

INTERNAL MEDICINE RESIDENCY PROGRAM FACULTY

LEADERSHIP



Dana Sall, MD, Med, FACP
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 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.



Siobhán E. Faenza, MD
Associate Program Director

Dr. Faenza is a new core ambulatory faculty member at the Academic Internal Medicine clinic at HonorHealth Jomax. She is passionate about the role of primary care in community health, helping patients and families navigate multiple medical comorbidities, and supporting learners through practical didactics, nuanced diagnosis of their barriers, and targeted learning plans.

Dr. Faenza completed her undergraduate studies in public health as a McNair Scholar at the University of South Carolina before returning to her home state of Maryland to complete her medical degree at University of Maryland's selective primary care track. While there, she was inducted into the Gold Humanism Honors Society for her ongoing dedication to community service and became certified as a diabetes lifestyle educator as part of her research fellowship at Johns Hopkins translating the Diabetes Prevention Program into underserved settings. She completed her internal medicine residency and subsequently chief residency at Santa Clara Valley Medical Center, which serves as the county safety-net hospital for San Jose, California and is Stanford-affiliated. As chief, she enjoyed attending in socioeconomically complex and high-acuity inpatient and outpatient settings, creating and delivering over 100 didactic sessions with a new longitudinal noon conference curriculum, streamlining back-end processes, and working with struggling learners. She joined HonorHealth in 2023 and works regularly with residents and medical students in the clinic setting as well as in academic didactics.



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.



Dina Jaber, MD
Ambulatory

Dr. Dina Jaber is a core ambulatory faculty member at the Academic Internal Medicine clinic at HonorHealth Jomax, she brings a deep commitment to primary care, health equity, and medical education, with a particular focus on resident wellness and learning.

Dr. Jaber completed her undergraduate studies at the University of Arizona in Molecular and Cellular Biology before gaining hands-on experience in a primary care clinic in Scottsdale, Arizona, which solidified her dedication to community-centered medicine. She earned her medical degree from St. George’s University and went on to complete her internal medicine residency and chief residency at SUNY Downstate in Brooklyn, New York, where she trained in the Primary Care Track. There, she served a richly diverse and underserved patient population, deepening her understanding of the social determinants of health and the structural barriers to care. During her time at SUNY Downstate, Dr. Jaber was a passionate advocate for resident wellness and held multiple leadership roles. She was inducted into Alpha Omega Alpha and received the Resident Advocate of the Year award. Dr. Jaber also completed the Healthcare Administration Scholars Program at Kings County Hospital during her residency, further honing her skills in systems-based practice and leadership in academic medicine.

In 2024, she returned to Arizona to be closer to family and joined HonorHealth, where she continues to mentor residents and medical students. Her academic interests include learner support, curriculum development, and fostering a culture of well-being and resilience in medical training.



Liz Thomas, MD
Ambulatory

Dr. Liz Mary Thomas earned her medical degree from Jubilee Mission Medical College in Kerala, India. She completed her Internal Medicine residency at HCA Florida Oak Hill Hospital, where she also served as Chief Resident.

Dr. Thomas chose primary care because it allows her to build meaningful, long-term relationships with her patients and be a part of their healthcare journey. She is passionate about preventive medicine and empowering patients through education, shared decision-making to help them achieve their health

goals.

She is equally passionate about medical education. She enjoys teaching, mentoring, and fostering a supportive learning environment.

Outside of medicine, Dr. Thomas enjoys reading, writing and spending time with family.



Boris Yushuvayev, DO
Ambulatory

Dr. Yushuvayev completed his medical education at Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine, where he received training in osteopathic medicine's holistic approach to patient care. He completed his Internal Medicine Residency at HonorHealth Scottsdale Thompson Peak Medical Center.

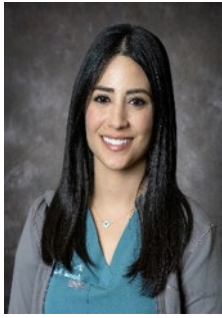


Priya Radhakrishnan, MD
Chief Academic Officer, Ambulatory

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.



Azeen Elahi, DO
Inpatient

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
Inpatient

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



Amy Lee, MD
Inpatient

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



Daniel Hannon, DO
Inpatient

Medical School: Arizona College of Osteopathic Medicine of MWU
Residency: University of Arizona College of Medicine



Amarjyot Gill, MD
Inpatient

Medical School: Texas Tech University Health Science Center
Residency: Mayo Clinic Scottsdale



Kevin Ranum, MD
Inpatient

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.



Chandresh Nandani, DO
Inpatient

Dr. Chand Nandani is from the suburbs of Chicago, Illinois. He completed his undergraduate education at the University of Illinois Urbana Champaign, medical school at Midwestern University- Glendale, and then was a resident of the Honor Health Internal Medicine Residency. During his time as a Chief Resident he also served as chair of the House Leadership Committee, both roles where he found a passion in advocating for residents (resident pay, resources, etc). He found a passion for teaching in these roles as well, with a particular interest in teaching simulations regarding rapid response/code scenarios.

Currently, he serves as a nocturnist, working with the night resident team at our Thompson Peak location. He believes in being as dedicated to his patients as possible, striving to provide thorough, compassionate, and guideline-driven care. He advocates for residents, patients, and hospital staff. He works on various hospital and network committees ranging from topics such as sepsis, strokes, and codes. His accolades include "Faculty Teacher of the Year" and "Rising Physician Leader of the Year".



Karen Sapienza, MD
Inpatient

Dr. Sapienza graduated from the University of Arizona College of Medicine, University of Arizona College of Medicine in 2012. She completed residency at Mayo Clinic.



Margaret Soliman, MD
Inpatient

Dr. Soliman graduated from the University of Arizona College of Medicine in 2012. She completed her residency at Banner Good Samaritan Medical Center.

AMBULATORY FACULTY



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 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.



Alvin Wong, DO

Medical School: Western University of Health Sciences College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific (graduated 1995)

Residency: Internal Medicine at St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center in Phoenix, AZ



Zachary Abid, MD

Dr. Abid earned his medical degree from the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio Joe R. & Teresa Lozano Long School of Medicine. He completed his Internal Medicine Residency at HonorHealth Scottsdale Thompson Peak Medical Center.

CORE SUBSPECIALTY FACULTY

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



Nikhil Iyengar, MD

Dr. Iyengar is a staff cardiologist with HonorHealth Heart Group, where he has provided comprehensive cardiovascular care since 2008. He earned his undergraduate degree from Tulane University and his medical degree from Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center-New Orleans, followed by residency training in Internal Medicine at Brown University, a Cardiac MRI fellowship at Harvard University Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, and a Cardiology fellowship at the University of Iowa.

In addition to his clinical practice, Dr. Iyengar is deeply committed to medical education and physician training. He currently serves as Program Director of the HonorHealth Cardiovascular Disease Fellowship Program, after previously serving as Associate Program Director, where he oversees the education and development of future cardiologists. His leadership experience also includes serving as Quality Chair for the HonorHealth Heart and Vascular Institute, Director of Chest Pain Services, and cardiology preceptor for the HonorHealth Family Medicine Residency Program.

Dr. Iyengar has played a key role in advancing cardiovascular care through quality improvement initiatives, fellowship and residency education, and the development of advanced cardiac imaging services, including Cardiac CT and Cardiac MRI programs. He has authored multiple peer-reviewed publications in cardiovascular medicine and remains dedicated to delivering evidence-based, patient-centered care while mentoring the next generation of cardiovascular specialists.

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



Amit A. Shah, MD

Dr. Shah is a geriatrician and internist at Mayo Clinic in Arizona. He is passionate about educating the next generation of physicians to take excellent care of the aging population, and is the associate dean of student affairs for the Mayo Clinic Alix School of Medicine — Arizona Campus.

HEMATOLOGY/ONCOLOGY



Rishi Agarwal, MD

Dr. Agarwal is board certified in internal medicine, hematology, and medical oncology. He received his Medical Doctorate from the University College of Medical Sciences, University of Delhi – India. Then went to receive his Master of Science at University of Cincinnati - Cincinnati, OH.

After completing his internship and residency in Internal Medicine at the Synergy Medical Education Alliance/Central Michigan University - Saginaw, MI, Dr. Agarwal received his oncology and hematology fellowship training at University of Cincinnati - Cincinnati, OH.

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.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE



Leah Grant, MD

Dr. Grant earned her medical degree and completed her residency training in Internal Medicine from Creighton University School of Medicine. She completed fellowship in Infectious Disease, from Providence St. Vincent Medical Center. She has been practicing for over 8 years, gaining experience in both internal medicine and infectious diseases.

Dr. Grant has contributed to several research studies and publications in infectious diseases, including work on brain abscesses following organ transplantation, diagnostic stewardship interventions, and West Nile virus infections Her research reflects a focus on improving diagnostic accuracy and patient outcomes in complex infectious conditions.



Malika Gill, MD

Dr. Gill completed medical school from Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI), where she earned her medical degree and was active in honors, the RCSI Student Medical Journal, UNICEF RCSI, Red Cross RCSI, and the Multicultural Language Society. She completed residency in Internal Medicine at Rush University Medical Center and completed fellowship in Infectious Disease at Pennsylvania Hospital.

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. Rama M. Kunkle is a hospice/palliative care specialist with over 22 years of clinical experience serving patients in the Phoenix, AZ area. She completed her medical training at Philadelphia College Of Osteopathic Medicine and has been in practice since 2004.

PULMONARY MEDICINE



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.

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.