



NORTHWESTERN DEPARTMENT OF
Medicine

@NU_IntMed Match Day Celebration

Props to the Residents: PGY2 Retreat





Props to the Residents: Intern Academic Half-Day



**Props to the Residents:
#ProudToBeGIM**





Props to the Residents: LMSA Mentoring Event

Props to the Residents: PGY3 Women's Professional Development Retreat





**Props to the Residents:
Wellness Events**



Props to the Residents: Learning



“My suspicion for giant cell arteritis is higher than low but lower than high.”
- @jschnitts

The Chief Medical Residents





Thank you to the recruitment team

Kelly Hrdy



Aarati Didwania

Dave Neely

Debi Mitra

Ben Singer

Kim Dow



Socorro

Esparza



Special Thanks

Selection Committee

Arnold Abud

Mike Angarone

Liz Apolonio

Jeff Barsuk

Kristen Carroll

Yusra Cheema

Angelo Costas

Rachel Cyrus

Aarati Didwania

Brigid Dolan

Dan Evans

Khalilah Gates

Bruce Henschen

Kamari Jackson

Mike Jiang

Sadiya Khan

Cheryl Lee

Kate McGee

Jonathan Moreira

Debi Mitra

Dave Neely

Adeboye Ogunseitan

Kevin O'Leary

Jim Otto

James Paparello

Ronak Patel

Beth Anne Scharle

Marion Stanley

Maria Theodorou

Pat Tosetti

Diane Wayne

Ben Singer: Physician Scientist Training Program

Diversity Selection Committee



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Debi Mitra

Muriel Jean Jacques

Julie Vermylen

Quentin Youmans

Sarah Chuzi

Maria Theodorou

Marion Stanley

Jonathan Moreira

Khalilah Gates

Cheryl Lee

Adeboye Ogunseitan

Beth Anne Scharle

Manuel Fernandez

Bianca Lavelle

Elizabeth Cabrera

Chief Medical Residents

Faculty Interviewers

> 1000 Faculty Interviews

500 hours of faculty time

- GIM – 236
- Hosp Med – 182
- Heme/Onc – 99
- GI/Hep - 78
- Cards – 76
- PCCM – 76
- Chief Residents - 98
- Neph - 55
- ID – 48
- Rheum – 35
- Allergy – 30
- Endo – 14
- Palliative - 11



Distinguished Interviewers!



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Jeff Barsuk

Matthew Bruce

Dan Evans

Justin Fiala

Robert Hirschtick

Bijal Jain

Debi Mitra

Sean O'Connor

James Paparello

Marion Stanley

Kelly Wachsberg

Jane Winter

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Arnold Abud

Michael Angarone

Wendy Brown

Kristen Carroll

Bruce Henschen

Cheryl Lee

Jonathan Moreira

Chetan Vakkalagadda

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Kamari Jackson

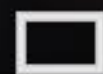
Michael Jiang

Kate McGee

Pat Tosetti



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Themes in 2021-2022

- Application Inflation
- Virtual Interview Season
- COVID Surge #3
- More P/F grading
- Fewer AOA designation
- Wellness
- Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
 - Holistic Review for DEI with a 16-person committee
 - Used a rubric published by the AAMC that removed school rank, AOA and upweighted leadership, service, life experiences.
 - Revised our Interview Evaluation Form for improved language
 - Blinded our reviewers to certain data to improve holistic review.



Residency Interview Season

3100 applicants

2000 USMG

Avg # Programs Applied (USMG) = 34

PSTP – 135 applicants

HO = 48

Cards = 37

GI/Hep = 18

ID = 13

PCCM = 10

Endo = 4

Rheum = 2

Interviewed

- 438 Categorical Applicants
- 38 PSTP
- 14 Med Derm

Schools

Northwestern – 41-->35

UofC – 9-->7

UofMich – 13-->13

UIC – 16-->10

HBCU – 5-->7

Baylor – 9-->4

Duke – 12-->12

Columbia – 12-->18

UPenn – 19-->14

UofWash – 13-->16

UCSF – 16-->9

Northwestern IM Residency Class of 2025



Nicole Altomare

Medical School:

- Rutgers – Robert Wood Johnson

Undergraduate:

- Cornell

Interviewed By:

- Dr. Kamari Jackson & Dr. Carlson

Interesting fact:

- Inspired by Dr. Martin Blaser and sought out him out to do projects with.
- Chair of student wellness for her school's AMA chapter; President of the Mind-Body Medicine Interest Group
- Experience and interest in nutritional science
- Research in IBD in South Asians
- Passion for GI, wellness and mental health.



Hometown: Bellmore, NY

Dhiraj Ankolekar

Medical School:

- University of Texas - Southwestern

Undergraduate:

- Texas A&M

Interviewed By:

- Dr. Kristen Carroll & Dr. Evans

Interesting fact:

- Co-founded and worked for years as a manager and co-owner of a supply company (Pack & Go LLC manufacturing)
- Substitute teacher.
- Big into dance – Bollywood to Ballroom.
- Interested in Palliative Care



Hometown: Conroe, TX

Daniel Arndorfer

Medical School:

- University of Wisconsin

Undergraduate:

- University of Miami

Interviewed By:

- Dr. O'Connor & Dr. Batlle

Interesting fact:

- Grew up working on a farm in rural Wisconsin
- Part of the Training in Urban Medicine and Public Health (TRIUMPH) program, working with a community organization promoting environmental health and health equity
- Environmental health research: aquatic reach and the health of Milwaukee's rivers
- Interested in community health and gastroenterology



Hometown: Sullivan, WI

Toluwalase 'Tolu' Awoyemi

Medical School:

- University of Ibadan

Undergraduate:

- University of Oxford

Interviewed By:

- Dr. Loie Farina & Dr. Yusra Cheema

Interesting fact:

- Played collegiate soccer
- Rhode Scholar and PhD at Oxford studying extracellular vesicles.
- Passionate about cardi-obstetrics and studied pre-eclampsia biomarkers as part of his research at Oxford.
- 2021 U.K. PhD Student of the Year
- 35 Most Inspiring Youths under-35 in Africa and Diaspora



Hometown: Iresi, Nigeria

Adam Cohen-Nowak

Medical School:

- Thomas Jefferson University

Undergraduate:

- Washington University

Interviewed By:

- Dr. Ahmed & Dr. Young

Interesting fact:

- Gold Humanism Awardee
- Student director of a needle exchange program in Philly
- Rower and Bartender.
- Research projects and career interests in Heme/Onc, as well as Addiction Medicine



Hometown: Wynnewood, PA

Kasen Culler

Medical School:

- Northwestern

Undergraduate:

- Northwestern

Interviewed By:

- Dr. Tosetti & Dr. Fintel

Interesting fact:

- Musician and singer. Music director of an a cappella group
- Dog walker
- ECMH Student Clinic Leader
- Substantial research in ophtho and cards: Dr. Sadiya Khan and TAVR projects with Dr. Flaherty and Dr. Cantey



Hometown: Ney, OH

Deepa Daryani

Medical School:

- Wayne State University

Undergraduate:

- University of California, San Diego

Interviewed By:

- Dr. Mahieu & Dr. Wunderink

Interesting fact:

- UCSD's Bollywood Dance team 'Zor'
- Was an Advanced Scribe for 2 years using Google Glasses.
- Helped start and lead a program for medical students to volunteer at a methadone clinic.
- Research projects in community health; and projects in MedEd around mentorship



Hometown: Fremont, CA

Shirin Dey

Medical School:

- Columbia

Undergraduate:

- Columbia

Interviewed By:

- Dr. Kia & Dr. Munshi

Interesting fact:

- Singer, musician (guitar and violin) and actress
- Masters in Bioethics
- New York Regional AMA student Co-President
- Research developing physical exam module
- MSK projects and research assistant for 2 years HSS Rheumatology



Hometown: Dayton, OH

Rachel Dubner

Medical School:

- NYU

Undergraduate:

- Northwestern

Interviewed By:

- Dr. Scharle & Dr. Yvonne Lee

Interesting fact:

- Sports photographer for “The Daily Northwestern”
- Community Service Program Award
- Cards research in SCAD and MINOCA; and GI project on CRC screening in Asians and Hispanics. 7 papers
- Interested in Women’s Health



Hometown: Pittsburgh, PA

Stephanie Franco

Medical School:

- Georgetown

Undergraduate:

- Virginia Tech

Interviewed By:

- Dr. Mendelson & Dr. Fletcher

Interesting fact:

- Was a Home Health aide.
- Projects on COVID, Pregnancy and currently conducting a large meta-analysis on AML patients.
- “Stephanie's biggest strength came across as her empathy and recognizing the struggles that her patients have gone through and being motivated through this to advocate for them.”



Hometown: Fayetteville, NC

Arati Gangadharan

Medical School:

- Dartmouth

Undergraduate:

- Dartmouth

Interviewed By:

- Dr. Aarati Didwania & Dr. Jain

Interesting fact:

- Indian classical dancer
- Projects in opioid use, frailty.
- Received an Albert Schweitzer Fellowship to study of Health Literacy
- Interested in cardiology - EP.



Hometown: Novi, MI

Kevin Grudzinski

Medical School:

- Rush

Undergraduate:

- University of Illinois

Interviewed By:

- Dr. Henschen & Dr. Wood

Interesting fact:

- Division I Baseball Player
- Started his own clinical reasoning podcast called 'Alert and Oriented!'
- Has been featured on Clinical Problem Solvers as well. Interest in teaching diagnostic reasoning.
- Clinical interest in Esophageal Ca and GI.



Hometown: Hoffman Estates, IL

Eli Grunblatt

Medical School:

- University of Washington

Undergraduate:

- Yeshiva University

Interviewed By:

- Dr. Sporn & Dr. Edwards

Interesting fact:

- Tennis and Ice Hockey player.
- Learning German and Japanese linguistics
- PhD in Heme/Onc – small cell lung cancer and; head and neck cancer.
- Investigated the role of MYC family members in driving chemoresistance in small cell lung cancer



Hometown: New York, NY

Mihir John

Medical School:

- Tufts

Undergraduate:

- University of Georgia

Interviewed By:

- Dr. Hirschtick & Dr. Tosetti

Interesting fact:

- Co-president of Tufts Interpreter program
- MPH with research in food insecurity
- Developing an online platform, Feed to Heal, to connect patients to pantries.
- Career interests are in GI.



Hometown: Columbus, GA

Kipp Johnson - PSTP

Medical School:

- Mt. Sinai

Undergraduate:

- University of Chicago

Interviewed By:

- Dr. Jayson Baman & Dr. Stanley

Interesting fact:

- PhD in AI/Machine Learning in CVD.
- Started Oova - diagnostic testing lab for fertility hormones
- Head of Translational Cardiology at Tempus Labs
- Guideline Co-Author (Machine Learning), JACC: CV Imaging
- Student Rep on NRMP Board of Directors



Hometown: Dubuque, IA

Amulya Joseph

Medical School:

- Washington University

Undergraduate:

- Washington University

Interviewed By:

- Dr. Scharle & Dr. Doobay-Persaud

Interesting fact:

- Amateur runner and powerlifter
- Classical pianist and violinist.
- Research in neuro-genetics
- Worked for Culinary Medicine, an organization that partners with a local FQHC to provide nutritional assistance and education



Hometown: Mason, OH

Minji Kim

Medical School:

- UCLA

Undergraduate:

- UCLA

Interviewed By:

- Dr. Nancy Dolan & Dr. Choudhury

Interesting fact:

- Lots of medical education experiences and participating in a Med Ed/Teaching Fellowship
- Editor-in-Chief of UCLA Med Literary Magazine
- Project on PETCT/MRI to evaluate cardiac fibrosis in VT.
- Career interest in Cardiology



Hometown: Seoul, South Korea
Downey, CA

Natalie Knox

Medical School:

- Loyola

Undergraduate:

- Duke

Interviewed By:

- Dr. Benson & Dr. VanWagner

Interesting fact:

- Gold Humanism awardee
- President of Loyola's Near Peer Professionalism Program
- Helped create a COVID19 cancer patient registry
- Interested in humanism and spirituality in cancer care.



Hometown: Springfield, IL

Jared Larson

Medical School:

- University of Iowa

Undergraduate:

- Case Western Reserve University

Interviewed By:

- Dr. Fancher & Dr. Jain

Interesting fact:

- Baker and cat owner
- Interest in LGBTQ+ initiatives
- Marathoner
- Experiences/interest in global health; research in machine learning



Hometown: Moline, IL

Jaimie Lin – MedDerm

Medical School:

- University of New Mexico

Undergraduate:

- University of New Mexico

Interviewed By:

- Dr. Shah & Dr. Arnold Abud

Interesting fact:

- Gold Humanism awardee
- Research in vascular anomalies and in Staph
- Community service award winner (incredible amounts of volunteer work)



Hometown: Los Angeles, CA
Albuquerque, NM

Rachel Orbuch

Medical School:

- Northwestern

Undergraduate:

- University of Wisconsin

Interviewed By:

- Dr. Buck & Dr. Kahn

Interesting fact:

- Gold Humanism Awardee
- Founded Students for Patient Advocacy and (SPARC); significant work at CHC.
- Led GirlSportWorks – a nonprofit in Peru empowering women through athletics
- GIM project with Dr. Persell on the effects of primary care delivery during the pandemic.



Hometown: Minneapolis, MN

Tejasvi 'Teju' Peesay

Medical School:

- Georgetown

Undergraduate:

- University of Maryland

Interviewed By:

- Dr. Doobay-Persaud & Dr. Michael Jiang

Interesting fact:

- Gold Humanism awardee
- Research in Head n Neck Cancer
- Social media chair for White Coats 4 Black Lives group; and on committee for Racial Justice Committee
- Artist and board member of an arts and medicine publication



Hometown: Germantown, MD

Elena Pezzino

Medical School:

- SUNY-Buffalo

Undergraduate:

- Boston College

Interviewed By:

- Dr. Jain & Dr. Brown

Interesting fact:

- Waitress for 4 year at a Sicilian Steakhouse.
- Best known for my “Sketchy Micro” themed party.
- Research in Neurology and Surgery.
- Interested in gut-brain interaction. Created a project looking at if probiotics could affect migraines and seizures in children.



Hometown: Buffalo, NY

Marlise Pierre-Wright

Medical School:

- Northwestern

Undergraduate:

- Princeton

Interviewed By:

- Dr. Bierman & Dr. Dhanani

Interesting fact:

- Gold Humanism Awardee
- MPH/MPP
- Worked for several years with USD HHS on affordable care act.
- Research here on informed consent in gyne procedures.
- Worked on state legislation to support individuals who have been trafficked.



Hometown: Stamford, CT

Jack 'John' Pietrykowski

Medical School:

- UCSD

Undergraduate:

- Pomona College

Interviewed By:

- Dr. Benson & Dr. Akhter

Interesting fact:

- Likes vinyl records, surfing and guitar
- Pomona College Football Team Captain
- Research project on massage therapy in the ICU.
- Interested in academic hospital medicine vs cardiology.



Hometown: Orinda, CA

Anjana Rajan

Medical School:

- Weill Cornell

Undergraduate:

- Washington University

Interviewed By:

- Dr. Tas Hussain & Dr. Cyrus

Interesting fact:

- Gold Humanism Awardee
- Student Rep for 2 years on Cornell's Curriculum Council
- NYT game section fan: WORDL?!
- Significant research in GI (SIBO) and in Hep/Neph with a project on renal disease in cirrhosis.



Hometown: West Bloomfield, MO

Nivetha Saravanan

Medical School:

- Boston University

Undergraduate:

- Boston University

Interviewed By:

- Dr. Phil Speigel & Dr. Brown

Interesting fact:

- Does budget-friendly vacations called WWOOFing
- Very active in med school on Student Affairs and Wellness Committees
- Projects on pregnancy and substance abuse.
- Passionate about care for vulnerable patients.



Hometown: Richmond, VA

Abhinav Sehgal

Medical School:

- Georgetown

Undergraduate:

- University of North Carolina

Interviewed By:

- Dr. VanWagner & Dr. Brenner

Interesting fact:

- Significant GI research including UGI and LGI - Colon Cancer Screening.
- Research mentor for a local high school
- Speaks Spanish, Hindi and Creole
- Brenner: “We discussed multiple topics from interest in sci-fi books to our paths towards a career in GI”



Hometown: Chicago, IL

Emmalee Skorich

Medical School:

- Northwestern

Undergraduate:

- Michigan State University

Interviewed By:

- Dr. Tas Hussain & Dr. Peters

Interesting fact:

- Two time Club Soccer National Champion - Team Capt.
- Lots of volunteer work.
- Also heavy FSM committee work (assessment, recruitment, sustainability)
- Neuro/onc research with Dr. Matthew Tate.



Hometown: DeWitt, MI

Gavin Sowa - PSTP

Medical School:

- UCSF

Undergraduate:

- Southern Illinois University & Thomas Edison State University

Interviewed By:

- Dr. Ison & Dr. Stanley

Interesting fact:

- 6 years as a US Navy Nuclear Submarine Mechanic
- Mushroom hunter, Motorcycle enthusiast, and practices Ju Jitsu
- Research during Master's program in med school -- Virology/immunology research - COVID, HIV



Hometown: Decatur, IL

Aniruddha Srivastava

Medical School:

- University of Wisconsin

Undergraduate:

- University of Wisconsin

Interviewed By:

- Dr. Wallia & Dr. Yvonne Lee

Interesting fact:

- Gold Humanism Awardee
- Coffee aficionado.
- Grew up on a farm in rural WI near dairy and ginseng farms.
- Transplant nephrology research; and advocacy work for drug affordability



Hometown: Wausau, WI

Matt Stanton

Medical School:

- Dartmouth

Undergraduate:

- Dartmouth

Interviewed By:

- Dr. Jiang & Dr. Fiala

Interesting fact:

- A triplet!
- Sports fan, DJing and led sketch comedy night at Dartmouth.
- Was a product manager at a health wellness tech company.
- QI/Tech interest and experience.
- Research interests are in GI/IBD.



Hometown: Chicago, IL

Bukky Tabiti

Medical School:

- Southern Illinois University

Undergraduate:

- Loyola University

Interviewed By:

- Dr. Scharle & Dr. Choudhury

Interesting fact:

- Self-published book of poetry. Editor of her school's medical arts journal.
- Created an anti-bias curriculum at SIU
- Studied pipeline programs for URM
- Interested in gene therapy for Sickle Cell Disease and a career in benign heme.



Hometown: Chicago, IL

Wendy Tong

Medical School:

- Columbia

Undergraduate:

- University of Chicago

Interviewed By:

- Dr. Steker & Dr. Fancher

Interesting fact:

- Music director and dance choreographer
- Interest in narrative medicine with several poems published in JAMA Oncology
- Research in cardiology, neurology
- Career interest in palliative care



Hometown: Plano, TX

Alexandra Trevino

Medical School:

- Indiana University

Undergraduate:

- Indiana University

Interviewed By:

- Dr. Doobay-Persaud & Dr. Vermylen

Interesting fact:

- Worked at Oak Street Health as a clinical informationist.
- Served on Student Promotions Committee and Chair of IU Med School service learning committee.
- Research projects in cardiology and separately in cystic fibrosis disparities of care



Hometown: Crown Point, IN

Ben Ulrich - PSTP

Medical School:

- Indiana University

Undergraduate:

- Purdue University

Interviewed By:

- Dr. Schroedl & Dr. Matthew Bruce

Interesting fact:

- PhD on the role of IL-9 in allergic airway disease.
- Co-founded Global Impact Collective, a non-profit to improve resources in Haiti and India
- Led the 'Second Year Show' parody of M2 year for an audience of 600
- Has a Corgi and fan of West Ham United SC
- Career plan in Pulm/Allergy/Immunology



Hometown: Plainfield, IN

Grant Whitmer

Medical School:

- Northwestern

Undergraduate:

- Case Western Reserve University

Interviewed By:

- Dr. Moore & Dr. Jim Flaherty

Interesting fact:

- He has 180k followers on a science social media feed!!
- Golden College Society Chair
- ECMH tutor.
- Peds ID projects.
- Wants to do basic science Infectious Diseases! Arshad lab in gram neg bacteremia (ESBL) virulence.



Hometown: North Barrington, IL

Eric Yang - PSTP

Medical School:

- Baylor

Undergraduate:

- Texas A&M

Interviewed By:

- Dr. Jain & Dr. Henschen

Interesting fact:

- Houston Humane Society: Worked with dogs with behavioral difficulties to facilitate eventual adoption
- Pianist; Distance Runner
- Developed a low-cost, point-of-care optical imaging device to noninvasively detect oral dysplasia and cancer
- Interested in cardiac imaging, preventive cardiology, and heart failure



Hometown: Phoenix, AZ

Mary Zhu

Medical School:

- Washington University

Undergraduate:

- Harvard University

Interviewed By:

- Dr. Cheryl Lee & Dr. Jain

Interesting fact:

- Volunteered and did research to support immigrant health
- ASH physician scientist research award: studied the role of U2AF1 mutations in the pathogenesis of chronic neutrophilic leukemia. Also projects in MDS.
- Manu Jain noted she's 'quite polished!'



Hometown: Shanghai, China

Northwestern IM Residency Class of 2025



Faculty who matched 3 or more:

- Ashti Doobay-Persaud
- Beth Anne Scharle
- Manu Jain

Faculty who matched 2 or more:

- Al Benson
- Bijal Jain
- Bruce Henschen
- Kendall Fancher
- Lisa VanWagner
- Michael Jiang
- Lubna Choudhury
- Marion Stanley
- Pat Tosetti
- Tas Hussain
- Wendy Brown
- Yvonne Lee



Nice, Hard-Working and Smart

Chief Fellows

- Joyce Njoroge – UCSF
- Elanor Yang – UC Irving
- Lua Jafari – UCLA
- Celso Diaz - UCLA

Major Recognition

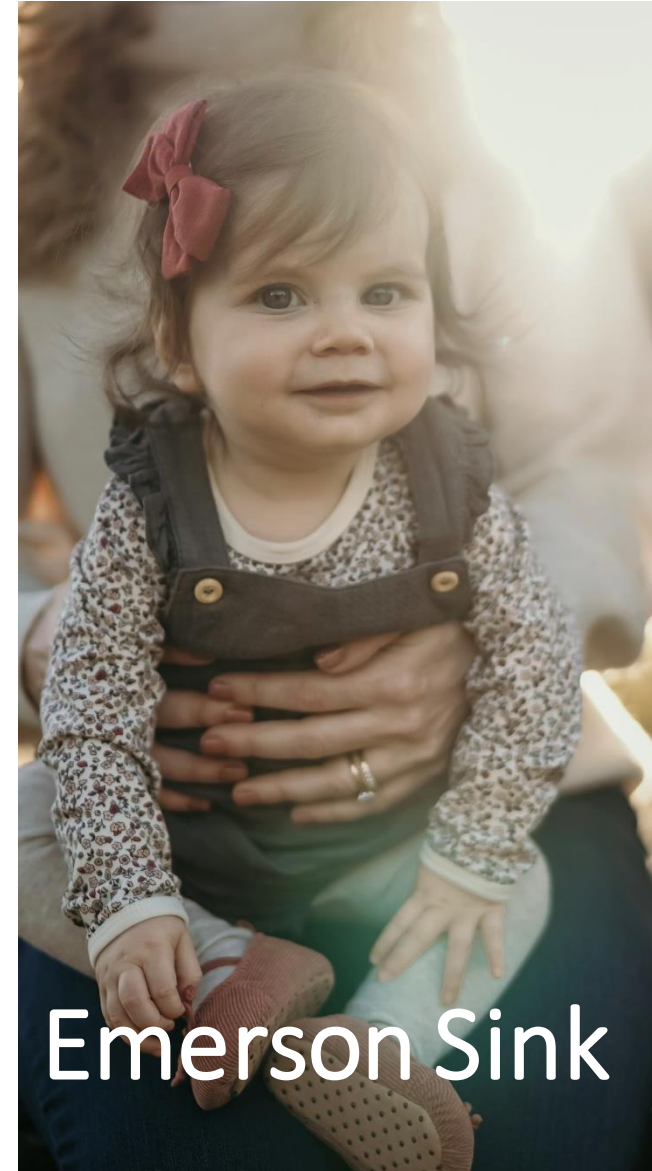
- Natalie Cameron – Stamler Award
- Rachel Issaka – Endowed Professorship
- Quentin Youmans – White House Roundtable



Ringus Sisters



The Weiland's



Emerson Sink



Seylah Abud



Eleanor Lambden



Andrew Chen



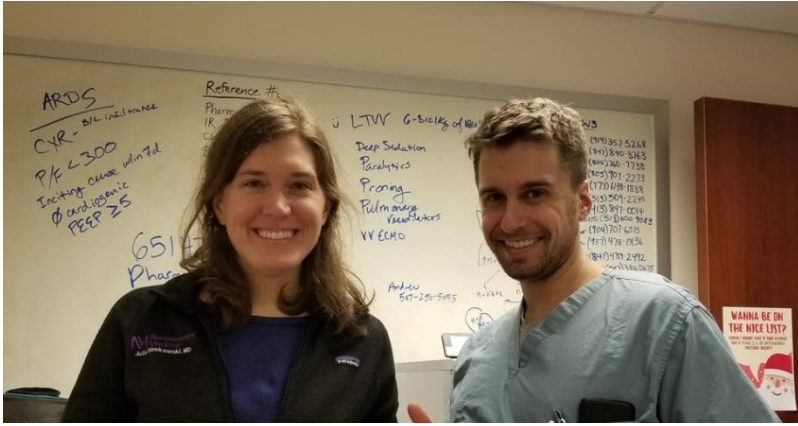
Efrosini Kalas

Performance is called "Patient Found on Floor After Tearing TABS Alarm Out from the Wall".

Bodhi Kuprys



The Wehr Family



Thank You and let's Celebrate!

Advocacy

End War and Support Refugees

- Raising money
- Securing and organizing relief packages and medical supplies
- Consider direct relief work

Contact Dr. Sophia Korovaichuk

