find me rock climbing, running along the Charles, or mixing cocktails--feel free to swing by for a drink on a night off or after a long call!

**Hatem Ellaithy, MD**

Categorical

My name is Hatem and I am originally from Cairo, Egypt, although I grew up all over the Middle East and attended high school in Dubai, UAE. I moved to the NYC for college where I studied chemistry, nutrition, and English at NYU. I spent a year working in New York before heading to the University of Pennsylvania for medical school! My hobbies include reading, crosswords, writing, and exercising. I LOVE food, both eating and cooking--my non-medical dream would be to one day compile an eclectic cookbook.

**Hanna Elmongy, MD**

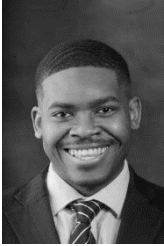
Med/Peds

I spent half my formative years in New Orleans and half in Philly. I studied Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering at Penn for undergrad where my senior design project was making bandages coated with thrombin and fibrinogen isolated from salmon blood. I stayed at Penn for medical school where I developed an interest in refugee and immigrant health. After volunteering as an Arabic language interpreter in refugee camps in Greece the summer after my first year, I decided to pursue a career in global health with the goal of providing equitable care in a sustainable structure to vulnerable patients. I love to cook or bake overly complicated recipes and share with friends, explore cities on foot--usually on the way to food, and I'm a sucker for period dramas.

**Vivian Gama, MD**

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Hi everyone! My name is Vivian Gama and I am originally from São Paulo, Brazil. I moved to the States when I was 5, bouncing around until finally settling down in the cold of Wisconsin. I am grateful for the experiences I have had and couldn't have done it without the help of a lot of people. Because of this, I am a strong advocate for opening doors for others, including my patients and my peers. When I am not doing this, you can find me spending time outside, trying out new restaurants and watching scary movies!

**Donovan Griggs, MD**

Categorical

I am originally from Columbus, Ohio, but when I was 12, I moved down to South Carolina where I attended high school and college. I went to Anderson University where I majored in biology. While at Anderson I played the trumpet with a wind ensemble and brass quintet. Our quintet received the opportunity to go to Wales to play for different colleges and churches which was an incredible experience. After college I went to Mercer University where I obtained a Master's in Preclinical Sciences and worked as a pharmacy technician before attending medical school at Howard University College of Medicine. I am currently undecided on whether I would like to pursue a fellowship or practice general internal medicine, but I have a concrete goal of going into academic medicine. Some of my hobbies include baking sweets, reading science fiction and fantasy, listening to NPR, and exploring new cities.

**Sharon (Shari) Grossman, MD, PhD**

Categorical

Hi! I grew up in Princeton, NJ in a family of economists. I came to Boston for college and managed to escaped the family business, studying math and biochemistry. After college I spent two years doing population genetics research at Harvard and in Nigeria before joining the MD/PhD program at HMS, and completed my PhD in genomics at the Broad Institute. I currently live in Charlestown with my partner, our dog Peanut and cat Toni Braxton.

**Alexandria (Alex) Hairston, MD**

Primary Care

I was born and raised in Portland, Oregon and ventured out to Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana for my undergraduate degree in Behavioral Neuroscience. At Purdue, I had the privilege of competing on the Division one soccer team with some of my life long friends. I attended medical school at Howard University College of Medicine and would love to pursue a career in medicine that allows me to continue to serve underserved communities and work in medical education. So far in life I have enjoyed many things such as attempting to relive my glory days on the soccer field, trying different cuisines and restaurants, and traveling.

**Samee Hameed, MD, MSc**

Med-Peds

I'm from Houston, Texas born and raised. I went to undergrad at a small liberal arts school in Houston where I majored in Philosophy and Biochemistry. I then went on to complete my medical school training at University of Texas Medical Branch (UTMB) at Galveston. During my time at UTMB I was able to participate in the global health track and travel to rural Rukungiri, Uganda to work on a research project. There I discovered a passion for global health specifically a desire to work towards systems level improvement for health care access and delivery. Because of that passion, I decided to take a gap year during my 3rd and 4th year of medical school to go to get an MSc in Public Health from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. My goal for after residency is to work towards improving access to cancer care in low-resource settings and strengthening health systems infrastructure. My main hobbies are traveling, playing basketball, watching sports, live music/concerts, hiking, and most of all food! If you have any questions about being a Northeast transplant feel free to reach out!

**Jennifer (Jen) Hao, MD**

Primary Care

I grew up in a small town in northern Vermont before heading to Boston for college. I received my MD from UCSF, and I'm delighted to be returning home to New England for residency! Within medicine, I'm interested in primary care and advancing health equity for individuals who are unstably housed. Outside of medicine, I love finding new recipes to bake, new trails to run, and new houseplants to adopt.

**Erik Hasenoehrl, MD, PhD**

Categorical

I am an MD/PhD from Albert Einstein College of Medicine where I studied drug development for Tuberculosis. I am originally from Boise, Idaho where I learned to ski, fish, and climb, which I still love to do. I have a wife and daughter who are my greatest joys.

**Dolphurs Hayes, MD, MHS**

Categorical

I was born and raised in Albany, GA so I'm a true southern guy at heart. I am a super down to earth person and enjoys social settings. A fun fact about me is that I was a division 1 collegiate pole vaulter! My hobbies include playing basketball, hiking and traveling with friends.

**Paige Herman, MD, MS**

Categorical

I am originally from Long Island, New York, and lived there until attending Johns Hopkins University for my undergraduate studies. After graduating, I spent a few years in The Bloom Lab at the Feinstein Institute for Medical Research, where I worked on projects investigating the immunologic consequences of spinal cord injury (SCI), as well as genomics studies evaluating molecular patterns associated with functional recovery from SCI in the lamprey. I then attended SUNY Downstate College of Medicine in Brooklyn, NY. I am very passionate about neuroimmunology, especially as it relates to the body's response to tissue injury and wound healing. I have worked as a medical illustrator in the past, and I love to create drawings to explain pathophysiology at the cellular level. When I am not working, some of my favorite activities include spending time with my family and friends, getting outside and exploring nature, and restoring antique furniture. Most of my free time, though, is happily spent catering to the whims of my co-dependent, 14-year-old toy poodle named Izzy.

**Melody Huang, MD**

Categorical

I was born and raised in San Jose, CA. I studied Music and Molecular and Cell Biology at UC Berkeley before attending medical school at Harvard. I grew up playing cello and piano (music is my family's love language) and spent many years playing in orchestras and for the community. I am interested in health equity work and how we can use the arts and humanities to help deliver more equitable care. Outside of medicine, I love being an amateur food critic, exploring the city by foot, beginner weightlifting, and having deep conversations with friends.

**Giovana Jaen, MD**

Med-Peds

I'm a native South Floridian who loves plant-based cooking and baking, spending time with my cat, and attempting to complete the New York Times Crossword puzzles.

**Margaret (Molly) Kelly-Goss, MD, PhD**

Categorical

My childhood was split between uptown Minneapolis and the great Northern woods of Minnesota. Seeking warmer climates, I moved to Tulane University in New Orleans, where I studied biomedical engineering, math, and Cajun cooking. Next, stop was the University of Virginia to pursue a PhD. There, I continued studying the mechanisms of angiogenesis and met my favorite life collaborator (and fiancé), co-intern Ricky Baylis. Inspired by clinical collaborations, I attended Columbia University's PhD-to-MD program, where I nurtured an interest in gastroenterology. Joining MGH, I am so excited to pursue the physician-scientist path and integrate the two halves of my training.

**Sarah (SK) Kler, MD, ScM**

Primary Care

I'm originally from Eugene, OR (Go Ducks!) but have been a New England transplant since 2008. Outside of work I love spending time outdoors - bike commuting, skiing, trail running, hiking, and climbing. When I'm not on the move I like to covet other people's dogs, read literary fiction and pop psych, and play board games. Professionally, I am excited to pursue a career as a primary care provider and medical educator working as part of a team to support people who are unstably housed and people who use drugs. I find work with older adults and people at the end of their life to be deeply rewarding. My interests and approach to patients were heavily influenced by work as a case manager for housing insecure older adults in Vermont prior to medical school.

**Juhye Lee, MD, PhD**

Categorical

I was born and raised in the Bay Area, CA, and studied biochemistry at Rice University in Houston, TX. After undergrad, I joined the MD/PhD program at the University of Washington where I studied seasonal influenza virus evolution. During medical school I developed an interest in medical education and infectious diseases. In my free time, I enjoy knitting, film photography, playing chamber music, and sampling loose-leaf teas.

**Daniel (Dan) Leisman, MD, MSCR**

Categorical

I am an aspiring intensivist and clinician-scientist who has spent the last 6 years studying the pathobiology and treatment of sepsis. My earlier work drew on my background in causal-inference and prediction statistics to study the role of fluid resuscitation in a large database of sepsis patients. More recently, I spent 2 years on the bench studying the role of the renin-angiotensin system in sepsis-induced immune and renal dysfunction, and most recently, as a potential therapeutic for COVID-19. My long-term goal is to blend my data science and laboratory backgrounds to improve understanding, diagnostics, and therapeutics for sepsis. I am a native New Yorker who enjoys travel, scuba, DJing, and craft beer. Go Giants!

**Noemie Levy, MD**

Categorical

Dr. Levy studied at Stanford University School of Medicine and is completing her intern year at Brigham and Women's Hospital. She was born in Paris, France and immigrated to south Florida when she was seven. She went to college at Rice University, and worked for five years in the Obama Administration on social policy prior to medical school. In her free time, she loves impromptu day trips near Boston and finding camping spots around New England.

**Rachael Mahle, MD**

Categorical

Hi! I'm Rachael. I'm from Dayton, Ohio and went to undergrad at Notre Dame and medical school at Duke. I love running, national parks, and musicals. I'm interested in GI or cardiology, as well as medical education.

**Lauren Maldonado, MD, MPH**

Med/Peds

I was born and raised in Los Angeles where I went to both college and medical school at USC. I majored in Art History and Biology and studied abroad in Italy and the U.K. After college, I spent a year teaching in rural Japan. I took a three-year hiatus to pursue an MPH at UNC-Chapel Hill and to work for FHI 360 - an international health and development NGO. There, I developed my passion for global public health research and dedication to serving vulnerable communities internationally. After completing my MPH, I spent a year as a population health research fellow at AMPATH in Kenya, where I hope to continue pursuing long-term projects in global adolescent medicine as a Med-Peds resident at MGH. I love exploring the outdoors with my husband Cody (an IM intern at BWH) and our pup Zoe, long-distance running, traveling, brewing (but mostly drinking) craft beer, skiing, cooking, and watching college basketball (I have an inexplicable yet undeniable love for Coach K - Go Duke!).

**Megan Marshall, MD**

Med-Peds

I am originally from Wayne, New Jersey and went to Brown University where I majored in Health and Human Biology, and was a member of the Women's Fencing Team. Brown is the place where my interest in medical humanities and Palliative care started - interests which have continued to grow ever since. After college, I spent a year doing clinical research at MGH prior to starting medical school at New York University School of Medicine. At NYU I developed a passion for medical education, mentorship, and patient-provider communication, particularly through the field of Palliative care. During my time at NYU, I also spent a year studying medical student well-being, and reflection as a tool for professional development. In residency, I look forward to continuing the work in mentorship and well-being that I have been so inspired by thus far, while growing and finding new inspiration through my experiences within the MGH community. Outside of medicine - I love everything musical - especially singing, and West African drumming, and love spending time outdoors with my dog Millie!

**Dylan Martini, MD**

Categorical

I grew up in the small town of Merrimac, MA and went to undergrad at Union College in Schenectady, NY. After graduating from Union, I worked as a Clinical Research Coordinator at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute before moving to Atlanta for medical school at Emory. I am passionate about medical education, mentoring, and clinical and translational oncology research. In my free time, you'll most likely find me running along the Esplanade, skiing, or obsessing over Boston sports teams.

**Emma Materne, MD**

Med/Peds

I am originally from Carlisle, MA and have lived most of my life in Massachusetts, with the exception of going to college at the University of Richmond in Virginia, where I majored in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology. After graduation, I worked for two years as a research technician at the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary which solidified my decision to go to medical school, as well as developed my interest in immunology and translational research. When I started medical school at the University of Massachusetts, I was considering pediatrics; however, while conducting a research project on congenital CMV, I realized the impact of chronic disease on patients and their families, particularly those diseases that cross the threshold of pediatric and adult medicine. During my clinical rotations, I enjoyed caring for both children and adults, especially those with special health care needs. This realization led me to pursue residency in internal medicine-pediatrics, with a hope of combining my interests in academic medicine, translational research and patient care. In my free time, I enjoy running outside, exploring cafés, spending time with family, being on the ocean in Maine and laughing with friends.

**Matthew Meizlish, MD, PhD**

Categorical

I am from CT and went to Yale for college, where I majored in History and wrote my thesis about Nicaragua's Sandinista Revolution. I then spent a year at Cambridge studying History and Philosophy of Science before returning to Yale for the MD/PhD program. I did my PhD in Immunology with Ruslan Medzhitov and learned that macrophages sense the mechanical properties of their environment to regulate tissue repair. Post-PhD, I've been doing research on the pathogenesis of severe COVID-19, which sparked my interest in Pulmonary/Critical Care and the immunology of sepsis and ARDS, in particular. I am passionate about health equity and community health and how they are shaped by policy. I love to write, ski, play soccer, and find the best neighborhood bars and coffee shops.

**Trace Neal, MD**

Categorical

I was born in Atlanta, GA, and grew up in the nearby suburb of Stone Mountain, GA, until the age of 9. Then my family moved to Rock Hill, South Carolina, where they have resided since. After graduating from Rock Hill High School in 2013, I graduated from the University of South Carolina with a B.S. in Accounting in 2017 before coming to the Medical University of South Carolina in fall of the same year. I'm interested in pursuing a career as an academic advanced heart failure/transplant cardiologist. In my free time, I enjoy spending time with family and friends, telling jokes, watching football and basketball, listening to music, and watching plot-heavy shows/movies.

**Mahan Nekoui, MD**

Categorical

I was born in Iran, grew up in Toronto, and moved to Boston in 2013. I like to code and deal with large datasets. I love long and slow running, backpacking, cooking, and baking. I grew up with electronic, alt rock, hip hop, and classical music.

**Akua Nuako, MD**

Categorical

I am from Martin, TN (a small town in northwest TN). My parents and extended family are from Ghana. I love playing tennis, bike riding, crossword puzzles, trivia (both useless and useful), and podcasts. I hope to explore my interests in obesity and metabolic medicine at MGH!

**Adedayo (Dayo) Okanlawon, MD, MS**

Categorical

Dayo was born in Lagos, Nigeria and raised in Missouri City, Texas, a small suburb on the outskirts of Houston. He earned his BS in Biochemistry and Genetics and his MS in Biomedical Science at Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas. During his time at Texas A&M, he was an active member of a local entrepreneurship program, Startup Aggieland, where he co-founded a small business. He graduated from the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley School of Medicine, where he was a member of the program's second graduating class. After completing Internal Medicine Residency at MGH, Dayo hopes to pursue a career in academic gastroenterology. He is passionate about addressing health disparities that affect minority communities and increasing diversity in medicine. In his free time, Dayo enjoys spending time with friends and family, exploring cuisines from different cultures, watching Texas A&M football, and listening to business-related podcasts.

**Katelyn Pastick, MD**

Categorical

I was born and raised just outside of St. Paul, Minnesota. I graduated from the University of Minnesota in 2015 with a degree in Genetics, Cell Biology, & Development (and minors in Spanish and Public Health). After college, I moved overseas and worked in Kampala, Uganda for two years as a research assistant on an HIV-related cryptococcal meningitis clinical trial. While in Uganda, I cofounded a maternal mobile health initiative - sending prenatal information via text messages to pregnant mothers. These experiences solidified my interests in infectious diseases and clinical research. I became increasingly interested in the intersection between ID and global women's health during medical school. In my spare time, I love to travel, hike, camp, and garden! I am also a huge animal lover.

**Rachel Perez, MD**

Categorical

Hi! My name is Rachel, and I grew up in a big, Cuban family in Miami, FL. After enjoying the country music in Nashville during college and the beautiful sunsets in Phoenix during medical school, I am incredibly excited to explore my new home, Boston. I love to spend time printmaking or painting, scouting out new coffee shops, and trying different foods (either by cooking or at restaurants). I am passionate about equitable care for patients with limited English proficiency. Some things I am looking forward to in residency include meeting my wonderful co-residents and exploring different career paths.

**Erin Plews-Ogan, MD**

Primary Care

I grew up in Virginia, initially in a rural area on the Chesapeake Bay and later in the college town of Charlottesville. I studied anthropology and environmental science at the College of Wooster in Ohio. If I hadn't chosen medicine, I might have been an ecologist, and I still love reading ecology-related books. I also enjoy running (I was a steeplechaser in college) and hope to run the Boston Marathon this fall.

**Florence (Flo) Porterfield, MD**

Categorical

I grew up in Baltimore and went to undergrad at Georgetown University. I'm interested in medical education, but am unsure of what speciality I would like to go into (maybe Heme/Onc or Cardiology). I come from a football-loving family and am a huge Baltimore Ravens fan. I also love spending free time with friends/family, needlepointing, and doing NYT crossword puzzles.

**Max Quinn, MD**

Categorical

Born and raised in North Adams, MA, I grew up with a love for the outdoors and my home community. Baseball, basketball, fishing, and trumpet-playing were fixtures of my early life. During high school, I met the woman who'd end up becoming my best friend and wife. We each went to Rhode Island for undergrad (go Brown!) and spent a year in the Boston area before moving to NYC for medical school. In our spare time, we love to ski/snowboard, travel wherever COVID restrictions allow, spoil our cats, and make memories with family and friends. I hope to pursue cardiology or pulmonary-critical care with a career in medical education.

**Pradeep Rajendran, MD, PhD**

Categorical

I grew up in Naperville, Illinois, just outside of Chicago. I went to Stanford for undergraduate, where I majored in Biomechanical Engineering, and then went to UCLA for MD/PhD. During my PhD, I worked in the laboratory of Dr. Kalyanam Shivkumar, where I studied neural mechanisms underlying arrhythmias and heart failure. After my PhD, I spent two years at a biotech startup that is pioneering novel diagnostics and therapeutics for heart disease. I am interested in Cardiology. Outside of medicine, I enjoy trying new restaurants, cooking, and traveling with my wife (also a medicine intern at MGH), being outdoors, and gardening.

**Luis Ramos-Burgos, MD**

Categorical

Hello everyone! My name is Luis! I was born and raised in Puerto Rico. I went to Indianapolis to obtain my bachelor's degree in Biology at IUPUI and then returned home to complete my MD at the University of Puerto Rico. My current interests include medical education, gastroenterology, and general internal medicine. During my free time, you will usually find me enjoying manga/anime, watching Real Madrid C.F. and Liverpool F.C., learning new songs to play on the piano, and playing PC video games. I also enjoy the outdoors and paddleboarding. I am very excited to be joining the MGH family at Boston!

**Axana Rodriguez-Torres, MD, MPH**

Primary Care

I am Axana, an immigrant from Colombia into California and now into Boston. I think of myself as an avid seeker of social justice for the most underserved communities. I have a strong interest in Palliative/Geriatrics care. Lots of my passion is centered around participating in group efforts to fight social injustices including inequity of healthcare access and racism. My motto outside medicine is Run to Live and Live to Run. I absolutely love dancing salsa as well as playing chess.

**Juan Ruiz, MD**

Categorical

I grew up in Liberal, Kansas and attended college and Medical school in Wichita, Kansas. In my spare time, I enjoy reading, exercising, playing the guitar, watching movies, and exploring the world. I am still undecided about my future but am incredibly excited for what it holds.

**Ya Haddy Sallah, MD, MPH**

Categorical

I was born and raised in The Gambia, West Africa. I have an MPH from Washington University in St. Louis and recently graduated from Yale University School of Medicine. My professional interests include global health (especially global oncology), health disparities and health systems strengthening. I enjoy reading African literature, cooking food from different cultures, and listening to music (reggae, dancehall, afrobeats, soca, R&B & hip-hop).

**Marissa Savoie, MD**

Categorical

I'm originally from the Francisco Bay Area although most of my family lives in the Central Valley or Midwest. I studied Biology and Math at Columbia University and before medical school I worked as a clinical research coordinator in Gastrointestinal Oncology at UCSF. I stayed at UCSF for medical school where I enjoyed working on clinical research projects focused on sensitive or stigmatized issues that affect mid-life and older women. I'm passionate about improving quality of life in chronic disease and am hoping to apply into rheumatology or gastroenterology. Outside of medicine, I love backpacking, science fiction, knitting, post-punk bands, and all things Radiohead.

**Kyle Saysana, MD**

Categorical

Hello, all! I was born in Bellevue, Washington and grew up in the DFW area. I went to the University of Texas at Austin for undergrad where I studied biochemistry and modern languages. I'm ultimately interested in pursuing cardiology/advanced heart failure or pulmonary/critical care medicine with a heavy focus on ultrasound and medical education. In my spare time, I love to explore new restaurants, gym, travel, hike, Netflix, find new podcasts, join in on foreign language conversation hours, and volunteer around the community. I'm also always down for snowball fights!

**Eriene-Heidi Sidhom, MD, PhD**

Categorical

I was raised in Westfield, NJ as the middle child of three. In junior year of high school, I first became fascinated by medicinal chemistry through an introductory organic chemistry course. In 2009 I moved to Boston to attend Tufts University where I majored in Biochemistry and Applied Mathematics. While at Tufts, I had my first experiences in research in the lab of Krishna Kumar, in the Tufts Chemistry department, where I explored my interests in medicinal and organic chemistry. I subsequently matriculated into the Harvard-MIT MD/PhD program where I discovered a love for nephrology through the HST Renal course taught by Julian Seifter and Albert Lam. Through the MD-PhD program, I met my PhD advisor, Anna Greka, and studied the mechanisms of rare genetically defined kidney diseases. During my PhD I also discovered a love for running and have spent many hours circling the Charles River and Jamaica Pond. When not in the hospital or lab, I also enjoy hiking in the White Mountains, picnicking along the Esplanade, or relaxing at home knitting, crocheting, or cooking with friends.

**Jonathan Siglin, MD**

Categorical

I grew up in Washington, DC and went to the University of Maryland, College Park for undergrad. I completed medical school at the University of Maryland in Baltimore before escaping the (admittedly lovely) state for residency. In my free time, I like to make things out of wood, such as wobbly tables and bowed chessboards, and I am often dragged out running by my partner Catherine.

**Aaron Silverstein, MD**

Categorical

I'm Aaron, I was born in Nairobi, Kenya and lived there until I was 18 when I moved for Seattle for college then St. Louis for Medical school. I'm interested in medical education and am considering rheumatology. I love playing FIFA and I'd never say no to a game of soccer if it's nice out.

**Diane Somlo, MD, MBA**

Categorical

I was born and raised in Connecticut and grew up with three siblings and our family dog. I graduated from Cornell University with a degree in Biology in 2015 and then took a gap year to work as a basic science Research Assistant before beginning medical school at the Yale School of Medicine in 2016. I decided to pursue the MD/MBA joint degree at the Yale School of Management to align my passion for medicine with my strong interest in healthcare innovation and improvement, and I will be graduating with the MD and MBA degrees in Spring 2021. I am an active person who enjoys being outdoors, jogging, yoga, and pick-up sports. I also enjoy journaling, sketching, and travelling both domestically and internationally. I love spending time with my fiancé (now an intern in the MGH Anesthesia Residency Program), my family, and my friends, and I am so excited to be training at MGH!

**Victoria (Tori) Speck, MD**

Categorical

Hi! I'm Tori. I was born and raised in San Diego, and this is my first time living outside of California! A few of my favorite things include riding horses, skiing the blues, doing heated yoga, trying all the new snacks Trader Joe's has to offer, painting paint-by-numbers, and most of all hanging with my dog, Gunny (he's a very good boy).

**Smrithi Sukumar, MD**

Categorical

I was born in the San Francisco Bay Area and grew up in Seattle. I studied Molecular & Cell Biology and Public Health as an undergraduate at UC Berkeley, and went to UCSF for medical school. After living my whole life on the West Coast, I'm so excited to train at MGH and explore New England! I'm passionate about cardiology and elder health, having conducted research on the intersection of aging and cardiac health. I'm also excited about academic medicine and advancing medical education with virtual learning modalities. Outside of medicine, I love water-color painting, creating Indian art, cross-stitching, playing the piano, and finding new boba places!

**Sarah Tait, MD**

Categorical

I'm originally from St. Louis, Missouri and attended University of Virginia for college and Duke for medical school. In terms of career interests, I'm still very much undecided as to subspecialty but hope to pursue a career in academic medicine, with the goal of combining my interest in clinical research with my love of teaching. In my free time, I love watching basketball (go 'Hoos), spending time outside, and working on puzzles.

**William (Will) Tate, MD**

Categorical

I grew up in Chapel Hill, NC and attended UNC for undergrad. Coming from a bi-racial family, I became passionate about racial educational inequities and after college became a middle school science teacher in Atlanta, GA. Despite loving my time in the classroom, I eventually decided to pursue a career in medicine. Within medicine I am interested in medical education, diversity and inclusion, and health disparities research. Outside of medicine my hobbies include fishing, biking, chess, and writing.

**Shivani Thaker, MD, PhD**

Categorical

I grew up in Cerritos, California, just outside of Los Angeles. I completed both my undergraduate and MD/PhD training at UCLA. I did my thesis work with Heather Christofk and examined metabolic reprogramming by both cancers and viruses. I'm interested in Hematology/Oncology. Outside of medicine, I love cooking with my partner (also an MGH intern), trying new restaurants, traveling, photography, basketball, and dancing.



Bryan Ulrich, MD

Categorical

Growing up in the south suburbs of Chicago, my early years were mostly filled with baseball and golf (playing and working as a caddy). I stayed close to home for undergrad at the University of Chicago then ventured to Boston for two years to work on cell-free DNA at Dana-Farber. During this time, I also worked as a food runner at Island Creek Oyster Bar prior to its tragic closing. After, I attended medical school at Emory in Atlanta where I took a liking to its quite different winters than Chicago and Boston. Currently, I'm interested in infectious disease, critical care, and hematology/oncology; my research interests are non-invasive diagnostics and plasma genotyping in solid malignancies. Outside of medicine, my hobbies include running, restaurants, candle making, fashion, and dessert.



Nicholas (Nick) Vogt, MD, PhD

Categorical

I grew up in Appleton, Wisconsin, attended undergrad at Swarthmore College, and completed my MD/PhD training at the University of Wisconsin. I'm interested in going into Geriatrics and caring for older adults with memory disorders, as well as using neuroimaging to better understand the earliest pathological brain changes in Alzheimer's disease. In my free time, I enjoy small stream trout fishing, woodworking and furniture building, and homebrewing beer (constantly changing my IPA recipe).



Kruti Vora, MD

Categorical

I was born in Mumbai, India and grew up in Singapore, New York, and Wayland, MA before attending college and medical school at Harvard. Within medicine, I am passion about advocating for health equity for vulnerable patient populations, especially in cancer care. Outside of the hospital, you can find me running around the Charles, eating Moose Tracks ice cream, and playing fetch or hiking with my dog.



Elliott Winford, MD, MHS

Categorical

Hello everyone! My name is Elliott or just "El" for short. I'm a native of the Mississippi Delta and can't wait to experience Boston! In my spare time, I love to travel, catch a good scary movie, and play board/video games. I'm really intersted in cardiology and pulmonary/critical care at the moment, but look forward to learning all that I can from every specialty! Looking forward to meeting the MGH family, El



Amy Zheng, MD

Categorical

Born and raised in Queens, New York, I attended college at Cornell University (where I majored in Biology & Society) and medical school at Harvard. I enjoy trying out new restaurants, drinking coffee, listening to podcasts, and watching documentaries.



Joyce Zhou, MD

Categorical Care

My name is Joyce Zhou (rhymes with "wow"!), and I'm originally from the Bay Area of California but have lived in Boston since college, where I studied anthropology. During medical school at HMS, I developed interests in medical education, GI, and patient advocacy through storytelling. When I'm not thinking about medicine, you'll find me adventuring outdoors, catching up with friends over coffee, listening to The Daily, and baking and eating scones.