



## University of Maryland Pediatric Residents – Class of 2025

### **Madeline Clark, M.D.**

**Medical School:** University of Maryland School of Medicine

I grew up in Washington, DC, and I ventured to Georgetown University to study Biology. After graduation, I spent a year working at a pediatric practice in Bethesda, Maryland, where I thoroughly enjoyed working alongside pediatricians with different specialties and earning the respect of children and parents of varying personalities and abilities. While attending medical school at the University of Maryland School of Medicine, I confirmed that I would be most excited to work with patients who love the sticker drawer as much as I do. I also came to absolutely love my new city of Baltimore with its superb restaurants and welcoming culture, so I was thrilled to match at Maryland for residency! Joining the Pediatric residency team at Maryland and continuing to serve the Baltimore community, I am excited to know that I will be smiling every day, with or without my mask. In my free time, I love to cook (with inspiration from Half Baked Harvest), bake (chocolate always involved), workout, and enjoy quality time with family and friends.



### **Megan Cook, M.D. (Meggie)**

**Medical School:** The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University

I'm originally from Minnesota, but I went to Goucher in Towson, MD for undergrad and absolutely loved the area. I took two gap years before medical school to work at Baltimore Child Abuse Center as medical assistant and clinic coordinator. It was doing this work that I realized my passion for working with vulnerable youth. After completing medical school at Brown, I decided to move back to Maryland for residency so I could continue to work with the wonderful children of Baltimore. When I'm not at work I love to hang out with my two boys (ages 11 months and 3 years), our two cats, and my husband. You can find us playing at local parks and sampling the delicious food of Baltimore!



### **Jonathan Freeman, M.D.**

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

I was born in Texas and grew up in Boynton Beach, Florida. I completed my undergraduate studies at Palm Beach State College in Lake Worth and Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton where I majored in biology. I then finished medical school at FAU Schmidt College of Medicine in Boca Raton. I am loving the seasons and cooler weather in Baltimore! Between my mother being a teacher and helping raise my niece for the first few years of her life, I have always had an interest in pediatrics. I am currently leaning towards a career as a general pediatrician or specializing in either genetics or endocrinology. I also have a strong interest in community service and advocacy. In my free time I enjoy playing video games, drawing, going on nature walks, and playing with my dog.



**Darius Hunt, M.D.****Medical School:** University of Maryland School of Medicine

I grew up in Basking Ridge, NJ and remained close to home to attend Rutgers University for my undergraduate studies, where I majored in Cell Biology & Neuroscience and minored in Psychology and Spanish. I felt that 22 years in New Jersey was more than enough for me, so after graduating college I moved down to Baltimore to attend medical school here at the University of Maryland. It didn't take long for me to fall in love with Baltimore/Maryland and I quickly knew that I wanted to remain here for residency.

Outside medicine, you can find me playing tennis at Patterson Park, as well as intramural volleyball, soccer, and softball through Volo Sports. Though I grew up in the suburbs of New York City, my mother's family is originally from northern New England, so I was raised as a die-hard fan of the Boston Red Sox, New England Patriots, Boston Celtics, and Boston Bruins—and I do my best to watch as many games as I can whenever I'm not working. Besides sports, I enjoy outdoor activities including fishing, hiking, and going to the beach. If I feel like relaxing, you can catch me going for a leisurely walk around Fells Point or grabbing some ice cream at Bmore Licks in Canton!

**Myung Jung, M.D. (Shelly)****Medical School:** University of Maryland School of Medicine

I was born and raised in South Korea. My family moved to Salisbury, Maryland when I was a junior in high school. I finished my undergraduate degree in Biology at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County in Maryland, and I spent a gap year working as a scribe in the emergency department before coming to medical school. I graduated from the University of Maryland School of Medicine and enjoyed my time in Baltimore. I am excited to continue my training at the University of Maryland and stay close to my family and friends!

Outside of medicine, I like traveling and walking in nature. I visited many different countries in my childhood, and I look forward to many more opportunities in the future. I always enjoy spending time with my family and our puppy, Joey, a new addition to our family. I also love exploring new cafes and restaurants. I am excited to take care of children in Baltimore and share many good experiences with everyone in the program!

**Alivia Knol, M.D.****Medical School:** Wayne State University School of Medicine

I was born and raised in East Lansing, Michigan, home of the Michigan State University Spartans (go green!) I stayed in my hometown for undergrad and majored in physiology at MSU, and then moved to Detroit, Michigan to attend medical school at Wayne State University School of Medicine. I was truly undecided on a specialty throughout most of medical school, but ultimately found my calling during my pediatric rotations. Getting to be around children all day is such a joyful thing! At Wayne State I also met the love of my life, my fiancé Sachin, who is a radiology resident at Georgetown.

In my spare time, I like to maintain a balance between relaxing, exploring, and spending time with loved ones. My favorite leisure activities are watching TV shows or movies (The Office and Mamma Mia are my favorites!), reading novels, going on walks, and embroidering. When I get the chance, I also love to

explore new restaurants, parks, and beaches with my friends and family. I am already loving the culture of my neighborhood here in Baltimore, and I can't wait to explore the rest of the city!

**Rashmi Madhavan, M.D.**

**Medical School:** The University of Toledo College of Medicine and Life Sciences



I was born and raised in St. Louis, Missouri, where I spent my first 18 years and where my parents still live. I decided to use my education as a way of seeing new cities and living in different parts of the country – I attended Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia for undergrad, completed a Master's in Medical Sciences at Boston University, and went to medical school at the University of Toledo in Toledo, OH. I am very excited for the most recent addition of Baltimore to my city line-up and am looking forward to all the food, friends, and fun that the city has to offer as I complete my residency. I am eager for the opportunity to explore the wide variety of pediatric specialties before I find the one that suits me the best, and I think UMMC will be the perfect institution to have a diversity of experiences and find my fit. Outside of medicine, I love to cook and bake, work out, hang out with friends, and obsess over my favorite TV shows. I am also super grateful to finally be living near the water and look forward to having the harbor as a nice escape!

**Briana Malcolm, D.O.**

**Medical School:** Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine



I am originally from Harlem, NYC for the first 10 years of my life and then relocated to Allentown, PA. I attended undergrad at Penn State "WE AREE!!", where I majored in Biological Sciences and Health Professions. After graduating, I worked as a Medical Technologist for a Toxicology lab for about 2 years before attending Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. I fell in love with pediatrics during my core peds 3rd year rotation in med school and I haven't looked back since! I was attracted to Baltimore because I always had fun when I came to visit the harbor area and saw how many fun things there were to do here!

I am excited to be a resident at UMMC because I believe they will equip me with the skills necessary to treat the underserved pediatric population. I am proud to be the FIRST doctor in my family and to pave the way for those who follow in my footsteps. I have a passion for mentorship and primary care! In my spare time, I like to see my family and friends, paint canvases, listen to music, bowl, skate, and overall make fun memories! I am excited to watch myself grow over the next three years and to help positively influence the lives of my patients!

**Zachary Pardes, M.D.**

**Medical School:** Wayne State University School of Medicine



I'm originally from McLean, Virginia, and I did my undergrad at Cornell University, earning a degree in Nutritional Sciences. After graduating I spent two gap years working at a primary care office near home, traveling, dog-sitting, tutoring, and just loving life in general. I then went to Wayne State University for medical school in Detroit (shoutout to my wonderful Detroiters friends, I love you all so much). I wasn't quite sure which field I wanted to go into, until I fell in love with pediatrics during my third year clerkships and never looked back.

I'm currently thinking about primary care as a career path, but I'm trying to keep an open mind and to enjoy myself during all my rotations. In my free time, I love playing/watching sports (especially soccer,

volleyball, and hockey), spending time with my girlfriend and my family, board games, word puzzles, hanging out with my pet chinchilla, and reading.

**Mili Patel, M.D.**

**Medical School:** The University of Toledo College of Medicine and Life Sciences



I was born in Pennsylvania and moved a ton during my childhood. In addition to Pennsylvania, I've lived in Colorado, Ohio, Illinois, and even spent a few years in the suburbs outside of Baltimore! I attended undergrad at the University of Pittsburgh and then spent two additional years in Pittsburgh working at a reproductive health clinic. Afterwards, I attending medical school at the University of Toledo in Ohio, and realized on the very first day of my pediatrics clerkship that I loved working with kids and shortly after decided that I wanted to become a pediatrician. I was thrilled when I found out that I would be coming back to Maryland for residency because even though I've lived all over the country, I really am an east coast girl at heart!

After residency, I hope to pursue adolescent medicine and in particular I want to work with LGBTQ+ youth. I'm especially passionate about gender-affirming care for trans and gender-diverse youth and hope to incorporate it into my future practice. But until then, I'm very excited to work and learn with my lovely co-residents and the wonderful attendings here at UMD! When I'm not in the hospital, I love spending time with my chonky cat, Athena, trying new restaurants, weightlifting, singing loudly in the car, going to concerts, and spending time with my friends.

**Shrina Patel, M.D.**

**Medical School:** Cooper Medical School of Rowan University



I am a born and raised Jersey girl, and though it might be deemed the armpit of America, it's MY armpit :). I've moved all over the state, namely to Newark when I went to college at NJIT and Camden when I went to med school at Cooper! I'm a product of a 7-year accelerated BA/MD program and never experienced the joy of a gap year because of the traditional path I took. I just recently moved from Philly, where my family was 30 minutes across the bridge in southern NJ! There's 7 of us – my parents, grandparents, and 3 kids – and no one was remotely in the healthcare field, so navigating all of this was a fun (read: very scary) time. On my free time, I like to create art, attempt to play on my electric guitar, train my new puppy Ruby and, more realistically, spend hours on TikTok.

**Damarys Ramos, M.D.**

**Medical School:** University of Puerto Rico School of Medicine



¡Hola! My name is Damarys M. Ramos and I am from San Juan, Puerto Rico and I am very excited to be starting intern year at UMMC. I briefly lived in Maryland when I went to college at UMBC. However, ended transferring to University of Puerto Rico where I graduated in Chemistry and afterwards went to UPR School of Medicine. All my life I thought I wanted to be a pediatric surgeon, so long story short, I did a first-year preliminary surgery residency at UConn but wanted to pursue another career, and now here I am! I have always known I wanted to work with the pediatric population and that's why I am very excited to start again but in peds. I have no clue as to what I will be specializing in, but whatever I end up doing my goal is to go back home and give back to my community. When I am not working or studying you can find me binge watching Friends, Schitt's Creek, Parks & Rec, Vikings or rewatching all the Star Wars or Marvel movies (and series). I also love going to the beach, hiking, camping, reading, painting my nails, napping

and most importantly visiting my family in Puerto Rico whenever I get the chance. I am very excited for all the new challenges these next few years will offer and to grow in the Pediatrics field along with my awesome co-residents. Fun fact, you can always find me wearing funky socks.

**Lisa Roskes, M.D. (Lani)**

**Medical School:** University of Maryland School of Medicine



I was born and raised in Baltimore County, went to college at Johns Hopkins University and medical school at the University of Maryland. So, I'm definitely a Baltimore lifer (as are both of my parents, 3 of my grandparents and even some of my great grandparents!). I'm excited to be staying here for residency and to continue working with the patients and families of our community, as well as the wonderful attendings, residents and staff of the pediatrics department! Going into medical school, I was fairly certain that I wanted to go into pediatrics. As I progressed through my clinical years, I enjoyed all of my rotations but none more than pediatrics, so I knew that I was making the right decision. I love working with children and their families, especially watching them grow and change from infancy to adulthood. As of now, I plan to pursue a career in primary care that will allow me to develop long term relationships with patients, but I'm excited to explore different subspecialties during residency to see if a something piques my interest. In my spare time, I enjoy all kinds of sports (especially anything in the water), playing board games, baking and cake decorating, and spending time with family and friends. I live with my grandmother and near my parents, brother and sister-in-law, so I'm especially happy to be staying in Baltimore near my wonderful family for residency.

**Sarina Zahid, M.D.**

**Medical School:** Eastern Virginia Medical School



I was born and raised in Saudi Arabia, then moved to Rochester, NY to complete high school. I completed my undergraduate degree at the University of Rochester. During my time there, I worked at the Rochester Baby Lab, where we studied language and development in children. After graduating college, I moved to Norfolk, VA to complete my Masters of Biomedical Sciences and medical school at Eastern Virginia Medical School (EVMS). For as long as I can remember, I have wanted to work with children. When I found my passion for medicine, pediatrics felt like a natural fit. I loved all my pediatric rotations and patients – it was where I felt the most at home. I'm currently interested in pediatric cardiology, but I plan to keep an open mind throughout residency. I'm so excited to work with the children and families of Baltimore, and to learn from everyone at UMMC!

In my free time, I love to paint, read, binge-watch TV shows, hang out at cafes, travel, occasionally cook, and spend time by any body of water. I'm excited to explore all that Baltimore has to offer!