

RHEUMATOLOGY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Fellows

CLASS OF 2027

**Julio Rojas, MD**

Residency: Internal Medicine – Northwest Medical Center
Medical School: Carabobo University

Why this Field?

A graduate of Carabobo University, Dr. Rojas finished his residency training at Northwest Medical Center in Tucson, AZ, where he was chosen by his peers and Program Director to serve as Chief Resident—a reflection of his leadership and dedication. He was also elected as Resident of the year for the academic year 2024-2025.

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: Dr. Rojas has a deep passion for rheumatic diseases and has been involved in osteoporosis research since Medical School, contributing valuable insights to the field.

Hobbies/Passion: He loves baseball and enjoys being out in the Arizona nature.

**Divya Shastri, MD**

Residency: Creighton University SOM, Phoenix
Medical School: Deccan College of Medical Sciences, Hyderabad, India

Why this Field?

I was drawn to Rheumatology because of its complexity, interesting disease pathologies, and the continual opportunity to learn. I love the multisystem/interdisciplinary nature of the specialty and the ability to improve the quality of life of my patients. I am so excited that I get to make this my long-term career!

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

I chose HonorHealth for many reasons, one being the warm and welcoming feeling that I experienced on interview day with our faculty members! I feel that the program has a very strong curriculum, offering a diverse clinical experience, the opportunity to rotate through multiple sites, and dedicated MSK US training. The ICARE values of the program also resonated with me. I feel that I will be able to grow into the Rheumatologist I want to be under the guidance of this program and faculty. I also happened to fall in love with the Phoenix area during my residency and am thrilled that I get to stay on for fellowship. I am honored to be part of the first batch of HonorHealth Rheumatology fellows!

Clinical Interest: My clinical interests include Vasculitides and Preventive Care within Rheumatology.

Hobbies/Passion: I absolutely love coffee! I like to explore and find new favorite coffee haunts during my free time. I also enjoy taking in the beauty Arizona has to offer, and spending quality time with my husband and German Shepherd puppy, Sirius. I am passionate about patient care, and Rheumatology of course! I also have a deep love for animals, especially dogs.