



Hurley Medical Center

Transitional Year Residency Program

Incoming Class of 2015



Omar Assasa, MD

A graduate of the University of Balamand Faculty of Medicine and Medical Sciences in Lebanon, Omar is interested in pursuing a career in Internal Medicine. He has worked with the Red Cross, helping refugees in his home country of Syria and working with medical students. Omar believes in the importance of not only treating the patient, but in understanding their emotional needs & helping to educate them on the illness, as well as disease management. He enjoys soccer, reading, chess, movies, and traveling.



Kristin Kennedy, DO

A graduate from the Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine, Kristin plans to pursue Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation. Her own love of watching & playing sports led her to a career involving athletics. She started her schooling in Kinesiology and was accepted into the Athletic Training Program at MSU.

While there she treated world class athletes & initially wanted to pursue a career in professional football. Realizing she needed more experience, she took a job at DMC's Rehabilitation Institute in the outpatient Orthopedic Department. During her 3 years in Detroit, she saw her patients change from athletes of privilege, to those who were inactive, unemployed, and unable to get proper medical care. Through these interactions, she was inspired to apply to medical school, so she could better help those in need. Kristin enjoys cooking, and of course, sports.



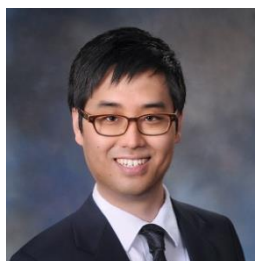
Mohammed Siddiqui, MD

A graduate of Windsor University School of Medicine Saint Kitts and Nevis, Mohammed plans to pursue a career in Internal Medicine. He completed his clinical rotations throughout Chicago, where he was exposed to a diverse patient population and a variety of illnesses. It was there he learned the importance of communication and education on disease management and prevention. He participated in a relieve trip to New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina where he developed leadership qualities and improved his communication skills. Mohammed enjoys sports, traveling, and cars.



David Francis, MD

David graduated from the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health, and has accepted a PGY2 position in Radiation Oncology at the University of Wisconsin. In medical school he started a group where Oncologists taught students about the various specialties in cancer care and how to treat the people, not just the disease. He overcame several hardships & delays on his journey to complete his education, but remained focused and went on to receive numerous awards for academic & research excellence. He has completed a two year National Institute of Health T32 Physician Scientist Fellowship. David would like to continue researching ways to improve patient care and treatment. He enjoys exercise, music, films, and spending time with his wife and their yellow lab.



Ben Shin, MD

A graduate of Baylor College of Medicine, Ben is set to pursue a career in Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation. He moved from Korea to Texas at the age of 15 and was inspired to enter a medical career after a personal witnessing the role PM&R can play in patient recovery & overall health. From an early age, Ben's father instilled in him the importance of how you arrive at a solution, not just the solution itself; he has applied this understanding to his academic & research pursuits, focusing on the discovering the process of underlying pathologies. In his spare time, Ben enjoys sports and Korean cooking.



Eric Smith, MD

A graduate from Indiana University School of Medicine, Eric has accepted a PGY2 position in Radiology. He was inspired to pursue medicine & ultimately radiology, after his own MRI results. While in medical school he studied in Madrid where he was immersed in the Spanish culture & language. When he returned to the US, he improved his language skills by completing clerkships in Spanish-dominant hospitals and is now a certified bilingual medical provider in Indiana. Eric hopes to use his research and training to improve patient health in not only treatment, but in identifying barriers to compliance. He enjoys brewing beer, traveling, sports, and playing the piano & guitar.