Residents and Alumni

Meet the current residents in the Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Residency at NYU Langone's Rusk Rehabilitation.

Chief Residents *(Class of 2025)*

Matthew Glenn, MD

Hometown: Jamaica (the island) / The Bronx
Medical school: NYU Grossman School of Medicine
Areas of interest: Cardiopulmonary Rehab, Health Disparities, Acupuncture, Interventional research
Hobbies: playing/ watching tennis, cooking, horticulture, travel

Why I chose NYU Langone: Located in NYC near friends and family, attendings who share similar interests and were happy to foster mine.
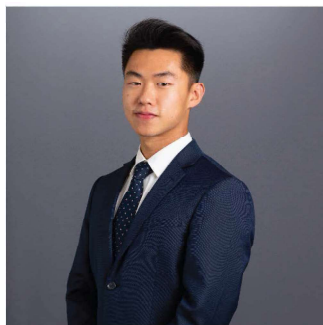
Lucinda Kendall, DO

Hometown: Monterey, California
Medical school: Touro University California
Areas of interest: Spine, SCI, research
Hobbies: food, dogs, traveling, board games, hiking.

Why I chose NYU Langone: I wanted to train at a supportive institution that would provide me with the resources needed to become an excellent physiatrist.

Max Lee, MD

Hometown: Dix Hills, NY
Medical school: Albert Einstein College of Medicine
Areas of interest: Sports Medicine, Ultrasound, Acupuncture
Hobbies: Cooking, reading, camping, self-motivation youtube videos sometimes followed by a casual weightlifting session

Why I chose NYU Langone: Great vibes on interview day, and really appreciated the balance between the chaos of NYC and the zen-like aura of Dr. Moroz.

Kishan Patel, DO

Hometown: Marlton, NJ
Medical school: Rowan University School of Osteopathic Medicine
Areas of interest: sports, sports and spine, MSK ultrasound, acupuncture, regenerative medicine, OMM
Hobbies: grocery shopping, film soundtracks/scores, happy hours, traveling, karaoke, sporting events

Why I chose NYU Langone: I wanted to train as a well rounded physiatrist while living in one of the best cities in the world. This program gives me a great opportunity to grow as a person, stay well-fed, and achieve my career goals. The leadership and residents were very approachable during my virtual elective!

Navi Plaha, DO

Hometown: Hillsborough, NJ
Medical School: New York Institute of Technology College of Osteopathic Medicine
Areas of Interest: Pain, Sports and Spine Medicine
Hobbies: Binge watching Netflix, playing with my dog, trying out new restaurants, and reading

Why I chose NYU Langone: I wanted to get world-class clinical training at an institution with supportive faculty that take care of an incredibly diverse and underserved population. NYU gave me all of that, in the best city on earth

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Monika Schmitt, DO

Hometown: Whitehall, Michigan
Medical school: Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine, Fort Worth, Texas
Areas of interest: pain, acupuncture, and osteopathic manipulative medicine
Hobbies: spending time with my husband and our two rabbits

Why I chose NYU Langone: When I applied to residency, I looked for a program that would prepare me for anything. NYU Langone does that by providing training with diverse populations and settings including private, public, and the VA NY Harbor Healthcare System. Moreover, NYU Langone has exceptional opportunities for mentorship, research, and procedure training including training in acupuncture.

Navjot Singh, MD

Hometown: Milltown, New Jersey
Medical school: Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School
Areas of interest: minimally invasive interventional spine procedures, sports medicine, and orthopedic pain management
Hobbies: basketball, rooftops, motorcycles, percussion, and drones

Why I chose NYU Langone: I chose to train at NYU Langone for its reputable mentorship, camaraderie amongst residents, emphasis on academia, and supportive faculty and staff. I also happen to love the diverse patient population and wide array of pathology New York City has to offer.
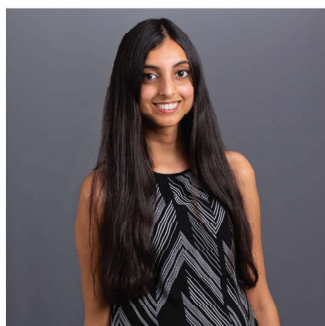
Jennifer Zhu, DO

Hometown: Brooklyn, New York
Medical school: New York Institute of Technology College of Osteopathic Medicine
Areas of interest: pediatrics, ultrasound, and general rehabilitation
Hobbies: cooking and baking, arts and crafts and DIY, video and board games, hiking, and exploring and traveling

Why I chose NYU Langone: To serve a diverse population with a wealth of exposure to all the facets of physical medicine and rehabilitation, while attaining quality education and training at a renowned institution in a city that never sleeps.
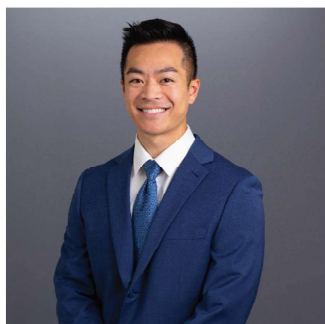
Jasmine Mavani, MD

Hometown: Allentown, PA
Medical school: Lewis Katz School of Medicine at Temple University
Areas of interest: general physiatry, neuromuscular, SCI
Hobbies: traveling, swimming, photography, planning celebrations, and spending time with friends and family

Why I chose NYU Langone: I wanted to experience living in NYC and this program has a very helpful and supportive culture. I knew I would graduate from here with amazing clinical training and have access to plenty of resources to take the best care of the diverse population.
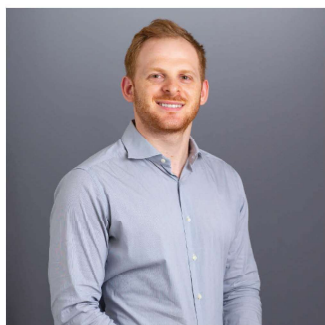
Christopher Lee, DO

Hometown: Irvine, CA
Medical school: Western University College of Osteopathic Medicine
Areas of interest: MSK, spine, and pain medicine
Hobbies: powerlifting, bouldering, binging anime and the bachelor/bachelorette

Why I chose NYU Langone: The opportunity to grow both professionally and personally in a strong well-rounded program nestled in the heart of world's most storied city.

Lawrence Markel, DO

Hometown: Brooklyn , NY
Medical school: NYIT-COM
Areas of interest: sports, interventional spine, pain management
Hobbies: billiards , tennis , traveling

Why I chose NYU Langone: Receiving rehab training in one of the greatest cities in the world and one of the greatest hospitals felt like a dream
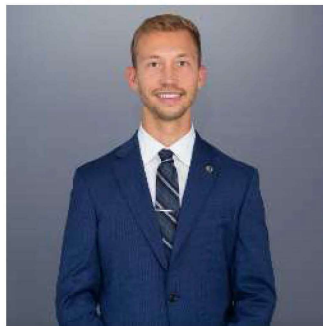
Harrison Haiden, DO

Hometown: Hampden, Maine
Medical school: LECOM - Bradenton
Areas of interest: Interventional pain management, Sports/spine, Electrodiagnostics, TBI
Hobbies: DJing techno/house music, weightlifting, music festivals, outdoor activities, hiking, camping, skiing

Why I chose NYU Langone: NYU was one of the institutes that pioneered PM&R, so after I decided on the field it was an easy pick. I get to live in NYC with endless new restaurants to try and places to explore and I also get to train at one of the top rated institutions in the world. On top of all that, there's a strong community between the residents where everyone looks out for each other and I really appreciate that.

Class of 2026

Dylan Banks, MD

Hometown: Cape Cod, MA
Medical school: Creighton University School of Medicine
Areas of interest: Medical education, pain medicine, sports medicine, ultrasound, regenerative medicine
Hobbies: Traveling, finding ramen restaurants, enjoying local craft beer, surfing, snowboarding, playing tennis and just about any other intramural sport with friends.

Why I chose NYU Langone: NYU offered the opportunity to train at a leading rehabilitation program and to learn from experts in each of the field's subspecialities. I felt confident that training at NYU would provide a fantastic foundation for my career in physiatry. I also wanted the unique experience of being a resident in New York City.
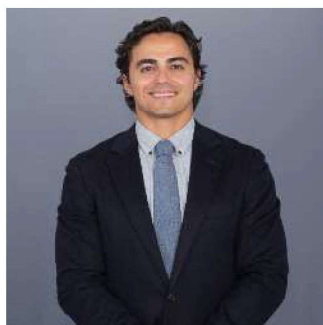
Brandon Burg, DO

Hometown: Syosset, NY
Medical school: New York Institute of Technology College of Osteopathic Medicine
Areas of interest: Sports Medicine, Traumatic Brain Injury, Cancer Rehab
Hobbies: Boating, Volleyball, Golf, Cycling

Why I chose NYU Langone: I chose NYU Langone because I wanted the opportunity to train at a renowned academic center. The program offers extensive and diverse training in all aspects of PM&R which will help me become the strong physiatrist I desire to be.

Christopher Chiodo Ortiz, MD

Hometown: Ambler, PA, and NYC. But, I have lived in 7 different states.
Medical school: University of Toledo College of Medicine
Areas of interest: Pain Medicine, Interventional Musculoskeletal Rehabilitation, Sports Medicine, MSK Ultrasound
Hobbies: Live music, movies, traveling, snowboarding, and other outdoor activities.

Why I chose NYU Langone: To learn and grow as a physiatrist under exceptional leadership at a world-class institution, and to live in the greatest city in the world with friends and loved ones.

Hasan Entwistle, MD

Hometown: Cochabamba, Bolivia
Medical school: Meharry Medical College, Nashville TN
Areas of interest: Neuromuscular, sports, and pain medicine
Hobbies: Running (trails>street), bouldering, live music, playing electric/acoustic guitar, hiking to summit peaks, finding new speakeasies, exploring cities for street art.

Why I chose NYU Langone: To continue growing as a caring and compassionate physician at a high caliber institution while 1) gaining exposure to the many facets of rehabilitation medicine, 2) serving a highly diverse patient population and 3) learning alongside dedicated and education-oriented faculty.

David Jevotovsky, MD

Hometown: Rochester, NY
Medical school: NYU Grossman School of Medicine
Areas of interest: Sports, Pain, Spine, EMG
Hobbies: traveling to new places, exploring new NYC restaurants, hiking, learning Portuguese

Why I chose NYU Langone: It was an easy choice to stay at the institution that hooked me onto the field in the first place!

Blake Jones, DO

Hometown: Walnut Creek, CA
Medical school: West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine
Areas of interest: MSK Ultrasound, Assistive Technology, Regenerative Medicine, Sports Medicine
Hobbies: Cooking, Coffee, exploring NYC, spending time in nature

Why I chose NYU Langone: To be at a program with the resources and expertise to explore all areas of physiatry and learn in a diverse and supportive environment with historical excellence.

Stanley Kailath, DO

Hometown: Mahwah, NJ
Medical school: New York Institute of Technology School of Osteopathic Medicine
Areas of interest: Musculoskeletal ultrasound, regenerative medicine, pain management
Hobbies: Arsenal football club, trying different restaurants, anime

Why I chose NYU Langone: Great training, great teachers, happy residents, acupuncture program

Erica Kwong, MD

Hometown: Queens, NY
Medical school: Albert Einstein College of Medicine
Areas of interest: stroke rehab, pain medicine, ultrasound, and acupuncture
Hobbies: playing board games, going to zumba classes, trying new restaurants, and getting bubble tea

Why I chose NYU Langone: I did an away rotation here and loved my experience. NYU offers amazing training, a diverse patient population, and a supportive community of faculty & residents.

Margaret Martinez, DO

Hometown: River Vale, NJ
Medical school: Rowan University School of Osteopathic Medicine
Areas of interest: Sports and spine medicine, MSK, TBI, research, education
Hobbies: Yoga, dance, learning to golf, traveling, hiking, finding new restaurants spots

Why I chose NYU Langone: NYU is a well-rounded program with fantastic faculty and world-class facilities. The location is fantastic, and I was excited by the opportunity to be involved in unique opportunities like acupuncture and dance medicine.

Chun Maung, DO

Hometown: Queens, New York
Medical school: New York Institute of Technology College Of Osteopathic Medicine
Areas of interest: Sports, interventional spine, acupuncture, brain injuries, technology
Hobbies: Watching sports, gaming, anime, photography, traveling, and eating too much

Why I chose NYU Langone: Top notch institution for rehabilitation medicine that encompasses the idea of personalized and holistic care. Unique acupuncture track. Great resident community. And New York City is a special place to both train and live in.

Hoa Pham, MD

Hometown: Jersey City, NJ
Medical school: Rutgers New Jersey Medical School
Areas of interest: Neuromuscular disease, neurorehabilitation
Hobbies: Piano, musical composition, video games, hiking, swimming, chess, K-dramas

Why I chose NYU Langone: A storied, influential institution for physiatry, and an academic powerhouse. Diverse patient population in a city I love, all while being so close to my family and friends. I couldn't ask for more.

Frederick Williams, MD

Hometown: Chicago, IL
Medical school: UCLA/Charles R. Drew University
Areas of interest: Pain, Sports, Amputation Rehab, Spasticity Medicine, Ultrasound
Hobbies: Watching & Playing Basketball, Lifting, Exploring the city's best restaurants, Playing Nintendo Video Games, Watching Broadway Shows

Why I chose NYU Langone: Incredible training that will prepare me for all facets of this dynamic field, supportive faculty, and the opportunity to serve one of the most diverse patient populations within one of the most storied cities in the world.

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Sarah Abraham, MD

Hometown: Dallas, Texas
Medical school: University of Texas Southwestern Medical School
Areas of interest: Traumatic Brain Injury and General Rehabilitation
Hobbies: Traumatic Brain Injury and General Rehabilitation

Why I chose NYU Langone: The faculty and residents here are genuinely supportive and friendly. The diversity, food scene, and unique experiences New York City has to offer.

Gabrielle Avancena, MD

Hometown: Floral Park, NY
Medical school: CUNY School of Medicine
Areas of interest: sports medicine, adaptive sports, MSK/ultrasound, general rehab
Hobbies: sightseeing, long walks, strength and conditioning training, trying out new restaurants, and cooking

Why I chose NYU Langone: I truly felt I would get the best training at NYU, from the unmatched diversity of patients and pathology, to having renowned clinicians guiding me along the way, I knew I would get the exposure I needed to feel competent in all aspects of PM&R. Not to mention, doing it alongside a close-knit family of residents with an energy

Omar Awadalla, DO

Hometown: Pittsburgh, PA
Medical school: Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine
Areas of interest: Sports medicine, Spine, General rehabilitation
Hobbies: Traveling, Hiking/Swimming/Anything outdoors, Spending time with family and friends, Going to stand-up comedy shows, Coffee, Binging Netflix

Why I chose NYU Langone: For the opportunity to train at a world-renowned institution with the privilege of caring for an incredibly diverse patient population in an amazing city!
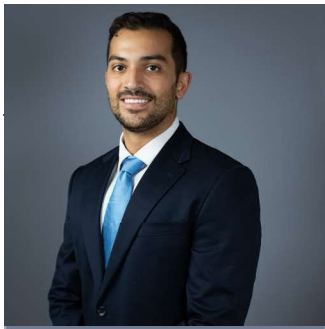
Cherie Chen, DO

Hometown: Taipei, Taiwan/ Ann Arbor MI
Medical school: MSU Ostepathic Medicine
Areas of interest: TBI, Pediatric rehab, cancer rehab, sports medicine
Hobbies: Planning trips, cooking, photography, hiking, finding good deals

Why I chose NYU Langone: NYU offers a broad variety of exposures to the different PM&R subspecialties, and many rotations sites at different hospital systems allowing us to learn from different patient populations throughout NYC. The people here were extremely friendly during my Sub I and everyone really valued our education and would always take the time out to teach!

Ruben Dovlatyan, DO

Hometown: Paramus, NJ
Medical school: NYITCOM
Areas of interest: Pain, Sports & Spine, EMG
Hobbies: Brazilian Jiu Jitsu, Video Games, Piano, Movies, Books, Lifting, Sports

Why I chose NYU Langone: I chose Rusk because I wanted the most well-rounded rehab training that would give me the most amount of tools in my toolkit to help my patients return to function and integrate back into their communities with active lives. The staff here has the equipment, camaraderie, training, and attitude to make those things happen to the highest level.

Austin Dukat, DO

Hometown: Syracuse, NY
Medical school: NYITCOM
Areas of interest: MSK Ultrasound, Sports medicine, Interventional spine, TBI
Hobbies: Playing soccer, skiing, concerts, cooking

Why I chose NYU Langone: Strong camaraderie between residents, supportive faculty that truly care about teaching residents, the opportunity to learn about rehabilitation with two vastly different patient populations at Bellevue and LOH.

Daniel Good, DO

Hometown: Hampden, Maine
Medical school: University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine
Areas of interest: spasticity management, sports, interventional spine, pediatrics, TBI, amputation care
Hobbies: soccer, mountain biking, golf, cooking, watching the Celtics, eating Thai food

Why I chose NYU Langone: I rotated here in medical school and felt very supported by the residents and attendings with whom I worked. NYU offers exposure to a wide variety of pathologies which will allow me to become a better physician. I also love trying new foods and NYC has some of the best food in the world.

Andres Gronda, MD

Hometown: Buenos Aires (CABA), Argentina
Medical school: NYU Grossman School of Medicine
Areas of interest: Sports and Spine, Traumatic Brain Injury
Hobbies: Board games, video games, working out, cooking, spending time with my wife and three pets (two cats and one dog)

Why I chose NYU Langone: NYU has incredible faculty who care deeply about resident education and patient care, the privilege of treating a diverse patient population across its multiple sites, and formidable resources to support our training in physiatry.

Whitman Oehlermarx, DO

Hometown: New Paltz, NY
Medical school: University of New England
Areas of interest: Interventional Pain, Sports Medicine, EMG, Ultrasound, Acupuncture, General Physiatry
Hobbies: Spending time with my wife and son, lifting, running, tennis, snowboarding, pole vaulting

Why I chose NYU Langone: I became very interested after reading Dr. Rusk's autobiography. After my fourth year rotation with NYU I loved the culture of the program, academic opportunity, and commitment to providing the best care to their patients.

Hannah Park, DO

Hometown: Short Hills, NJ
Medical school: University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine
Areas of interest: Pain, TBI
Hobbies: Teaching piano/violin, traveling, trying new restaurants, cooking, playing games

Why I chose NYU Langone: Excellent training and opportunities in the city! And access to the acupuncture course.

Sidharth Sahni, DO

Hometown: Washington Township, NJ
Medical school: Rowan SOM
Areas of interest: Pain Medicine, Sports Medicine, Regenerative Medicine, Ultrasound, AI
Hobbies: Fitness/Health, Mixing music on my Turntables, Foodie

Why I chose NYU Langone: The unique combination of opportunities not offered anywhere else (Acupuncture Fellowship, Research Access, Faculty Support). Additionally, NYC attracts self-driven individuals and being surrounded by that culture is inspiring.

Kevin Song, DO

Hometown: Queens, NY
Medical school: NYITCOM
Areas of interest: Pain, Acupuncture, Sports
Hobbies: eat, travel, karaoke, powerlift, run

Why I chose NYU Langone: Being able to serve and train in such a diverse community, I believe NYU has the resources and teachings to help me become a well-rounded physiatrist.

Recent Alumni and Post-Residency Life
Graduated 2024

Dian Bueno Gonzalez, DO
ACGME Accredited, Montefiore Einstein Medical Center, Pain Medicine Fellowship

Elizabeth Callahan, DO
ACGME Accredited, Shirley Ryan Ability Lab-Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, Sports Medicine Fellowship

Christopher Doh, DO
ACGME Accredited, Stony Brook Medicine, Pain Medicine Fellowship

Leigh Graziano, DO
Cleveland Clinic, Interventional Spine and Musculoskeletal Medicine Fellowship

Elijah How, DO
VA New York Harbor Health Care System, Attending

Jason Kessler, MD
ACGME Accredited, University of California San Francisco, Pain Medicine Fellowship

Zuhair Khan, DO
Emory University School of Medicine, Interventional Spine Fellowship

Siulam Koo, DO
ACGME Accredited, University of Pittsburgh, PM&R Brain Injury Medicine Fellowship

Danni Lu, MD
ACGME Accredited, Montefiore Einstein Medical Center, Pain Medicine Fellowship

Ariane Osterwald, DO
ACGME Accredited, Mass General Brigham-Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital, Pediatric Rehabilitation Medicine Fellowship

Jessica Rivetz, MD
ACGME Accredtied, NYU Grossman School of Medicine, PM&R Brain Injury Medicine Fellowship

Julia Tsinberg, MD
University Hospitals Cleveland Medical Center-Case Western Reserve University, Musculoskeletal and Spine Medicine Fellowship

Graduated 2023

Vaibhav Batheja, DO
ACGME-accrredited University of Virigina Pain Medicine Fellowship

Christopher Bekampis, DO
Private Practice (The Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Center in NJ)

Arielle Berkowitz, DO
ACGME-accredited Hackensack Meridian JFK Johnson Rehabilitation Institute Brain Injury Medicine Fellowship

Krupali Chokshi, MD
ACGME-accredited Ichan School of Medicine at Mount Sinai Pain Medicine Fellowship

Jacob Hattenbach, DO
Michigan Medicine, University of Michigan Interventional Spine Fellowship

Eric Kessler, MD
ACGME-accredited Montefiore Einstein, Albert Einstein College of Medicine Sports Medicine Fellowship

Benjamin Klyachman, DO
ACGME-accredited NYU Grossman School of Medicine Pain Medicine Fellowship

Jing Lin, MD
ACGME-accredited Kessler Institute for Rehabilitation Brain Injury Medicine Fellowship

Susan Liu, DO
Clinical Instructor with NYU Rego Park

Martin Pico, MD
ACGME-accredited Emory University School of Medicine Pain Medicine Fellowship

Brian Sunwoo, DO
UCLA Health Interventional Spine Fellowship

Christopher Yih, DO
ACGME-accredited UC San Diego School of Medicine Pain Medicine Fellowship

Graduated 2022

Forrest Brooks, MD
ACGME-accredited Hospice and Palliative Medicine Fellowship, NYU Grossman School of Medicine

Emma Desjardins, DO
ACGME-accredited Sports Medicine Fellowship, Burke Rehabilitation Hospital

James Healy, DO
Osteopathic Neuromuscular Medicine Fellowship, Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine

Haruki Ishii, MD
ACGME-accredited Sports Medicine Fellowship, NYU Grossman School of Medicine

Ethan Koch, MD
Practicing at Inspired Spine

Christopher Kyriakides, DO
Interventional Spine Fellowship, Regenerative SportsCare Institute

Francis Lee, DO
Sports and Spine Fellowship, Jordan-Young Institute

Michael Pico, MD
ACGME-accredited Pain Medicine Fellowship, Montefiore Medical Center

Milan Ristic, DO
Interventional Spine Fellowship, University of Michigan

Brendan Skeehan, DO
NASS Sports and Spine Fellowship, University of Rochester

William Tsai, MD
ACGME-accredited Brain Injury Medicine Fellowship, NYU Grossman School of Medicine

Yingrong Zhu, MD
Cancer Rehabilitation Fellowship, University of Miami