



HALIFAX HEALTH

FAMILY MEDICINE
RESIDENCY PROGRAM

RESIDENTS

2026 – 2027

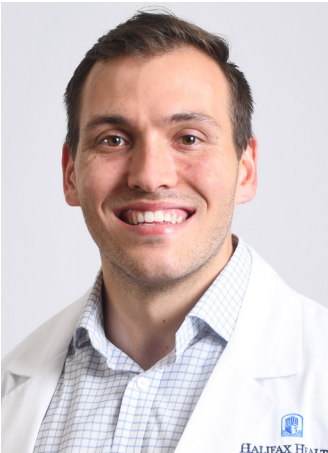
Third Year



Jennifer Babjak, MD

Dr. Jennifer Babjak, a native of Valdosta, Georgia, earned her bachelor's degree in Spanish from Valdosta State University and a master's in Multilingual Multicultural Education from Florida State University. She taught English to adult learners at both universities before pursuing a medical career. Dr. Babjak completed a second bachelor's in biology and interned in rural Nicaragua, where she realized the significant impact a family physician can have. She then attended Mercer University School of Medicine, serving as a student ambassador and LMSA treasurer.

In her free time, Dr. Babjak enjoys outdoor activities like hiking, jogging, kayaking, and camping. She has special interests in women's health, dermatology, mental health, and preventive medicine. Dr. Babjak is thrilled to join the Halifax Health team to provide equitable care to all her patients.



Kyle Benkel, MD

Dr. Kyle Benkel, born and raised in Orlando, Florida, attended the University of Central Florida. At UCF, he was a Burnett Honors College student and played wide receiver for the UCF Knights football team for four years. He graduated cum laude with a degree in Biomedical Sciences and received the Order of Pegasus, UCF's highest student honor.

He then attended the UCF College of Medicine, where he volunteered at student-run clinics and served as the Florida Academy of Family Physicians Student Director. His interest in family medicine began early in medical school, driven by his volunteer work in a family medicine clinic. His professional interests include lifestyle and sports medicine.

Outside of medicine, Dr. Benkel enjoys exercising, watching UCF football, fishing, hunting, and spending time with his wife, Hannah, and their dog, Penny.



Karli Chaplin, MD

Dr. Chaplin was born in a Chicago suburb and moved to Jupiter, Florida, where she grew up with her five younger siblings. She attended the University of Florida, earning a Bachelor of Science in Biology with a Minor in Health Disparities. She attended Florida International University Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine in Miami. Dr. Chaplin was Co-President of the AMSA chapter and was a peer tutor and mentor for pre-medical and medical students. Her passion for family medicine developed through witnessing the impact of social determinants of health on patient care in South Florida. She aims to build long-term patient relationships and serve diverse populations through full-spectrum family medicine. Her professional interests include sports medicine, academic medicine, and medical education.

Outside of medicine, Dr. Chaplin enjoys spending time with family and friends, going to the beach, cooking, drinking coffee, and cheering for the Florida Gators. She is excited to continue her family medicine journey as a provider on Florida's East Coast.

Third Year



S. Joseph Collier, MD

Dr. Joseph Collier grew up in and around Seattle, Washington, as the ninth of eleven children. His fondest childhood memories are of crowded living rooms filled with jokes, side commentary, and the smell of microwave popcorn while watching familiar movies. Now with a family of his own, he cherishes spending quality time with them to create lasting memories. He earned his undergraduate degree from the University of Washington and attended medical school at Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia. His research has focused on transparency in medical costs.

In his spare time, Dr. Collier enjoys writing short stories and poems, exercising, making puns, and playing board games with family and friends. He is also active in his church, participating in the choir and community service.



Alexis Flynn-Hanlon, MD

Dr. Alexis Flynn-Hanlon was born and raised in Gainesville, Florida. Growing up with an older brother who has Down syndrome, she developed a passion for addressing health inequity. She earned a Bachelor of Science in Microbiology and Cell Science with a minor in Health Disparities from the University of Florida, where she also obtained her medical doctorate.

Her interest in health disparities fueled her passion for rural medicine and lowresource settings, ultimately drawing her to Family Medicine due to its focus on forming lasting patient relationships. She is eager to join the Halifax Health team and improve health outcomes in Daytona Beach.

Professionally, she is interested in rural medicine, lifestyle medicine, dermatology, women's health, and health advocacy. Outside of medicine, she enjoys gardening, hiking, video games, tabletop games with her husband, and spending time with her family and her dog, Copper.



Jennifer Rafalovich, DO

Dr. Jennifer Rafalovich, a first-generation American, grew up on Florida's West Coast. She earned a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics from the University of Florida in Gainesville and pursued her medical degree at Nova Southeastern University College of Osteopathic Medicine in Tampa.

In medical school, Dr. Rafalovich developed a passion for family and lifestyle medicine, recognizing gaps in primary care and preventive medicine. Her love for the outdoors led her to explore Wilderness Medicine, and she earned certification in Advanced Wilderness Life Support. During her fourth year of medical school, she spent four weeks in Colorado learning survival techniques and wilderness medical care.

Outside of medicine, Dr. Rafalovich enjoys traveling, hiking, rock climbing, and playing pickleball. She looks forward to furthering her medical education at Halifax Health Medical Center.

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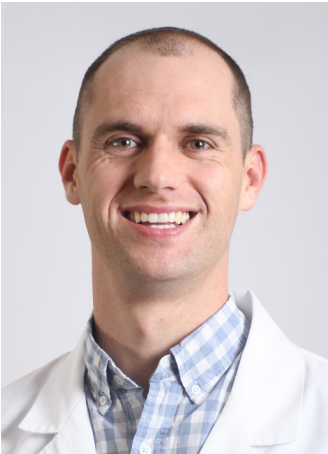


Zubiya Syed, DO

Dr. Zubiya Syed, originally from Tampa, Florida, holds dual degrees from the University of South Florida, a Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Science, and a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, with the honor of receiving the Golden Bull Award for leadership and service to the community. Zubiya pursued her medical education at Nova Southeastern University College of Osteopathic Medicine, where she discovered her love for primary care and family medicine.

During her academic years, Zubiya was actively involved in combating human trafficking, using her platform to raise awareness and educate others. She demonstrated exceptional leadership as the Student Government president and was honored as Student Doctor of the Year. Zubiya's dedication to primary care is fueled by her desire for continuity of care, especially in underserved communities. She strongly advocates for preventive medicine and addressing social injustices within the healthcare system.

Outside of her medical career, Zubiya enjoys spending quality time with family & friends, traveling to new destinations, maintaining an active lifestyle, discovering new culinary experiences, and playing board games.



Wayne Sterr, DO

Dr. Wayne Sterr, raised in Providence, Utah, earned a Bachelor's Degree in Human Movement Science from Utah State University in Logan with minors in Spanish and Chemistry. He received his medical degree from Rocky Vista University College of Osteopathic Medicine. Actively involved in family medicine organizations during school, he served on student councils and committees, advocating for family physicians.

Dr. Sterr enjoys family time with his three children and wife who is expecting their fourth child, exploring parks, hiking, and camping. He also enjoys golfing, and racquetball, and is a dog enthusiast (though he currently does not have one).

Second Year



Lolade Beecher, DO

Dr. Lolade Sewo Beecher, a Lawrenceville, Georgia native, has always been passionate about serving diverse communities. She earned her biology degree magna cum laude from Georgia State University, where she was an active leader and volunteered on a medical mission to Nicaragua.

She completed her medical degree at Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine South Georgia campus, leading the Student National Medical Association and advocating for underrepresented minorities in medicine. Her research in OB/GYN focused on improving maternal health in rural areas.

Dr. Sewo Beecher is excited to join Halifax Health, where she looks forward to providing , lifelong, continuous care. Her interests include women's health, LGBTQ+ advocacy, and obstetrics, with plans to pursue an obstetrics fellowship.

Beyond medicine, she enjoys running half-marathons with her wife, traveling, exploring new cuisines, and playing video games with friends.



Salma Bouchibti, DO

Dr. Salma Bouchibti was raised in Orlando, Florida where she spent her weekends watching sunrises and sunsets on Florida beaches. She attended the University of Central Florida earning a Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Sciences, while minoring in Health Sciences.

During her undergraduate years, she developed a passion for underserved communities around her by volunteering at local free clinics with Shepherd's Hope and the AMSS clinic. This passion continued to grow through her medical education at Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine. There, she volunteered at a medical center for asylum seekers and focused on establishing a constant clinical staffing schedule to ensure that their healthcare needs were always met.

Dr. Bouchibti's dedication to combating healthcare inequity in her communities drew her towards Family Medicine. She has professional interests in women's health, preventative medicine, and full-spectrum family medicine. Her goal is to create a collaborative atmosphere that empowers her patients, helping them feel seen and understood. She is excited to complete her training at Halifax Health and to continue serving the community she has grown up around.

Outside of medicine, Dr. Bouchibti loves reading classics, photographing landscapes, and crocheting.

Second Year



Leonna Conley, MD

Dr. Leonna Conley, an Atlanta native raised in Mississippi and California, graduated summa cum laude in Biochemistry from Mississippi State University. She co-founded Aspiring Minorities in Health Professions and launched the MSU Bulldog Minority Health Symposium, fostering healthcare leadership across the state.

Before attending medical school at the University of Mississippi Medical Center, she spent five years as a certified pharmacy technician. At the Jackson Free Clinic, she secured medication access for uninsured patients and provided care for obstetric and gynecologic patients, strengthening her commitment to women's and community health.

Dr. Conley's interests include maternal health, health disparities, and preventive medicine. Outside medicine, she enjoys traveling, cooking, fashion, and event planning.



Olivia Dhalilwal, MD



Archana Samynathan, MD

Second Year



Ravinkumar Maheshkumar, DO



Miraj Patel, MD

Dr. Miraj Patel, an Ormond Beach, Florida native, excelled academically at Mainland High School in Daytona Beach, where he played varsity tennis for four years and graduated as a valedictorian. He earned a degree in biomedical engineering with a minor in business administration from the University of Florida before pursuing his medical degree at the University of Central Florida. His early volunteer experiences at Grand Villa, a local assisted living facility, sparked a lasting interest in healthcare. During his undergraduate years, he contributed to GRiP, creating prosthetics for children with limb deformities, and volunteered at the Gainesville VA Medical Center. \

In medical school, he realized his passion for building lasting relationships and preventative care, led him to Family Medicine. He is thrilled to return home to train at Halifax Health. Dr. Patel is deeply interested in lifestyle medicine, sports medicine, health advocacy, and office-based procedures.

Outside of medicine, he enjoys traveling, kayaking, playing sports like tennis, pickleball, and volleyball, gardening, hiking, and spending time with family.



Giovanni Torres, MD

Dr. Giovanni Torres, a Norfolk, Virginia native, built a strong foundation in science through a STEM program at Eastern Virginia Medical School during high school. He earned his Bachelor of Science in biology and chemistry from Hampden-Sydney College before obtaining a Master's degree in biomedical sciences and a Doctor of Medicine from Eastern Virginia Medical School.

During medical school, he actively supported the local American Red Cross in honor of his sister, who battled leukemia. After earning his medical degree, he completed a year of Internal Medicine at Eastern Virginia Medical School before pursuing Halifax Health Family Medicine Residency, where he is eager to serve the Daytona Beach community. His professional interests include pain medicine and providing compassionate care for those suffering from cancer-related pain.

Outside medicine, Dr. Torres enjoys time with his family and Goldendoodle. His next personal goal is to learn Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu

First Year



Yohancie Blas, MD

Raised in St. Augustine, Florida, Dr. Yohancie Blas earned his Bachelor of Science in Biology from the University of Florida before completing medical school at the University of South Florida Morsani College of Medicine. As the first physician in his family, he is especially grateful for the mentors, patients, and experiences that shaped his path into medicine. With his Puerto Rican heritage and a strong connection to the Spanish-speaking community he grew up around, he developed a passion for serving patients through culturally sensitive, relationship-centered care. His experiences working with underserved and Spanish-speaking patients at BRIDGE Clinic in Tampa and other community outreach initiatives further solidified his interest in Family Medicine.

His professional interests include preventive care, lifestyle medicine, and health equity. He especially values building long-term relationships with patients and helping individuals take an active role in their health through sustainable lifestyle changes. He hopes to give back to the communities that helped shape him by improving access to care and fostering trust with patients from diverse backgrounds.

Outside of medicine, Dr. Blas enjoys birdwatching, photography, exploring parks and nature trails, and working on home-steading projects. He is excited to continue his training in Family Medicine and serve patients with compassion and humility.



Jacori Daniels, MD

Dr. Jacori Daniels is a native of Hazlehurst, Mississippi, by way of Raymond, Mississippi. He attended Raymond High School, where he served as student body president and developed a strong passion for leadership, service, and community impact.

He went on to attend Jackson State University, where he became a proud member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated, and continued his leadership journey as student body president. During this time, he further strengthened his commitment to mentorship, advocacy, and serving underserved communities.

Dr. Daniels completed his medical degree at the University of Mississippi Medical Center and will pursue a career in Family Medicine. He is passionate about providing holistic, community-centered care and has a particular interest in sports medicine and improving health outcomes in underserved populations. He looks forward to building meaningful relationships with patients and making a lasting impact in the communities he serves.

Outside of medicine, Dr. Daniels enjoys running, bowling, and traveling, and values time spent with family and friends.

First Year



Moki Hein, MD

Dr. Moki Hein was born in Yangon, Myanmar, and moved to New York City at the age of 11. She attended Syracuse University, where she earned her undergraduate degree in chemistry, and later completed a master's degree in biomedical sciences at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York City. Drawn to the warm climate and vibrant culture of Florida, she relocated to Miami to attend medical school at Florida International University.

During medical school, Dr. Hein developed a strong interest in family medicine through her work with a mobile health van and by providing home visits as part of the NeighborhoodHELP program, delivering free healthcare to underserved communities in Miami. After graduation, she completed her intern year in general surgery at Penn State, initially planning to pursue anesthesiology. However, during this time, she discovered a deeper appreciation for the continuity of care, multidisciplinary approach, and patient relationships central to family medicine. She subsequently applied and was accepted into the family medicine residency program at Halifax Health.

Dr. Hein looks forward to providing comprehensive care across all stages of life, with interests in well-child visits, obstetric care including deliveries, gynecologic procedures, and geriatric care.

Outside of medicine, she enjoys practicing yoga, spending time with her husband, son, and cats, and taking advantage of the outdoor lifestyle that Florida offers.



Krista LaBelle, MD

Dr. Krista LaBelle is a first-generation college graduate and physician born in Orlando, FL. She attended Florida A&M University in Tallahassee, where she received academic and flute-performance scholarships and served on medical mission trips to Guyana before earning a Bachelor of Science in Biology. She then expanded her academic interests to obtain a Master of Science in Bioethics at Columbia University in New York City. Later, she continued shaping her commitment to community impact through pandemic response efforts, non-human primate research, and humanitarian leadership at the Eastern Virginia Medical School in Norfolk, VA, where she earned her Medical Doctorate.

Although she was initially drawn to medicine for its technical precision and procedural rigor, Dr. LaBelle found herself most fulfilled in continuity of care, prevention, and patient education. These experiences strengthened her appreciation for the role of primary care in supporting patients throughout their lifetimes. Her professional interests within the scope of her full-spectrum training include hands-on procedural care, obstetrics and women's health, chronic and complex disease management, advocacy, and urgent or emergency care in underserved areas. She is especially drawn to the breadth of Family Medicine and is thrilled for her return to Central Florida to partner with and serve her community.

True to her Floridian upbringing, she loves Florida's beaches and springs, as well as outdoor activities like swimming, tennis, and volleyball. She also enjoys recreational billiards and card games, crafting, pottery, concerts, and the vibrant classic car culture in her free time.

First Year



Jawed Mallick, MBBS

Jawed Mallick was born and raised in Pakistan, where he began his medical career as a physician. He previously practiced family medicine and owned a private clinic in Pakistan with a high patient volume.

Throughout his career, he has treated patients of all ages across gastroenterology, hospital medicine, emergency medicine, and nursing homes. He has lived with his family in Central Florida for much of his adult life and enjoys his work. He is passionate about Pakistani cuisine and takes pride in making a great cup of coffee.

He is eager to begin his family medicine residency at Halifax Health. His dedication to lifelong learning has led him to pursue training in Family Medicine, where he aims to provide comprehensive, patient-centered care.



Alexis Manns, DO

Dr. Alexis Manns was born and raised in Pembroke Pines, Florida, in Broward County. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from the University of Miami before pursuing her medical education at William Carey University College of Osteopathic Medicine in Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

Throughout her training, Dr. Manns remained actively involved in community outreach and service through free clinics and volunteer initiatives serving underserved populations. These experiences strengthened her passion for Family Medicine, with interests in preventive medicine, public health, and improving access to care for underserved communities.

During her free time, Dr. Manns enjoys exploring new cities and coffee shops, attending Broadway musicals, and spending quality time with her family and friends. She is excited to join the Family Medicine Residency Program at Halifax Health in Daytona Beach.



Aditya Mudigonda, DO

Dr. Aditya Mudigonda grew up in West Windsor, New Jersey, a town just outside Princeton in central New Jersey. Growing up, he spent much of his time playing tennis, running outdoors, and sharing meals with family and friends. After high school, Dr. Mudigonda attended Wake Forest University, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology.

After college, Dr. Mudigonda joined Teach For America and moved to Miami-Dade County, where he taught 8th grade science and biology for four years. Dr. Mudigonda then returned to New Jersey to attend Rowan-Virtua School of Osteopathic Medicine. During medical school, he began pursuing his interests in women's and community health by becoming an AHEC Scholar and conducting research on the role of social media in promoting women's cancer screenings. His professional interests within family medicine include harm reduction, street medicine, obstetrics, pediatrics, and HIV medicine.

Outside of medicine, Dr. Mudigonda enjoys reading with his book club, rock climbing with friends, biking outdoors, and playing pickleball.

First Year



Aesha Shah, DO

Dr. Aesha Shah was born and raised in India, and then moved to Tampa for her Bachelor of Science at the University of South Florida. Growing up, she developed a strong sense of responsibility and a passion for helping others, which ultimately inspired her to pursue a career in medicine. She earned her medical degree at Alabama College of Osteopathic Medicine in Dothan, Alabama, where she developed interests in women's health, preventive medicine, and caring for underserved populations.

Dr. Shah participated in a maternal and child health pipeline program and worked at a Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) clinic, where she provided nutrition education and support to mothers and children. These experiences strengthened her interest in community health and preventive care. Throughout her clinical training, she enjoyed caring for patients across all stages of life and developed a particular appreciation for the continuity of care that Family Medicine provides. Dr. Shah chose Family Medicine because of the opportunity to build long-term relationships with patients while caring for a wide variety of medical needs. Her professional interests include women's health, preventive medicine, and improving healthcare access for underserved communities.

Outside of medicine, Dr. Shah enjoys traveling, exploring new cultures, baking, and spending time outdoors. She also enjoys hosting family and friends and discovering new restaurants and coffee shops wherever her travels take her.



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