

# University of Pittsburgh Medical Center

## Department of Pathology

### 2021-2022 Residents

## PGY-4

**Davsheen Bedi, MBBS, MD (AP/CP)**

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**Medical/Graduate School:** Grant Medical College, Mumbai, Maharashtra, India (MBBS) and Government Medical College, Amritsar, Punjab, India (MD Pathology)

**Hometown:** Delhi, India

**Planned fellowship(s):** Bone and Soft Tissue

**Favorite thing about the program:** Everything, sub-specialized sign-out, approachable faculty, great learning environment, friendly and warm group of co-residents who really care and are there for each other.

**Hobbies:** Painting, Embroidery

**Recent Publication:** Noor A, Bedi D, Yassin MH. Multiorganism HIV-associated diarrhea and telescoping bowel. Proc (Bayl Univ Med Cent). 2020 Apr 3;33(3):386-388. PMID: 32675958.

**Nathan Cook, MD (AP/CP)**

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**Medical School:** Wayne State University School of Medicine, Detroit, MI

**Planned Fellowship(s):** GI Pathology

**Favorite thing about the program:** the people

**Favorite thing to do in Pittsburgh:** quarantining at home

**Hobbies:** Baking, video games, yard work, playing with my kid

**Yujung Jung, MD (AP/CP)**

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**Medical School:** Chung-Ang University College of Medicine, Seoul, Republic of Korea

**Hometown:** Seoul, Republic of Korea

**Planned fellowship(s):** Transfusion Medicine

**Favorite thing about the program:** Friendly atmosphere

**Favorite thing to do in Pittsburgh:** trying cute restaurants and cafes

**Hobbies:** reading, watching K-dramas

**Recent Publication:** Jung YJ, Kim JY, Song DJ, Koh WJ, Huh HJ, Ki CS, Lee NY. Evaluation of three real-time PCR assays for differential identification of Mycobacterium tuberculosis complex and nontuberculous mycobacteria species in liquid culture media. Diagn Microbiol Infect Dis. 2016 Jun;85(2):186-91 PMID: 27105774.

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**Medical School:** Universidad Militar Nueva Granada, Bogota, Colombia

**Hometown:** Bogota, Colombia

**Planned fellowship(s):** Thoracic, Cytopathology

**Favorite thing about the program:** I love the subspecialized sign-out and the opportunity to work-up complex cases.

**Favorite thing to do in Pittsburgh:** Biking trails!

**Hobbies:** Biking, cooking, gardening, wood work...

**Pooja Srivastava, MD** (AP/CP) **Chief Resident**



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**Medical School:** Moti Lal Nehru Medical College, Allahabad, India

**Hometown:** Uttar Pradesh, India

**Planned fellowship(s):** Dermatopathology

**Favorite thing about the program:** Collegiality and support in the program

**Favorite thing to do in Pittsburgh:** taking walks to enjoy the scenic view

**Hobbies:** Traveling, Painting

**Most recent publication:** Pascal LE, Dhir R, Balasubramani GK, Chen W, Hudson CN, Srivastava P, Green A, DeFranco DB, Yoshimura N, Wang Z. E-cadherin expression is inversely correlated with aging and inflammation in the prostate. Am J Clin Exp Urol. 2021 Feb 15;9(1):140-149. PMID: 33816702;

**Megan Zilla, MD PhD** (AP/CP) **Chief Resident**



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**Medical/Graduate School:** University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

**Hometown:** Clinton, NJ

**Planned fellowship(s):** Bone and soft tissue, cytopathology

**Favorite thing about the program:** co-residents

**Favorite thing to do in Pittsburgh:** explore the beautiful parks

**Hobbies:** Family time, hiking, camping.

**Recent Publication:** Zilla ML, Keetch C, Mitchell G, McBreen J, Shurin MR, Wheeler SE. SARS-CoV-2 Serologic Immune Response in Exogenously Immunosuppressed Patients. J Appl Lab Med. 2021 Mar 1;6(2):486-490. PMID: 33367709

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**Medical/Graduate School:** College of Medicine at King Saud University, Riyadh, KSA

**Planned Fellowship:** Hematopathology

**Hobbies:** Travelling, Poetry, Interior design.

**Publication:** Al Amri R, Rea B. Anaplasmosis with associated haemophagocytic lymphohistiocytosis. Br J Haematol. 2021 May 11. PMID: 33977517.

#### 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:** GI Pathology, Hematopathology.

**Favorite thing about program:** Mentorship, excellent research opportunities

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

**Hobbies:** Traveling, swimming.

**Recent Publication:** Das P, Gahlot GP, Singh A, Baloda V, Rawat R, Verma AK, Khanna G, Roy M, George A, Singh A, Nalwa A, Ramteke P, Yadav R, Ahuja V, Sreenivas V, Gupta SD, Makharia GK. Quantitative histology-based classification system for assessment of the intestinal mucosal histological changes in patients with celiac disease. Intest Res. 2019 Jul;17(3):387-397 (PMID: 30996219).

#### Shaymaa Hegazy, MBB Ch, MSc (AP/CP)



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**Medical/Graduate School:** Faculty of Medicine, Menoufia University, Menoufia, Egypt

**Hometown:** Quesna, Egypt

**Planned Fellowship:** 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, Brand RE, Dudley B, Karloski E, Bhargava R, Elishaev E, Pai RK. DNA mismatch repair-deficient non-neoplastic endometrial glands are common in Lynch syndrome patients and are present at a higher density than in the colon. Histopathology. 2021 Apr 13. PMID: 33847404.

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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 SE, 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 (AP/CP)**

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

**Hometown:** Bradford, PA

**Planned Fellowship:** 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 sports

**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: 29758564

**Dimitrios Korentzelos, MD (AP/CP) PIRRT**

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**Medical/Graduate School:** University of Patras, School of Medicine, Patras, Greece

**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, Clark AM, Wells A. A Perspective on Therapeutic Pan-Resistance in Metastatic Cancer. Int J Mol Sci. 2020 Oct 3;21(19):7304. PMID: 33022920.



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**Hae-Sun La, MD**

(AP/CP)

Chief Resident



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

**Hometown:** Florida

**Planned fellowship(s):** Forensic pathology

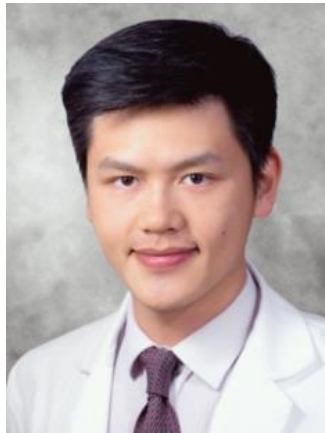
**Favorite thing about the program:** The support and flexibility of the program

**Favorite thing to do in Pittsburgh:** Hiking

**Hobbies:** Jigsaw puzzles, video games, going to Costco

**Aofei Li, MD**

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**Medical School:** Tsinghua University School of Medicine, Beijing, China

**Hometown:** Beijing China

**Planned fellowship(s):** Dermatopathology, Molecular Pathology

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

**Favorite thing 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 School:** University of South Florida, Tampa, FL (2020).

**Hometown:** Fort Myers, FL

**Planned fellowship(s):** Blood Bank/Transfusion Medicine

**Favorite thing about the program:** The huge amount of support we get from our faculty and program office to help foster our personal and professional growth!

**Favorite thing to do in Pittsburgh:** Exploring all the dog-friendly restaurants, breweries, and parks with our black lab!

**Hobbies:** craft breweries, gardening, aquariums

**Azfar Neyaz, MBBS, MD**

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**Medical 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, and 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, Bledsoe 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 School:** St George's University School of Medicine, Grenada

**Hometown:** Voorhees, NJ

**Planned Fellowship:** Forensic pathology

**Favorite thing about the program:** Definitely the residents.

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

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

**Recent publication:** [Patel S](#), Asarian A, Xiao P. Clear cell papillary renal cell carcinoma: a case report and literature review. J Surg Case Rep. 2019;2019(6):rjz177. Published 2019 Jun 18. (PMID: 31249659)

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**Medical School:** Grant Government Medical College, Mumbai, India (MBBS), Seth G S Medical College, Mumbai, India (MD Pathology)  
**Favorite things about the program:** The CoE model. Good work study balance ensured in most of the rotations. Abundant available resources for learning.  
**Favorite things about Pittsburgh:** Point State Park, Mount Washington.  
**Hobbies/Interests:** classical musician

#### Gabe Sexton, MD (AP/CP)



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**Medical School:** University of South Dakota, Vermillion, SD  
**Hometown:** Brookings, SD  
**Planned fellowship(s):** Neuropathology  
**Favorite thing about the program:** Cooperative atmosphere; breadth and depth of training  
**Favorite thing to do in Pittsburgh:** Climbing at Ascend or Iron City Boulders  
**Hobbies:** Rock climbing, photography, bass guitar, video games

## PGY-1

#### Matthew T. Chambers, MD, PhD (AP/CP)



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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.

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**Jake Jerome, MD**

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**Medical/Graduate School:** University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine

**Hometown:** Cranberry Township, PA

**Planned fellowship(s):** Breast/GYN, GI, cytopath (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  $\alpha$ -Smooth Muscle Actin Expression in Severe Asthma. *Appl Immunohistochem Mol Morphol*. 2021 Mar 12. PMID: 33710120.

**Mason Marshall, DO**

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**Medical/Graduate School:** Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine

**Hometown:** Stanhope, Iowa

**Planned fellowship(s):** I am still deciding between Heme and GI.

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

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

**Hobbies:** Exploring national parks, skiing, disc golf, watching sports, and Nintendo 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:** American University of Beirut

**Hometown:** Beirut, Lebanon

**Planned fellowship(s):** Genitourinary, breast pathology

**Favorite thing about the program:** great variety of cases & 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, painting, yoga, tennis table, biking, traveling

**Recent publication:** Abou-Daya KI, Tieu R, Zhao D, [Rammal R](#), Sacirbegovic F, Williams AL, Shlomchik WD, Oberbarnscheidt MH, Lakkis FG. Resident memory T cells form during persistent antigen exposure leading to allograft rejection. *Sci Immunol*. 2021 Mar 19;6(57):eabc8122. PMID: 33741656.



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

**Hometown:** Fresno, CA

**Planned fellowship(s):** undecided

**Favorite thing about the program:** Comprehensive bootcamp & 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.

## PIRRT

**Katherine Killian, DO** (AP/CP)



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

**Hometown:** Winchester, TN

**Planned fellowship(s):** Pediatric

**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, Leckey BD, Naous R, McGough RL, Surrey LF, John I.](#) Novel MEAF6-SUZ12 fusion in ossifying fibromyxoid tumor with unusual features. *Genes Chromosomes Cancer.* 2021 Sep;60(9):631-634. PMID: 33840146.