

# Graduate Medical Education Graduation Ceremony

# 2025



**Friday, June 6 | 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.**  
**Masur Auditorium**

# 2025 NIH Graduate Medical Education

## Allergy and Immunology Fellowship

Danielle Flood, MD, PhD  
Derek MacMath, MD  
Isabel C. Vallecillo-Viejo, MD, PhD  
Chen Wang, MD

## Anatomic Pathology Residency

**Dilara Akbulut, MD** (graduation speaker)  
Niharika Shah, MD  
Mayank Patel, MD

## Clinical Neuroimaging Fellowship

Zeynep Demir, MD

## Clinical Neurophysiology Fellowship

Adriana Graciela Grau Chaves, MD  
Vivek Nanda Venkatesh, MD

## Critical Care Medicine Fellowship

Muhtadi Alnababteh, MD  
Roxana Amirahmadi, MD  
Ashley Park, MD  
Mary Richert, MD

## Critical Care and Pulmonary Medicine Fellowship – NHLBI/UMD

Mansi Chaturvedi, MBBS

## Endocrine, Diabetes and Metabolism Fellowship

Elias Miguel Chuki Naguanagua, MD, MHSc  
Sakshi Jhawar, MD  
Sanjay Jumani, MD  
Yetunde Bernice Omotosho, MD, MHSc

## Epilepsy Fellowship

Yonatan Moshe Serlin, MD  
Yung-Tian Gau, MD, PhD

## Hematopathology Fellowship

Abdallah Flaifel, MD  
Nadia Nasir, MD

## Hospice and Palliative Medicine Fellowship

Alexandria Hoy, MD  
Austin Ritter, DO

## Infectious Disease Fellowship

Bickey Haw-Yu Chang, MD  
Ian Cameron Drobish, MD  
Shanan Immel, MD, MPH

## Infectious Disease - Transplant Infectious Disease Fellowship

Rachel Lee, DO

## Liver Diseases Fellowship

Harish Gopalakrishna, MD  
Gian Rodriguez-Franco, MD  
Maria Mironova, MD, MHSc

## Medical Biochemical Genetics Fellowship

Amna Azhar Othman Othman, MBBS

## Medical Genetics and Genomics Residency

Seyma Eroglu, MD  
Fatima Al-Saygh, MD

## Medical Retina Fellowship

Marco H. Ji, MD  
Mehdi Emamverdi, MD

## MedStar Georgetown - NIH Neurology Residency

Huanwen Chen, MD

## Movement Disorders Fellowship

Ann Ly, MD

## NCI Immotherapy Fellowship

Dara Bracken-Clarke, MD  
Julie Ma, MD  
Elisabetta Xue, MD

## Neurological Surgery Fellowship

Aysa Al-Sahlawi, MBBS, MSc

## Neurological Surgery Residency

David T. Asuzu, MD, PhD, MPH

# Clinical Fellow Graduates

## **NIDCR Dental Public Health Research Fellowship - Clinical Research Track**

Leah Leinbach, DMD, MPH

## **NIDCR Dental Public Health Research Fellowship**

Ishita Singh, BDS, MPH

## **NIH/CNH Combined Pediatrics - Medical Genetics Residency**

Cristal Hernandez Hernandez, MD

## **NIH/WHC Combined Maternal - Fetal Medicine - Medical Genetics Fellowship**

Lylach Haizler-Cohen, MD

## **NIH Hematology Oncology Fellowship - Hematology and Oncology**

Joy Awosika, MD

Disha Dalela, MD

Tatyana Gavrilova, MD

Christine Gruessner, MD

Raissa Kentsa, MD

Andre Kydd, MD, PhD

Roshani Patel, MD

## **NIH Hematology Oncology Fellowship - Medical Oncology**

Etan Aber, MD, PhD

Peter Egwom, MD

Ian Goldlust, MD, PhD

Jose Mercado-Matos, MD, PhD

Margaret Pruitt, MD, PhD

## **NIH Hematology Oncology Fellowship - Medical Oncology and Cancer Prevention**

Elizabeth R. Francis, MD, MPH

## **NIH/UMD Gastroenterology Fellowship**

Disha Sharma, MBBS

Gracia Viana-Rodriguez, MD

## **Pediatric & Adolescent Gynecology Fellowship**

Kirsten Das, MD

## **Pediatric Endocrinology Fellowship**

Sanjay Jumani, MD

## **Pediatric Hematology Oncology Fellowship**

Josiah Ballantine, MD

Marti Goldenberg, DO

Sarah Peters, MD

Rebecca Whitmire, MD

Megan Zinsky, MD

## **Pediatric Stem Cell Transplantation and Cellular Therapy Fellowship**

Navid Djassemi, MD

## **Psychiatry Clinical Fellowship**

Morkeh Blay-Tofey, MD, MBA

Jenny Jean, MD

## **Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility Fellowship**

Jennifer Jung Hee Chae-Kim, MD

Ariel Jordan Dunn, MD

Peter Garrett Lindner, MD

## **Rheumatology Fellowship**

Dale M. Kobrin, MD

Christopher M. Tidwell, MD

Benjamin A. Turturice, MD, PhD

## **Urologic Oncology Fellowship**

Charles Hesswani, MD

Christopher Koller, MD

Daniel Nethala, MD

## **Vascular Neurology Fellowship**

Ali Eltatawy, MD

# Graduation Schedule

## Masur Auditorium

**9:30 AM**

Graduates and guests arrive

**10:00 AM**

Welcome by **Mr. Pius Aiyelawo**, Acting NIH Clinical Center Chief Executive Officer and **Dr. Paneez Khoury**, Chair, Graduate Medical Education Committee. Video remarks by the NIH Director, **Dr. Jay Bhattacharya**

**10:10 AM**

Keynote Graduation Speaker **Dr. Theo Heller**, Senior Investigator, Translational Hepatology Section, Liver Diseases Branch, National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases

**10:20 AM**

Clinical Fellow Graduation Speaker **Dr. Dilara Akbulut**, Resident, Anatomic Pathology Program, National Cancer Institute

**10:30 AM**

Program presentation of certificates to graduating clinical fellows

## FAES Terrace

**11:15 AM**

Reception on FAES Terrace for attendees

## 1 SE Patio

**11:30 AM**

Group photo: Clinical Fellow graduates and program directors

**Graduation ceremony will be streamed live at:**  
**[videocast.nih.gov](https://videocast.nih.gov)**



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