

CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE FELLOWSHIP

Fellows

Class of 2022



Sunil Pathak, MD

Residency: Internal Medicine – Marshfield Medical Center

Medical School: Kathmandu University School of Medical Sciences

I was born and raised in the Himalayan country of Nepal. I was awarded scholarship by the government of Nepal to attend medical school. I came to the United States in 2016 and completed my internal medicine residency from Marshfield Medical Center, Wisconsin, where I was a third-year chief. Coming from a family with a strong history of premature coronary artery disease, I got fascinated with the field of cardiology early on. What grew my passion was the fact that I could make meaningful differences in my patients' lives with my acquired knowledge and skills. I am interested in structural and imaging aspect of cardiology. It was a no brainer for me to do my cardiology fellowship at HonorHealth as all the core faculty that I interviewed with seemed highly motivated and enthusiastic to make my fellowship a happy learning experience.

As one of the first fellows in the program, I have the opportunity to play a key role in structuring the program. With its five hospitals in the valley, HonorHealth provides me with diverse patient experience. On a personal front, I like playing soccer, ping pong and traveling.



Rohan Trivedi, DO

Residency: Internal Medicine – Allegheny Health

Medical School: Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine

I was born in Ahmedabad, India, but grew up in Long Island, New York. I graduated from Georgia Tech with a degree in biomedical engineering and I received my medical degree from Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine – Bradenton Campus. I completed my residency training from Allegheny General Hospital in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where I became deeply passionate about the field of cardiology. My clinical interest remains in the field of general cardiology and heart failure. I have performed research in heart failure, electrophysiology and cardiac imaging and look to continue pursuing research in these fields during fellowship. In my free time, I enjoy traveling, hiking, bicycling, and amateur photography.

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**Krishna Akella, MD**

Residency: Internal Medicine – Stony Brook University

Medical School: Louisiana State University School of Medicine in Shreveport

I graduated from Rutgers University with a bachelor's degree in Genetics. After college, I wanted to get some more in-depth experience in medicine and research, so I became a research assistant in a free hospital in Bangalore, India. At the time, my research focus was targeted towards quality improvement. After returning, I went to medical school in my hometown, Des Moines, Iowa. After completing medical school, I was fortunate to get into Internal Medicine residency in Southampton, New York near my parents. I got married at the beginning of intern year. My wife is currently an OB/Gyn resident at the University of Iowa.

Once I completed residency, I was interested in cardiology but wanted the opportunity to improve my CV. I was fortunate to find such a research opportunity very near Iowa, in Kansas City. Within cardiology, my main clinical interest involves use of advanced technology to improve cardiovascular outcomes. I hope to start a podcast eventually on upcoming cardiovascular research designed for the lay public. My passion is research and integration of simple measures for quality improvement in medical practice and clinical education. Personal hobbies of mine include teaching, music, and cooking. HonorHealth stood out to me among other programs in the commitment to education and research. As a new program, there are many opportunities, which I hope to be involved in, shaping the culture and foundation for future graduating classes.

**Parker LaVigne, MD**

Residency: Internal Medicine – Louisiana State University

Medical School: Des Moines University College of Osteopathic Medicine

I was born and raised in Shreveport, Louisiana. I did my undergraduate education at University of Mississippi "Ole Miss" from 2006-10. Afterwards, I went to Mississippi College for a Masters in Biological Medical Sciences. I attended Medical School at LSU Health Science Center in Shreveport from 2012 to 2016 and matched in to Internal Medicine Residency at LSU Health Science Center. I worked as 2019 chief resident and transitioned to Hospitalist for remained of 2019-2020. I matched into Cardiology Fellowship at Honor Health, planning to begin summer of 2020. Cardiology has always been an interest and passion of mine, and I spend time teaching EKGs to residents, interns and medical students. Outside of the medical world, I am your typical Louisiana boy, I enjoy football, golf, eating, cooking, skiing, hunting and fishing. My wife and I

spend the majority of our free time on the coast salt water fishing. I chose Honor Health as a place to continue my training as they are on the front lines when it comes to new therapies and studies in the field of Cardiology.

Class of 2024



Lydia M. Taranto, MD

Residency: Internal Medicine - HonorHealth

Medical School: University of Arizona

I was born and raised in Arizona, I did my undergraduate at Northern Arizona University, and I went to medical school at the University of Arizona in Tucson. Following this, I did an intern year of general surgery at the Phoenix Integrated Surgical Residency, before discovering my passion and moving to the HonorHealth Internal Medicine Residency.

My clinical interest has always been congenital cardiology; over time it has evolved to become adult congenital electrophysiology. I am passionate about the congenital heart population, and I want to be a part of exploring and developing the field of adult congenital heart disease, particularly the EP aspect.

I spent many years in bench-side research, during my time in medical school and residency I transitioned to clinical research. My posters and papers focus on my passion: the heart and the ailments that affect it, be they acquired or congenital.

I chose HonorHealth for many reasons, but the foremost in my mind is the culture. Here I have found a culture that I believe is a model for the future of medical training: respect, constant growth, integrity of academia and clinical work, wellness, and authentic dedication to crafting high-quality physicians. I firmly believe that HonorHealth provided the perfect environmental milieu for me to grow into and to flourish as a physician, and I'm grateful for the opportunity to continue my training here.



Juan Arturo Siordia, MD

Residency: Internal Medicine – Banner University Medical Center South

Medical School: University of Arizona

I am an Arizona Native originating from Nogales, AZ. I have been in Arizona nearly all of my life, including completing Undergraduate, Medical School, and Residency at the University of Arizona College of Medicine – Tucson/Banner University Medical Center (South Campus). My clinical/research interests include Transcatheter Aortic Valve Implantation/Replacement (TAVI/TAVR), Aortic Diseases, and Medical (Cardiovascular) Bioengineering. I was named the resident of the year during my residency and have managed to develop my own patent as well as multiple publications. I aim to become an Interventional Cardiologist capable of doing aortic procedures.

HonorHealth provides everything that I desire (let alone being situated in Arizona). The Cardiovascular Disease Fellowship at HonorHealth contains all my desires throughout the whole field of cardiology; it provides all the education needed to be a unique and excellent cardiologist. Hosting the Scottsdale Interventional Forum, the fellowship also is deemed one of the highest -- if not the highest -- volume of interventions among all the programs in Arizona. I can safely secure my education in becoming a leading and innovating cardiovascular disease specialist while remaining in my home state.