

## INTERNAL MEDICINE RESIDENCY PROGRAM FACULTY

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### LEADERSHIP



**Dana Sall, MD, MEd**  
Program Director

Dr. Sall is from Syracuse, New York and completed her undergraduate education at the University of Rochester, and her medical training at SUNY Upstate Medical University. She completed her Internal Medicine Residency at the University of Cincinnati (UC). During her Chief Resident year, Dr. Sall confirmed her passion for education and realized that connecting with learners was her calling. She pursued a master's degree in education at UC to help develop the skills to become an outstanding educator.

After completing her Master of Education, she simultaneously took a role as an Associate Program Director for the Internal Medicine Residency program at UC and a role as co-course director for a core longitudinal Clinical Skills course for MS1 and MS2 students. She won one Gold Apple and two Silver Apple awards for her teaching during this time.

She has been widely published and presented nationally and internationally on topics such as assessment and feedback, rater cognition, Clinical Competency Committees, adult learning theory, procedural competence, and change management.

As Program Director, Dr. Sall is enthusiastic about incorporating adult learning theory into the curriculum, being open to feedback to guide continuous program improvement, and helping residents succeed by cultivating a growth mindset – where challenge is embraced, and failures are not missteps but opportunities to learn together.



**Rustan Sharer, MD**  
Associate Program Director

Dr. Rustan Sharer is a Phoenix native who studied Biomedical Engineering at ASU prior to graduating from the University of Arizona, College of Medicine – Phoenix. After internal medicine residency at Banner UMC-Phoenix, he was retained as Clinical Assistant Professor in the role of Outpatient Chief Resident in Quality & Patient Safety at the Phoenix VA Healthcare System. As Chief Resident, he both led and mentored numerous quality improvement and informatics initiatives while also teaching Quality & Safety seminars.

He now performs several roles at HonorHealth, including: Director of Quality Initiatives for the Internal Medicine residency, Medical Director of Quality and Safety for the Medical Group, and Physician Informatics Champion (as an EPIC-Certified Physician Builder).

Combining engineering principles (like Lean/Six-Sigma) with a passion for informatics-based clinical solutions, he has developed a unique, resident-driven, quality improvement and patient safety curriculum. He dreams for tomorrow's physicians to not just adopt new technology, but to push the boundaries of technological advances as befits an increasingly digital world.



**Rajil M. Karnani, MD, MME, MSPA, FACP**  
Associate Program Director

Dr. Karnani has a diverse background in medical education, quality improvement, and clinical data science. He currently practices in the academic medicine clinic at Jomax and enjoys teaching and mentoring both residents and medical students. In addition, he helps support the program's journal club and master educator pathway. His main academic interests include evidence-based medicine, faculty development, and artificial intelligence.

Dr. Karnani is a native of Cleveland, Ohio and completed medical school through a combined 6-year B.S./M.D. program at Kent State University and Northeast Ohio Medical University. He completed his residency in internal medicine at Summa Health System in Akron, Ohio. Subsequently, he pursued additional training in an academic medicine fellowship at the University of Iowa, where he earned a Master's in Medical Education from the University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine and completed the VA National Quality Scholars Fellowship; a program that trains physicians in quality improvement, patient safety, and the science of change in complex healthcare systems. Dr. Karnani then spent approximately eight years as a practicing academic internist with a focus on medical education. During this time, Dr. Karnani completed a Master's in Predictive Analytics from Northwestern University and the Physician Leadership Academy through the Advisory Board Company. In 2016, Dr. Karnani began a non-clinical career in healthcare data science. During this period, he volunteered part-time as a primary care physician at the St. Vincent de Paul Medical Clinic in Phoenix, AZ, ultimately joining HonorHealth in 2022.



**Seema Jain, MD, MPH**  
Associate Program Director

Dr. Jain grew up in Ohio and earned her medical degree at The Ohio State University College of Medicine. She completed her internal medicine residency at University of Pittsburgh Medical Center. She also received advanced training in medical education and public health through a General Internal Medicine fellowship at UT Southwestern Medical Center and Master of Public Health from UTHHealth. She is certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine. Dr. Jain is passionate about preventive health and teaching, and she enjoys collaborating and developing relationships with her patients to help them achieve their health goals.

## CORE FACULTY

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**Connie Abarikwu, MD**  
Ambulatory

You would think that after 20 years of practicing Internal Medicine, there would not be much about the human body to still amaze Dr. Abarikwu. Not so! She continues to be “in awe of the body and its resilience” and has great respect for the process of aging and our elderly population. She also has a special interest in female care and gynecological issues.

As you would expect, Dr. Abarikwu finds Internal Medicine “challenging, yet rewarding and fulfilling.” Viewing it and other primary care specialties as “the foundation for all medical care,” she is proud to be part of the “foundation team” and honored to help prepare the next generation of internist physicians.



**Jackie Cronin, DO**  
Ambulatory

Dr. Cronin is from Brookfield, Wisconsin and completed her undergraduate education at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She completed her medical training at Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine and her Internal Medicine Residency at Main Line Health-Lankenau Medical Center. She joined the HonorHealth Medical Group in 2020.

Dr. Cronin firmly believes in cultivating a doctor-patient relationship built on trust, and she is honored to have the opportunity to blend her medical practice with supporting the growth and development of future physicians.

In her free time, Dr. Cronin enjoys spending time with her husband and young daughter.



**Azeen Elahi, DO**  
Medical School: Arizona College of Osteopathic Medicine of MWU  
Residency: University of Arizona College of Medicine



**Evan Holdsworth, MD**  
Inpatient

Dr. Holdsworth is a board-certified internal medicine physician currently employed with Affiliated Hospitalists, a local hospitalist group located in Phoenix, Arizona. Previously worked for over two years as a private hospitalist before taking a position as primarily an academic hospitalist for a new internal medicine residency program in 2016. He currently serves as the Hospitalist Program Medical Director at the HonorHealth Scottsdale Thompson Peak Medical Center.



**Shirin Nafisi, MD**

Medical School: University of Medicine and Health Sciences  
Residency: University of Arizona College of Medicine



**Amy Lee, MD**

Medical School: American University of the Caribbean School  
Residency: Sinai Samaritan Medical Center



**Priya Radhakrishnan, MD**

Chief Academic Officer, Ambulatory

Dr. Radhakrishnan is the Chief Academic Officer with responsibilities for all graduate, undergraduate and continuing medical education, faculty development, library science and clinical simulation activities.

She brings more than 10 years of experience in the field of medical education including serving as clerkship director at the University of Arizona College of Medicine - Phoenix. She previously served as chair of Internal Medicine at Dignity Health St. Joseph's

Hospital and Medical Center.

Dr. Radhakrishnan will build upon the foundation of the Academic Affairs department and continue to shape opportunities for growth in medical education to provide the highest quality of care for patients and families across the network. Currently she practices at the HonorHealth Medical Group Jomax Clinic.



**Kevin Ranum, MD**

Dr. Ranum graduated from University of Toledo College of Medicine and his residency was at Mercy St. Vincent Center Toledo, OH. He also has a Masters in Health Systems Management and a Master's of Science Biomedical Science/Medical Science. Dr. Ranum is the nocturnist that oversees the Night Float rotation for the Internal Medicine Residency Program. He works with Affiliated Hospitalist.

## AMBULATORY FACULTY

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**Jim Whitfill, MD**

As Chief Transformation Officer, Dr. Whitfill, brings leadership expertise in healthcare, organizational culture, and information technology to promote a customer-centric experience and offer new ways to deliver more complete, coordinated and accessible care. He brings together data, technology and marketing to advance technical innovations, such as call center technology, CRM systems, apps and digital tools, to give both the customer and caregivers an enhanced approach to care.

By focusing the efforts of these business areas and finding the right digital tools, Dr. Whitfill aims to improve the customer journey so that it becomes more seamless and focused on the needs of the individual. The goal is to transform the organization into a more patient focused and provider friendly health system which better serves the surrounding community.

Before joining HonorHealth, Dr. Whitfill served as chief medical officer for Innovation Care Partners, a clinically integrated network in Phoenix. He also serves as a clinical associate professor in the departments of Internal Medicine and Biomedical Informatics at the University of Arizona College of Medicine-Phoenix.

Dr. Whitfill received his BA from Princeton University and his MD from the University of Pennsylvania. He trained in internal medicine at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, where he also completed a fellowship in medical informatics.

## INPATIENT MEDICINE

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**Abby Borhan, MD**

Medical School: Creighton University School of Medicine

Residency: University of Arizona College of Medicine



**Dru Dethlefs, DO**

Medical School: Arizona College of Osteopathic Medicine of MWU

Residency: Lewis Gale Hospital Montgomery



**Amarjot Gill, MD**

Medical School: Texas Tech University Health Science Center

Residency: Mayo Clinic Scottsdale



## CORE SUBSPECIALTY FACULTY

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### ADDICTION MEDICINE



**Michael A. Sucher, MD, FASAM**

Dr. Sucher graduated at Wayne State University where he received a Bachelor of Science Degree and Medical Degree. Dr. Sucher's internship was at Sinai Hospital of Detroit in Detroit, Michigan, and he underwent residency training at Indiana University Medical Center in Indianapolis, Indiana. From 1974 through 1994, Dr. Sucher practiced emergency medicine and served as emergency department director at two HonorHealth facilities in Scottsdale (Osborn and Shea). He served as President of the Medical Staff of Scottsdale Healthcare Osborn.

He has served as the Acting Medical Director of the Division of Behavioral Health at the Department of Health Services, State of Arizona. He currently serves as the Chief Medical Officer for Community Bridges Inc., which is a community substance abuse and mental health treatment program in the greater Phoenix area and throughout the state of Arizona. He also served as the medical director for Community Medical Services from 2011-2016, which is the largest opioid treatment program in Arizona and also has programs in Montana, North Dakota and Alaska.

He is the medical director of physician health for HonorHealth. He holds teaching positions throughout the greater Phoenix metropolitan area. He also recently directed the formation of the first addiction medicine fellowship program in Arizona as a collaboration between Community Bridges, Inc., and HonorHealth. He is serving as the initial fellowship program director.

Dr. Sucher is a Distinguished Fellow of the American Society of Addiction Medicine. He was granted Diplomate Status by the American Board of Addiction Medicine in 2009. He is also certified as a Medical Review Officer by ASAM. Additionally, he is a past president of the Arizona Society of Addiction Medicine. He is a nationally known speaker on addiction medicine and professional health issues.

### ALLERGY & IMMUNOLOGY



**Michael Manning, MD**

Dr. Manning attended medical school at the University of Texas Medical School in Houston. Dr. Manning pursued his Internal Medicine residency in Phoenix then completed an Allergy, Asthma and Immunology Fellowship at Scripps Clinic and Research Foundation in La Jolla, California.

He is a Fellow in the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology and the American College of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology. Dr. Manning is very active in many national, regional and state societies and is involved with research to continually improve the treatments of allergies and asthma. He is past president of the Western Society of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology and lectures frequently to physicians in Arizona and regionally.

## CARDIOLOGY



### Daniel Storch, MD

Dr. Daniel Storch has been practicing cardiology in Scottsdale for over 20 years. He received his undergraduate degree from Union College, and his medical degree from the New York University School of Medicine in 1985.

After completing his internal medicine internship and residency at the Bronx Municipal Hospital Center/Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York, he stayed on for fellowships in adult cardiology and then interventional cardiology.

Dr. Storch is triple board certified in internal medicine, cardiovascular diseases and nuclear cardiology. He is a designated Fellow of the American College of Cardiology. He serves as AZ Cardiology Group's Nuclear Stress Lab Director and is chair of internal medicine at HonorHealth Scottsdale Thompson Peak Medical Center. His areas of clinical interest include coronary artery disease, angioplasty and stenting, congestive heart failure, lipid management and preventive cardiology. He has been recognized as one of Phoenix Magazine's TOP DOCs.

## DERMATOLOGY



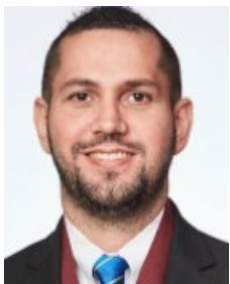
### Christopher L. Reardon, PhD, MD

Dr. Christopher Reardon is a board-certified dermatologist at the Carl T. Hayden VA Medical Center in Phoenix. He has over 36 years of experience in the medical field. He graduated from University of Arizona College of Medicine-Tucson with a Ph.D. in molecular biology in 1983 and a M.D. in 1986. This was followed by a medicine internship at the Sidney Kimmel Medical College at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital in 1987. He completed dermatology residency and immunodermatology fellowship programs at the University of Colorado School of Medicine with Dermatology board certification in 1990. He joined the faculty at the University of Colorado COM as

Instructor of Dermatology and through a series of promotions ultimately became an Associate Professor of Dermatology and Immunology. While there, he became Director of the Cancer Center Immunology and Flow Cytometry Laboratories, in addition to supervising his own laboratory. While there working with gd-T cells, he discovered a new T-cell gene and a previously unrecognized way that T-cell and B-cell genes rearrange.

Dr Reardon also served as Chief of Dermatology for the Denver VA and then for the Phoenix VA all beginning in 2002. After moving to the Phoenix VA, he become faculty at the University of Arizona COM-Tucson in 2007 as Professor of Medicine. Throughout his career he has been committed to the education and mentorship of medical students and residents.

## ENDOCRINOLOGY



### Ricardo Correa, MD, EdD

Dr Correa completed his Medical School and Education Master at University of Panama. Before going on training, he completed a research fellowship in Epidemiology and Tropical disease at Gorgas Memorial Institute for Health Studies in Panama City. He completed his internal medicine residency at Jackson Memorial Hospital-University of Miami program as part of the William Harrington Program and during his residency he was instructor of Medicine for the University of Miami.



## GASTROENTEROLOGY



**Siva Talluri, MD**

Dr. Talluri is a gastroenterology specialist in Scottsdale, AZ. He is employed with HonorHealth Medical Group. He completed his residency at Metro Health Medical Center/Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio. He completed his Gastroenterology fellowship at University of Pittsburgh Medical Center in 2016.

## GERIATRICS



**Helene Labonte, DO**

Dr. Labonte graduated medical school at the Arizona College of Osteopathic Medicine in Glendale, Arizona. Her residency was completed at the Mayo Clinic College of Medicine. She also completed a fellowship at Vanderbilt University Medical Center. She currently works at Mayo and our residents rotate with her there.

## HEMATOLOGY/ONCOLOGY



**Frank Tsai, MD**

Dr. Tsai is board certified in internal medicine, hematology, medical oncology. He received his Bachelor of Science Degree from the Sophie Davis School for Biomedical Education at the City College of New York and the Medical Doctorate from the State University of New York (SUNY) at Stony Brook School of Medicine.

After completing his internship and residency in Internal Medicine at the SUNY Stony Brook School of Medicine, Dr. Tsai received his oncology and hematology fellowship training at Boston University School of Medicine.

## ICU



**Heemesh Seth, DO**

Dr. Seth graduated medical school from Midwestern University in Glendale, A. His residency and his fellowship were completed at Banner Good Samaritan Medical Center, Phoenix, AZ. His professional Interest is Asthma, COPD, Lung Cancer, Advanced Lung Disease, Critical Care and personal Interest: Family, Friends, Running, and International Travel.



### **Aditya Gupta, MD**

Dr. Gupta is board certified in internal medicine, pulmonary, critical care and sleep and palliative care. He graduated medical school at the University of Delhi, New Delhi India. He completed his residency training at the University of Texas Health Science Center, in Houston, TX. Following his residency, he completed his pulmonary and critical care fellowship at the University of Texas Health Science Center and MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, TX.

## **INFECTIOUS DISEASE**



### **Kara Asbury, MD**

Dr. Kara L Asbury is an Infectious Disease Specialist. She graduated with honors from Meharry Medical College School of Medicine. She completed her residency training and infectious disease fellowship at Mayo Clinic of Arizona. Dr. Asbury is actively involved in residents' education.

## **NEPHROLOGY**



### **Esmat Mustafa, MD**

Dr. Mustafa is a graduate of Ross University School of Medicine. For his professional training, Dr. Mustafa completed a residency program at Maricopa Medical Center. He completed his Nephrology fellowship at the University Medical Center in Tucson. He is board certified in internal medicine and nephrology.

## **NEUROLOGY**



### **Constantine Moschonas, MD**

Dr. Moschonas completed his undergraduate training in genetics and medical genetics at the University of British Columbia (UBC). He completed his Internship and residency in internal medicine at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey. He completed his Neurology fellowship at the University of Arizona. During his tenure at the University of Arizona he was one of the investigators in the pivotal ACAS study. He was the chief resident and fellow in neurovascular sonography.

Dr. Moschonas was a member of the American Heart Association Board of Trustees and the Chairman of the Halle Heart Centre Advisory Group in Tempe, Arizona, 2002. He lectures nationally and internationally on multiple neurology topics of expertise, including genetics and MS, refractory epilepsy and asymptomatic carotid stenosis.

## PALLIATIVE CARE



**Rama Kunkle, DO**

Dr Kunkle graduated with honors and residency at Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine.

## PULMONARY MEDICINE



**Bridgette Ronan, MD**

Dr. Ronan is board certified in internal medicine and pulmonary medicine. She attended medical school at Pennsylvania State University College of Medicine. She then completed her residency and fellowship at Mayo Clinic in Arizona. She is our subspecialty coordinator for pulmonary medicine for the residency.

## RHEUMATOLOGY



**Paramvir Sidhu, MD**

Dr. Paramvir Sidhu is a board certified rheumatologist specializing in care of rheumatoid arthritis, osteoporosis, psoriatic arthritis, ankylosing spondylitis, lupus, gout, vasculitis and osteoarthritis.

Dr. Sidhu completed his residency and rheumatology fellowship at University of Arizona. Dr. Sidhu believes in patient centric care and provides individualized, evidence based medical care for rheumatic diseases.

He focused his research on early diagnosis and treatment of various forms of inflammatory arthritis like rheumatoid arthritis. He is a fellow of American College of Rheumatology. Dr. Sidhu has been a clinical investigator in multiple clinical trials involving rheumatoid arthritis, lupus, osteoarthritis and other rheumatic diseases. Dr. Sidhu has multiple scientific publications in peer reviewed rheumatology journals and has been an expert speaker at multiple regional and national rheumatology conferences and workshops.