

## What do fellows say about our program?

“The Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine Program at University of Maryland is a very strong fellowship program that I believe has well equipped me with essential skills that would set me up for success in the field. There is a **good balance between clinical training and research** which would equip the fellows for any career path whether it is in academic medicine or private practice. The clinical training, in particular, is exceptional within the field of critical care medicine. There’s a good **focus on procedural training** especially with regards to airway management and other important skills in the critical care setting and pulmonology. The interventional pulmonology service is busy and provides ample opportunities to advance bronchoscopic skills and techniques. The pulmonary ambulatory opportunities are numerous and there are faculty that have focused interest in a variety of conditions including diffuse parenchymal lung disease, airways disease, lung cancer screening, asthma, transplant pulmonology, and post-intensive care syndrome. There are also **ample opportunities to get exposure to cardiopulmonary bypass or ECMO**. From a research training perspective, there are a variety of faculty that specialize in various aspects of pulmonology and critical care research and thus there is a **tremendous amount of variety in research exposure from bench work to clinical research**. I was able to work on both clinical and translational research focused around disparities in lung cancer care and ARDS.”

– Fahid Alghanim, Class of 2022

“I am Andrew Clerman and graduated from the PCCM Fellowship Program in 2018 through the ABIM Research Pathway. As part of the pathway, I obtained a PhD in Molecular Microbiology and Immunology through the University of Maryland School of Medicine's Phd for Clinicians program. I currently serve as a Medical Officer in the Division of Pulmonology, Allergy, and Critical Care (DPACC) at the US Food & Drug Administration. **My comprehensive clinical and research training during fellowship was instrumental in preparing me for my career in drug development and regulation**. Equally important was the unequivocal support from program leadership to pursue my educational goals while balancing a rigorous clinical training schedule. My experience is **a testament to the program's commitment to their fellows, both in supporting each individual fellow's unique path through training and preparing them for any career that path may lead to.**”

– Andrew Clerman, Class of 2018

“I'm Radhika Shah and I graduated from UMMC Pulmonary and Critical Care fellowship in 2017. The quality, breadth, and depth of training I received can best be described by how well prepared I was for my first job out of fellowship. I'm currently a staff physician at Erlanger Health System, Division of Pulmonary and Critical Care. I also serve as the Associate Program Director for the UT College of Medicine Chattanooga Internal Medicine Residency Program. This job demands high clinical volume but can require academic acumen. **My intense clinical training left me more than prepared to take on a clinically demanding job, while intense mentorship and medical education experience allowed me to achieve my goals of substantially contributing to the medical education environment. This fellowship uniquely provides a diversity and rigor in its training that allows its graduates to succeed in any type of career that they may envision.**”

– Radhika Shah, Class of 2017