



University of Maryland Pediatric Residents – Class of 2023

Reem Aboushaar, M.D.

Medical School: Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine at Florida Atlantic University



I am a Florida girl, born and raised in Jacksonville. I then completed my undergraduate studies at the University of Florida where I majored in psychology. I spent year at the University of South where I completed a masters in medical science. Finally I finished up with medical school in Boca Raton at Florida Atlantic University. My father is a pediatrician, so pediatrics was always in the back of my mind and my third year rotations cemented that choice, but I am still undecided as far as specializing. I am so excited to meet everyone at the University of Maryland and to see if my training nudges me towards a particular specialty. I love being outdoors and am so excited to try all the amazing hikes that Maryland has to offer and enjoy them throughout four seasons (it's always summer in Florida). I love that Baltimore is a huge sports center; I especially enjoy playing soccer and watching football. I like to think that I'm a decent cook and in my spare time I enjoy the challenge of trying to copy my mom's Syrian dishes.

Elyzabeth Amador, M.D.

Medical School: St. George's University School of Medicine



I am from Orange County, California, and definitely a SoCal girl at heart! I received my undergraduate degree from the University of California, San Diego in Biochemistry and Cell Biology, and afterward went to medical school at St. George's University. I've never gotten to live on the East Coast so I am very excited to live with four seasons, especially fall!

At eight years old I told my parents I wanted to be a pediatrician so it's still a little surreal that it's finally happening! I absolutely love taking care of children and feel so honored to have a role in their lives. I'm currently leaning towards a career in the PICU as I'm fascinated by the complexity of the medicine and opportunities to work more hands-on. Outside of medicine, I love kickboxing, cooking paleo based meals, and spending time outside- particularly by the water. I'm also a huge sports fan and hoping to go to some baseball and football games while here in Baltimore!

Lillian Assatourian, M.D.

Medical School: University of Maryland School of Medicine



I was born and raised in Maryland (the best state!) and am super excited to be staying here for another three years. I grew up in Gaithersburg, MD and went to college at the University of Maryland Baltimore County. I took a gap year doing research at Children's National in DC, then went on to complete medical school at UMSOM. I always liked pediatrics, but was even more reassured when everyone around me commented on how

excited and passionate I was about my peds rotations. I am very excited to start my career taking care of children here at UMMC. When I am not at work, I love to spend time with my husband, friends and family, explore new restaurants, bake, do home projects and work out. I can't wait for all of the fun and hard work over the next three years, and am excited to get to know everyone in the program!

Erin Bewley, M.D.

Medical School: University of Maryland School of Medicine



I grew up in California, splitting my time between Marin County (located just across the Golden Gate Bridge from San Francisco) and my family's ranch and vineyard in rural Northern California. Growing up I had a love of nature, hiking, and animals (I had a dog, horses, and chickens!!) and volunteering with children as a tutor and camp counselor. I decided to use college as an opportunity to see a different part of the country and attended undergrad at Colby College in Maine. New England has a very beautiful coast line, tons of hiking and winter sports which I loved, but it is WAY too cold for me! I continued my love of working with children while in college, as a child development minor and mentor to children in the community. After surviving the winters in Maine I chose a more mild climate, coming to Baltimore for medical school at the University of Maryland School of Medicine. I met some wonderful friends, great mentors and had a fun time exploring all of Baltimore's beautiful parks, great ice-cream places, bars and restaurants. I am excited to be staying on to continue to serve the Baltimore community, and be a part of this residency program with its amazing faculty, hardworking and compassionate residents and very supportive environment! Outside of the hospital, I enjoy taking care of my many house plants, outdoor gardening, cooking, skiing, hanging out with my friends and reading.

Amanda Corwin, M.D.

Medical School: Georgetown University School of Medicine



I was born and raised in Potomac, Maryland, right outside of Washington DC. I attended undergrad at Colby College in Maine, where I majored in Biology with a concentration in Neuroscience. I headed back home to the "DMV" for medical school, graduating from Georgetown University School of Medicine in May 2020.

In my spare time, I love to play and snuggle my dogs!! I have a mini goldendoodle named Archie, and two more goldendoodles (Westley and Marley) who live at my family home in Potomac, Maryland. I also enjoy spending time with my family, and take advantage of any opportunity I can to visit home. I have three younger brothers, the youngest who is still in high school in the DC area, and maintaining my close relationships with them has always been a priority to me. I am absolutely thrilled to be joining the UMD Peds family and look forward to exploring Baltimore over the next three years!!

MacKenzie Heywood, M.D.

Medical School: Southern Illinois University School of Medicine



I was born and raised in the Midwest, specifically Illinois. I went to the University of Illinois for undergraduate and then Southern Illinois University for medical school. Since I have spent my whole life in the Midwest, I was really looking forward to exploring new areas for residency. I enjoyed my visit to Baltimore so I'm thrilled to be doing residency here. Pediatrics was a no-brainer for me since I enjoyed all of my pediatric rotations way more than any of my adult-medicine rotations. I'm currently leaning towards a career as a general pediatrician, but we'll see if I change my mind once residency starts! When I'm not at the hospital, I like

to work out (weightlifting or cycling, but absolutely not running) and cook. I'm happy going out to try new restaurants and explore new places, but I'm just as happy staying home and watching TV.

Margaret Kahwaty, M.D.

Medical School: University of Maryland School of Medicine



I was born and raised in Olney, MD and having gone to UMD for both college (Go Terps!) and medical school, I am one of the true “Maryland Lifers.” I first became interested in Medicine during college when I volunteered here at UMMC, so this hospital has always had a special place in my heart. I'm so excited to be continuing my training in this

city that I've come to call home. During my time as a medical student here, I developed a passion for working with the children of Baltimore and couldn't be more thrilled to be kicking off another 3 years here for residency. Outside of the hospital, I enjoy running through the Inner Harbor, going to concerts, travelling, skiing, going to yoga classes, and spending time with my boyfriend and my family.

Tiernan Connor Middleton, M.D.

Medical School: University of Central Florida College of Medicine



I completed my undergraduate and medical degrees at the University of Central Florida in Orlando. I've been in Florida for almost ten years but my family lives in the north east (Philly area) so I'm excited to be closer to home. My clinical and research interests lie in endocrinology and adolescent health; I have a passion for improving LGBTQ+ healthcare and would like to work with transgender teens as a part of my practice. In my free time, I like to write, cook, and hang out with my husband and my two dogs. I will miss my Disney annual pass but I'm excited to explore Baltimore!

Ethan Sandler, D.O.

Medical School: Rocky Vista University College of Osteopathic Medicine



I was born in Dallas, Texas, and raised in Jacksonville, Florida where I fell in love with the beach and never knew what winter truly was. I went to University of Florida (Go Gators!) where I graduated with a major in Biology, and attended University of South Florida where I received a Masters in Medical Sciences. I have always loved animals, and when I was a kid, thought I would either be a doctor or a veterinarian. But an allergy to cats helped make my decision for me. So I decided to embark on a new adventure, moving to Colorado to attend medical school at Rocky Vista University, and learning to love the mountains and buying my first winter coat after the first snow. After working with patients and their families, alongside amazing faculty mentors, I knew pediatrics was the specialty for me. My mom grew up in Baltimore, and I am thrilled to have matched at University of Maryland and be back on the east coast. I am currently trying to decide between a few different subspecialties, and look forward to being involved in legislative advocacy and research. In my spare time, I enjoy hiking, skiing, going to the zoo or aquarium, cooking and eating great international cuisine, travel, tennis, and playing with all of my friends' dogs (I don't have one yet, but one day). I'm also an avid sports fan, with hockey being my favorite!

Brandi Sargent, D.O.**Medical School:** University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine

I grew up in a small town outside of Allentown, Pennsylvania, which most people have only heard of because of the great Billy Joel. I attended the University of Pittsburgh, majoring in Biological Sciences. However, the real highlight of my undergraduate career was the time I spent as a colorguard member, spinning flags on Heinz field as a University Marching Band member. After college, I married my husband who was in the military and stationed at Fort Meade in Maryland. During that time, I worked as a Postbaccalaureate Research Fellow at the NIH, studying Osteogenesis Imperfecta. I then attended the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine after falling in love with the rocky coastline of Maine. During my third year of medical school, the experiences I had in my pediatrics rotation helped me realize that my joy in life would be to help children grow to live healthy lives. I also earned a certificate in UNECOM's "Care for the Underserved" Pathway and look forward to continuing to advocate for underserved children during residency. When I'm not working, I enjoy getting hooked on new Netflix series with my husband, taking our dog for walks and playing with our cat. I also like to jog outside and do yoga, especially with friends! Another hobby I plan to continue to make time for is working on sewing projects, of which in the past I've made baby blankets, skirts, dresses and shirts, most of which I am proud to say actually fit me!

Gordon Scott, M.D.**Medical School:** University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine

I grew up on Lake Winnepesaukee in New Hampshire. I ventured down to spend my undergrad years at Johns Hopkins studying biology. After graduation I spent a year outside of Boston working as a scribe for an ophthalmology practice before I started medical school at the University of Pittsburgh. During my clinical rotations I quickly found that I loved working with and caring for kids. The more time I spent with the patients and the care teams the more confident I grew in my choice. I'm thrilled to return to Baltimore and work alongside the compassionate residents and attendings of UMD! When not in the hospital I love roasting/brewing/drinking coffee and espresso, boardgames, and traveling. Locally I'm excited to explore the surrounding areas with my border collie mix dog.

Tammy Tran, D.O.**Medical School:** Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine - Virginia Campus

I was born and raised in Prince George's County, Maryland and attended undergrad at the University of Maryland College Park where I majored in physiology and neurobiology. After graduating, I spent a year working as a scribe in an emergency department. I then left home for the very first time to start medical school at Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine in Virginia. Realizing I missed home and being near my giant extended family, I wanted to come back to the area for residency and University of Maryland was the perfect fit! From a young age, I knew I wanted to become a pediatrician and this was only strengthened during medical school. I am currently considering a career in neonatology with an interest in medical education, but am excited to see what else the field of pediatrics has to offer. I am so thrilled to have the opportunity to care for the children of Baltimore and work with their families! Outside of the hospital, I like to bake (donuts are my specialty), do giant jigsaw puzzles, spend time with family, and try new restaurants in the area!

Bouhaitha Yousef, M.D.**Medical School:** Rutgers, Robert Wood Johnson Medical School

I was born in Queens, New York and raised in central New Jersey. I went to Rutgers University where I was accepted into the 7 year BA/MD joint program with Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School. My husband and I couples matched and happily landed in Baltimore, Maryland. Whenever I have the chance, I enjoy being outdoors and feeling the sun beam on my skin. I also love painting Arabic calligraphy on canvas using acrylic paint, I find it very relaxing and the final product is always rewarding. Although I love anything outdoors and painting, my favorite hobby might actually be sleeping!

**Nora Yousef, M.D.****Medical School:** University of Texas Medical Branch School of Medicine at Galveston

I was raised between Jordan and Palestine until my senior year of high school when my family moved to Lafayette, LA. I did my undergraduate degree in biochemistry at the University of Houston and medical school at University of Texas Medical Branch. I always knew I wanted to work with children when I grew up since some of my most cherished memories as a child involved pediatricians, nurses, and teachers. Before going to medical school, I worked as a medical interpreter and taught science at an elementary school. Continuing my journey in Baltimore amongst my family and at the excellent University of Maryland Medical Center is just a blessing. I am looking forward to learning from my attendings and colleagues in order to provide the best quality of care to the children and families of this great city and the rest of the world. During my free time, I enjoy photography, arts and crafts, and trying new tea blends and ice-cream flavors!

