

University of Pittsburgh Medical Center

Department of Pathology

2022-2023 Residents

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Raniah Alamri, MBBS, MD (AP/CP)



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Medical/Graduate School: College of Medicine at King Saud University (2014), Riyadh, KSA

Planned fellowship(s): Hematopathology

Hobbies: Travelling, Trying new cafes, Interior Design.

Recent Publication: Liu YC, Illar GM, Al Amri R, Canady BC, et al. Therapy-related myeloid neoplasms with different latencies: a detailed clinicopathologic analysis. Modern Pathology 35.5 (2022): 625-631.

Vandana Baloda, MBBS, MD (AP/CP)



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Medical/Graduate School: PGIMER, Chandigarh, India (MBBS); Kasturba Medical College (MD), Manipal, Karnataka, India (MD) (2007, 2019).

Planned Fellowship(s): GI Pathology, Hematopathology

Favorite thing about the program: Mentorship, excellent research opportunities

Favorite thing to do in Pittsburgh: Visiting Zoo, Museums, and parks with my daughter

Hobbies: Travelling, swimming

Recent Publication: Baloda V, Shurin MS, Wheeler SE. Pilot Verification of a Novel Approach to Remove Electrophoretic Interference of the Therapeutic Monoclonal Antibody Daratumumab. The Journal of Applied Laboratory Medicine (2022). PMID: 35060610.

Shaymaa Hegazy, MD, MSc (AP/CP)



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Medical School: Faculty of Medicine, Menoufia University, Menoufia, Egypt (2010)

Hometown: Quesna, Egypt

Planned fellowship(s): Bone and Soft Tissue, Dermatopathology

Favorite thing about the program: Multiple opportunities for research and friendly environment

Favorite thing to do in Pittsburgh: Fishing

Hobbies: Drawing and painting

Recent Publication: Hegazy S, Marques MC, Canna SW, Goldbach-Mansky R, de Jesus AA, Reyes-Mugica M, Salgado CM. NEMO-NDAS: A Panniculitis in the Young Representing an Autoinflammatory Disorder in Disguise. Am J Dermatopathol. 2022 Jun 1;44(6):e64-e66. PMID: 35120036

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Medical/Graduate School: B.P. Koirala Institute of Health Sciences, Dharan, Nepal

Hometown: Kathmandu, Nepal

Planned fellowship(s): Renal Pathology

Favorite thing about the program: Good friends; wide exposure to subspecialties.

Favorite thing to do in Pittsburgh: Visiting parks in and around Pittsburgh with family

Hobbies: Astronomy, world history, soccer

Recent Publication: Wheeler SW, Shurin GV, Keetch C, Mitchell G, Kattel G, McBreen J, Shurin MR. Evaluation of SARS-CoV-2 prototype serologic test in hospitalized patients. Clin Biochem. 2020 Dec;86:8-14. PMID: 32858060

Jeffrey Kleinberger, MD PhD

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Medical/Graduate School: University of Maryland School of Medicine, Baltimore, MD

Hometown: Bradford, PA

Planned fellowship(s): Molecular Genetic Pathology

Favorite thing about the program: The range of fellowships and exposure to all of the interesting cases that go along with the different fellowship specialties.

Favorite thing to do in Pittsburgh: Going to baseball games with my family.

Hobbies: Spending time with my wife and 2 young sons, Exercising/Weightlifting, Watching sport

Most recent publication: Kleinberger JW, Copeland KC, Gandica RG, Haymond MW, Levitsky LL, Linder B, Shuldiner AR, Tollefsen S, White NH, Pollin TI. Monogenic diabetes in overweight and obese youth diagnosed with type 2 diabetes: the TODAY clinical trial. Genet Med. 2018 Jun;20(6):583-590. PMID: 297585564

Dimitrios Korentzelos, MD

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Medical/Graduate School: University of Patras, School of Medicine, Patras, Greece (2013)

Hometown: Patras, Greece

Planned fellowship(s): Genitourinary Pathology

Favorite thing about the program: Collegial atmosphere

Favorite thing to do in Pittsburgh: Tennis at Highland Park

Hobbies: Tennis, cinema, history

Recent Publication: Korentzelos D, Wells A, Clark AM. Interferon- γ increases sensitivity to chemotherapy and provides immunotherapy targets in models of metastatic castration-resistant prostate cancer. Sci Rep. 2022 Apr 22;12(1):6657. PMID: 35459800

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Hae-Sun La, MD

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Medical/Graduate School: St. George's University, Grenada, West Indies

Hometown: Florida

Planned Fellowship(s): Forensic Pathology

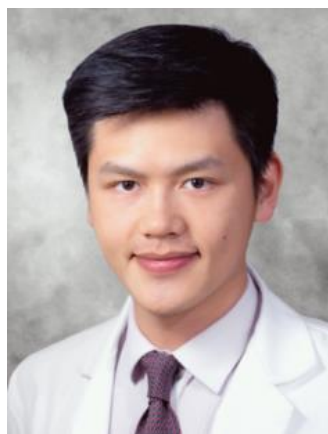
Favorite thing about the program: The support and flexibility of the program

Favorite thing to do in Pittsburgh: Hiking

Hobbies: Jigsaw puzzles, video games, going to Costco

Aofei Li, MD

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Medical/Graduate School: Tsinghua University School of Medicine, Beijing, China

Hometown: Beijing, China

Planned Fellowship(s): Dermatopathology, Molecular Pathology

Favorite thing about program: Vast resources, Brilliant faculty, Awesome peers

Favorite things to do in Pittsburgh: Travel along the Great Allegheny Passage

Hobbies: Tennis, Classical music, Photography

Recent Publication: [Li A](#), Li J, Austin RM, Wang T, Ashman D, Zhang H, Matsko J, Zhao C. Aptima HPV messenger RNA testing and histopathologic follow-up in women with HSIL cytology: A study emphasizing additional review of HPV-negative cases. Cancer Cytopathol. 2021 Aug;129(8):622-631. PMID: 33764649

Shikha Malhotra, MBBS, MD

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Medical/Graduate School: B.J. Medical College, Pune, India (MBBS); PGIMER, Chandigarh, India (MD)

Hometown: Delhi, India

Planned Fellowship(s): Hematopathology, Molecular Pathology

Favorite thing about the program: The people!

Favorite thing to do in Pittsburgh: Evening walks in the many parks.

Hobbies: Reading, Origami, Singing, Spending time in nature

Recent Publication: Dwivedi P, Kumar RR, Dhooria A, Adarsh MB, [Malhotra S](#), Kakkar N, Naidu S, Sharma SK, Sharma A, Jain S, Dhir V. Corticosteroid-associated lupus pancreatitis: a case series and systematic review of the literature. Lupus. 2019 May;28(6):731-739. PMID: 31023131

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Robert Bubar, MD

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Medical/Graduate School: University of South Florida, Tampa, FL (2020)

Hometown: Fort Myers, FL

Planned fellowship(s): Molecular Pathology

Favorite thing about the program: My co-residents, the huge amount of support we get from our faculty and program office, diverse case load

Favorite thing to do in Pittsburgh: Pittsburgh Brewers Guild ale trails, Penguins games, taking our dogs to all the dog-friendly bars and restaurants

Hobbies: Craft breweries, gardening, aquariums

Recent Publication: [Bubar R](#), Wheeler SE. Biomarkers in Acute Kidney Injury in the Pediatric Population. ASCP Case Rep Clin Chem. 2022 June 30; CC2203.

Azfar Neyaz, MBBS, MD

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Medical/Graduate School: Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College, AMU, Aligarh India (MBBS, 2013). Sanjay Gandhi Postgraduate Institute of Medical Sciences, Lucknow, India (MD Pathology, 2016).

Hometown: Azamgarh, India

Planned Fellowship(s): Gastrointestinal Pathology

Favorite thing about the program: Very supportive staff, collegial work environment

Favorite thing to do in Pittsburgh: Visiting parks and exploring Upitt campus

Hobbies: Gardening, cats, traveling

Recent Publication: [Neyaz A](#), Odze RD, Rickelt S, Nieman LT, Bledose JR, Mahadevan KK, Arora K, Jeck WR, Taylor MS, Gala M, Patil DT, Yilmaz OH, Rivera MN, Ting DT, Deshpande V. LGR5 in Barrett's Esophagus and its Utility in Predicting Patients at Increased Risk of Advanced Neoplasia. Clin Transl Gastroenterol. 2020 Dec 22;12(1):e00272. PMID: 33464729

Simmi Patel, MD

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Medical/Graduate School: St George's University School of Medicine, Grenada

Hometown: Voorhees, NJ

Planned fellowship(s): Neuropathology, Forensic Pathology

Favorite thing about the program: supportive department, research opportunities

Favorite thing to do in Pittsburgh: Hiking, farm to table eating!

Hobbies: Rugby, Liverpool Football Club, photojournalism, food travels, cooking

Recent publication: [Patel S](#), Snyderman CH, Müller SK, Agaimy A, Seethala RR. Sinonasal mixed transitional epithelium-seromucinous papillary glandular neoplasms with BRAF p.V600E mutations – sinonasal analogues to the papilliferum family tumors. Virchows Arch. 2022 Jun 18. PMID: 35715530

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Pranav Pramod Patwardhan

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Medical/Graduate School: Grant Government Medical College, Mumbai, India (MBBS), Seth G S Medical College, Mumbai, India (MD Pathology)

Favorite thing about the program: The CoE model. Good work study balance ensured in most of the rotations. Abundant available resources for learning.

Favorite thing to do in Pittsburgh: Point State Park, Mount Washington.

Hobbies/Interests: classical musician

PGY-2

Matthew T. Chambers, MD, PhD

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Medical/Graduate School: Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, NY, NY

Hometown: Twin Falls, ID

Planned fellowship(s): Transfusion Medicine

Favorite thing about the program: our program has a strong culture of teamwork and mentoring to foster the development of junior trainees

Favorite thing to do in Pittsburgh: my neighborhood has community tennis courts, an ice rink, pool, bowling lanes – there is always something to do!

Hobbies: My primary interest is raising my five-year old, and recently we have been really into structural engineering, terraforming, and farming (so...Minecraft).

Recent publication: Chambers MT, Schwarz MC, Sourisseau M, Gray ES, Evans MJ. Probing Zika Virus Neutralization Determinants with Glycoprotein Mutants Bearing Linear Epitope Insertions. J Virol. 2018 Aug 29;92(18):e00505-18. PMID: 29976678

Jake Jerome, MD

(AP/CP)



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Medical/Graduate School: University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, Pittsburgh, PA

Hometown: Cranberry Township, PA

Planned fellowship(s): Breast/GYN, GI, cytopathology (undecided and open-minded)

Favorite thing about the program: The amazing, helpful residents and incredible PA support

Favorite thing to do in Pittsburgh: Walking in Frick Park

Hobbies: Playing music, leisure reading, and video games

Recent Publication: Jerome JA, Wenzel SE, Trejo Bittar HE. Digital Imaging Analysis Reveals Reduced Alveolar α -Smooth Muscle Actin Expression in Severe Asthma. Appl Immunohistochem Mol Morphol. 2021 Mar 12. PMID: 33710120

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Mason Marshall, DO

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Medical/Graduate School: Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine, Las Cruces, NM (2021)

Hometown: Stanhope, Iowa

Planned fellowship(s): Cytopathology

Favorite thing about the program: The variety of rotation sites as well as the welcoming nature of the program to new trainees.

Favorite thing to do in Pittsburgh: I like to spend time in Frick Park and try out new restaurants in Pittsburgh's awesome food scene.

Hobbies: Visiting national parks, camping, skiing, basketball, and Nintendo video games

Recent Publication: Marshall M, Rios I. Green neutrophilic inclusions and a novel association with gangrenous ischemic colitis. J Case Rep Images Pathol. 2020;6.

Rayan Rammal, MD

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Medical/Graduate School(s): American University of Beirut, Beirut, Lebanon (2016)

Hometown: Beirut, Lebanon

Planned fellowship(s): Genitourinary (GU) Pathology

Favorite thing about the program: great variety of cases and excellent work-life balance

Favorite thing to do in Pittsburgh: walking along Grandview Ave in Mt Washington and enjoying the view of the city from there

Hobbies: swimming, yoga, ping-pong, painting, traveling

Recent publication: Rammal R, Marker DF, Naous R. Intracranial Extramedullary Concurrent Schannoma and Meningothelial Hyperplasia at C2-C3 Cervical Vertebrae: A Case Report and Review of Literature. Case Rep Pathol. 2022 May;2022:1087918. PMID: 35573840

Rachel Vanderschelden, MD

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Medical/Graduate School: University of California, Irvine, CA

Hometown: Fresno, CA

Planned Fellowship(s): undecided

Favorite thing about the program: Comprehensive bootcamp and integrated AP/CP

Favorite thing to do in Pittsburgh: Discovering new trails in Frick Park!

Hobbies: Running, playing guitar, hanging out with my husband and son

Recent publication: Stiner R, Alexander M, Liu G, Liao W, Liu Y, Yu J, Pone EJ, Zhao W, Lakey JRT. Transplantation of stem cells from umbilical cord blood as therapy for type I diabetes. Cell Tissue Res. 2019 Nov;378(2):155-162. PMID: 31209568.

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Seemaab Ali, MD, PhD

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Medical/Graduate School: The Ohio State University College of Medicine, Columbus, OH (2022)

Planned Fellowship(s): Neuropathology

Hobbies/Interests: Spending time with family, gaming, guitar, drawing, reading/listening to books

Recent Publication: Xiao R, Mansour AG, Huang W, Hassan II QN, Wilkins RK, Komatineni SV, Bates R, [Ali S](#), Chrislip LA, Queen NJ, Ma S, Yu J, Lordo MR, Mundy-Bosse BL, Caligiuri MA, Cao L. Adipocyte CD1d Gene Transfer Induces T Cell Expansion and Adipocyte Inflammation in CD1d Knockout Mice. J Immunol. 2022 May 1;208(5):2109-2121. PMID: 35418470

Mariel Bedell, DO

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Medical/Graduate School: New York Institute of Technology College of Osteopathic Medicine, Old Westbury, NY (2022)

Hometown: Pittsburgh, PA

Planned fellowship(s): Interested in GI, Breast/GYN, Neuropathology, Molecular, Informatics, and Dermatopathology

Hobbies: Music, video games, skiing, soccer, running, writing

Recent Publication: Watanabe A, [Bedell M](#), Landman S, Marshall S, Okouneva Y, Gignac P. Polish Crested Chickens: A Promising New Model System with Bizarrely Shaped Brain and Skull. The FASEB Journal. 2021 May 14;35(5):25-83.

Haley Corbin, MD

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Medical/Graduate School: Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine, Cleveland, OH (2022)

Hometown: Erie, PA

Planned fellowship(s): Interested in Breast/GYN, but looking forward to exploring fellowship areas more broadly

Hobbies: Taking my pug for walks, exploring parks/the outdoors and new restaurants with friends and my husband, rollerblading, and piano and dance when I get the opportunity

Recent publication: [Sechrist \(Corbin\) H](#), Glasgow A, Bomeisl P, Gilmore H, Harbhajanka A. Concordance of breast cancer biomarker status between routine immunohistochemistry/in situ hybridization and Oncotype DX qRT-PCR with investigation of discordance, a study of 591 cases. Hum Pathol. 2020 Oct;104:54-65. PMID: 327584491

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Medical/Graduate School: The Ohio State University College of Medicine, Columbus, OH (2022)

Planned fellowship(s): Interested in immunology, molecular genetics, GI, and transfusion medicine

Hobbies: running, biking, weightlifting, climbing, podcasts, volleyball, scuba diving

Recent publication: Ochoa-Rios S, O'Connor IP, Kent LN, Clouse JM, Hadjiyannis Y, Koivisto C, Pecot T, Angel PM, Drake RR, Leone G, Rockey DC, Mehta AS. Imaging mass spectrometry reveals alterations in N-linked glycosylation that are associated with histopathological changes in nonalcoholic steatohepatitis in mouse and human. Mol Cell Proteomics. 2022 May;21(3):100225. PMID: 35331917

Kyle Knickelbein, MD, PhD

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Medical/Graduate School: Drexel University College of Medicine, Philadelphia, PA (MD, 2022); University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine (PhD)

Hometown: Pittsburgh, PA

Planned fellowship(s): Interested in GI, molecular, transfusion medicine

Hobbies: reading and watching movies about history, weightlifting, and electronics/gaming

Andrea Leal Lopez, MD

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Medical/Graduate School: Tecnologico de Monterrey Escuela de Medicina (EMIS), Monterrey, Mexico (2019)

Hometown: Monterrey, Mexico

Planned fellowship(s): Interested in GI, GU, and forensic pathology (open-minded)

Hobbies: Cross-stitching, painting, fantasy and action-adventure video games, board games, baking, traveling, reading fantasy novels

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Matthew Romanish, DO

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Medical/Graduate School: Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, Philadelphia, PA (2022)

Hometown: Blairsville, PA

Planned fellowship(s): Forensic Pathology

Hobbies: Collecting comics, Playstation gamer, exercise and nutrition

Daisy Wu, MD

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Medical/Graduate School: University of Toledo College of Medicine and Life Sciences, Toledo, OH (2022)

Hometown: Cleveland, OH

Planned fellowship(s): Interested in dermatopathology and transfusion medicine, but open-minded.

Hobbies: Hanging out with friends, cooking, board games, painting, tennis, swimming and hiking

Recent Publication: Knackstedt R, Couto RA, Ko JS, Cakmakoglu C, Wu D, Gastman BR. Indocyanine Green Fluorescence Imaging with Lymphoscintigraphy for Sentinel Node Biopsy in Melanoma: Increasing the Sentinel Lymph Node-Positive Rate. Ann Surg Oncol. 2019 Oct;26(11):3550-3560. PMID: 31313036

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Katherine Killian, DO

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Medical School: DeBusk College of Osteopathic Medicine, Harrogate, TN

Hometown: Winchester, TN

Planned fellowship(s): Pediatric Pathology

Favorite thing about the program: Fellowship opportunities, research opportunities, access to interdepartmental experts

Favorite thing to do in Pittsburgh: Mushroom hunting, visiting small gaming shops, exploring the newly reopening music and craft beer venues

Hobbies: gardening, mushroom hunting, video games, table top roll playing, stained glass

Recent publication: Killian K, Oury TD. A 22-Year Study on Lung Asbestos Fiber Burden: Amphibole Asbestos Levels on the Decline, a Trend Easy to Digest. Am J Respir Crit Care Med. 2022;205:A2496.