

HOSPICE AND PALLIATIVE MEDICINE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Fellows

CLASS OF 2026

**Kim Torrez, MD**

Residency: Banner University Phoenix Family Medicine
Medical School: University of Arizona - Tucson

Why this Field?

I chose to pursue a career in Hospice and Palliative Medicine to help those with life limiting conditions. My passion for this field began in my work as a Hospitalist where I was exposed to very sick patients. I often saw recurrent hospitalizations, lack of preparedness for end of life, and the failure to address quality of life despite the medical conditions patients were suffering.

What stood out to me most about HonorHealth and motivated you to choose this particular program?

HonorHealth has a robust program with exposure to all aspects of different medical conditions to help me prepare for my career. The faculty are also very supportive!

Clinical Interest: Medically underserved communities.

Hobbies/Passion: Spending my time being a mom to my 3 kids who are under 3, working out in the gym, home renovations and helping address health disparities.

**Krista Walker, DO**

Residency: Midwestern University, Kingman, AZ
Medical School: AT Still Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine

Why this Field?

Driven by a deep-rooted dedication to patient care and a commitment to lifelong learning, my passion for medicine is grounded in the desire to guide patients and families through some of life's most challenging moments with empathy, clarity, and respect. I was first drawn to emergency medicine for its urgency and complexity, as well as the opportunity to be present during some of the most critical and vulnerable moments in a patient's life. As my career progressed, I began to see the unique opportunity emergency medicine offers to initiate meaningful conversations about end-of-life care and goals of care. These experiences have shaped my deep commitment to hospice and palliative medicine—where the focus shifts from cure to comfort, and where presence, honesty, and compassion become the most powerful tools.

What stood out to me most about HonorHealth and motivated you to choose this particular program?

HonorHealth stood out to me for its strong interdisciplinary culture, emphasis on whole-person care, and dedication to developing thoughtful, patient-centered physicians. I believe HonorHealth offers the ideal environment to continue growing as both a clinician and an advocate.

Clinical Interest: My clinical passion lies in helping patients with chronic, life-limiting conditions navigate the healthcare system with dignity, ensuring their values remain at the center of medical decision-making.

Hobbies/Passion: Outside of medicine, I enjoy reading, biking, spending time with my family, and creative writing—all of which help me stay grounded and reflective.