

RHEUMATOLOGY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Fellows

CLASS OF 2027



Julio Rojas, MD

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

Why this Field?

Rheumatology involves a very complex group of diseases, and being able to investigate and establish the right diagnosis on each patient is an important goal that I have every day. It has been decades of research in Rheumatology, and now we can offer a diversity of individualized treatments in this field. Improving the quality of life for my patients with rheumatic diseases is very rewarding for me. As a Rheumatologist, you also become a researcher, which is another field in rheumatology that I love.

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

HonorHealth has a robust program that provides exposure to a wide range of medical conditions, helping me prepare for my career. The faculty are also very supportive and enjoy teaching. HonorHealth is a great organization that provides extensive support to residents and fellows in training.

Clinical Interest: I have a deep passion for rheumatic diseases that affect different organs, especially the lungs. I love investigating more about these rare diseases on a daily basis.

Hobbies/Passion: I love baseball and enjoy being out in Arizona's natural beauty.



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.