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TRANSITIONAL YEAR RESIDENCY PROGRAM – DR. NEVILLE ALBERTO



We are thrilled to celebrate a significant milestone in the history of the University of North Dakota Transitional Year Residency Program: over 40 years of excellence in medical education.

This achievement reflects our unwavering commitment to fostering highly skilled and compassionate physicians who are well-equipped to enter a specialty.

Established in 1981, our Transitional Year Residency Program has earned a distinguished reputation for offering a comprehensive, rigorous training experience to medical graduates while remaining learner centric with emphasis on wellbeing. Over the past four decades, we have consistently provided our residents with the tools and guidance necessary to navigate the complex medical landscape with confidence.

During their training, our residents have the opportunity to rotate through fundamental

clinical skills specialties, including internal medicine, critical care medicine, ambulatory medicine at the Veterans Administration, emergency medicine, and a variety of elective learning opportunities in neurology, anesthesiology, dermatology, ophthalmology, pain medicine and PM&R, radiology, POCUS, research and scholarly activity, quality improvement, and patient safety. This multidisciplinary approach ensures a well-rounded education, instilling in our graduates the versatility and adaptability required to excel in their chosen field.

At UND, we take great pride in our faculty members, who are experienced clinicians and dedicated mentors. Their expertise and unwavering support play an integral role in shaping the future physicians of our program. Our commitment to fostering a supportive learning environment has consistently resulted in high resident satisfaction and commendable board examination pass rates.

Given North Dakota's ongoing physician shortage across specialty areas, we've made it our goal to both recruit and retain physicians, be they internists or

otherwise. To that end, we're proud to have contributed to the fact that half of physicians practicing in North Dakota graduated from the UND School of Medicine & Health Sciences or completes an in-state residency.

More specifically, our records indicate that over 45% of our graduates have returned to the Midwest region after completing their advanced training, and more than 25% of graduates have returned to North Dakota.

Looking towards the future, we remain dedicated to upholding the standards of excellence that have defined our Transitional Year Residency Program over the past 40 years. We continue to adapt our curriculum to align with emerging medical practices and advancements, ensuring our graduates are at the forefront of healthcare innovation.

As we celebrate this milestone, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to our alumni, faculty, staff, and partners who have contributed to the program's success. We are honored to have the opportunity to shape the next generation of physicians and look forward to another 40 years of excellence.

CALL FOR POSTER JUDGE VOLUNTEERS

The Department of Internal Medicine offers volunteer opportunities to judge several poster competitions, including at the:

- American College of Physicians (ACP) North Dakota Chapter annual meeting poster competition in October.
- Society of Hospital Medicine North Dakota Chapter meeting poster competition in October.
- Internal Medicine Research Symposium in May

If you are interested in volunteering as a judge for any of these competitions, please sign-up online: https://und.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0AmvdjA3co4mMPs. You will be contacted prior to the event.



WELCOME TO THE NEW HEMATOLOGY & ONCOLOGY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM FELLOWS!

The second class of UND Hematology and Oncology fellows started on July 1. We are excited to welcome the fellows!



Isaak Ailts

Medical School: University of South Dakota
Residency: Mayo Clinic, Phoenix, Ariz.



Brett Rozeboom

Medical School: University of South Dakota
Residency: University of Kansas –
Kansas City, Mo.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW RESIDENTS!

On July 1, 2023, the UND Department of Internal Medicine welcomed eight new internal medicine residents and eight new transitional year residents. Welcome to the team!

Internal Medicine Residents



Hussam Almasri

University of
Damascus



Leesha Heitkamp

University of North
Dakota School of
Medicine &
Health Sciences



Drew Thompson

University of North
Dakota School of
Medicine &
Health Sciences



Cole Amundson

Des Moines
University College of
Osteopathic Medicine



Cooper Love

University of North
Dakota School of
Medicine &
Health Sciences



David Townsend

St. George's
University School
of Medicine



Jena Gales

American University
of Antigua College
of Medicine



Abbigail Olson

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Osteopathic Medicine-
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Transitional Year Residents



Merrick Johnson
University of North
Dakota School of
Medicine &
Health Sciences



Wyatt Lault
University of North
Dakota School of
Medicine &
Health Sciences



Arman Saied
California University
of Science and
Medicine – School
of Medicine



**Akongnwi
Jungong Cheo**
University of
Minnesota
Medical School



William Litchfield
University of North
Dakota School of
Medicine &
Health Sciences



Taqua Tabassum
St. George's
University School
of Medicine



Ramiz Kirmani
DOW International
Medical College
(DIMC)



Kathleen Marsh
Wake Forest
University School
of Medicine

DEPARTMENT NEWS

Dr. Saurabh Limani is the new Southwest Campus Internal Medicine Clerkship Director, effective October 2023. Dr. Limani is a hospitalist at Sanford Medical Center in Bismarck. He received his M.D. at Our Lady of Fatima University in the Philippines, completed an internal medicine residency at Saint Agnes Hospital in Baltimore, Md., and completed a hospital medicine fellowship here at UND in 2019. Dr. Limani is an influential leader and has been serving as Chief of Medicine at Sanford Medical Center Bismarck since December 2021. He is passionate about medical education and we are happy to have him on our team!

The SMHS Advisory Council has endorsed additional residency positions at UND. We are very excited to be adding an additional Internal Medicine Residency Program in Bismarck and a new Cardiology Fellowship in Fargo. These programs will address much needed shortages in primary care internal medicine in western North Dakota and help address the shortage of cardiologists in the state of North Dakota. Dr. Bande and UND in collaboration with Sanford Health will soon start the search for program directors for these new programs. The anticipated start date for both programs is July 2026.

SAVE THE DATE!

- April 12-15, 2024 - SHM Converge 2024 in San Diego, Calif.
- April 14-17, 2024 – AAIM Academic Internal Medicine Week 2024 in Columbus, Ohio
- April 18-20, 2024 – ACP Annual Meeting 2024 in Boston, Mass.
- May 15-18, 2024 – SGIM Annual Meeting in Boston, Mass.

RESEARCH AND SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES

If you are interested in becoming involved in research or have research ideas but do not know where to start, please contact Danielle Cellucci at danielle.cellucci@UND.edu. If you have published research or presented a poster or oral presentation, please inform Danielle.

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FACULTY PUBLICATIONS

Congratulations to the following Department of Internal Medicine faculty, residents, and students who have recently published articles:

Hale AG, Anderson DS, Eineichner T, De Souza CM, Smirlis E, Adio B. A Case of Oxalate Nephropathy Associated With Prolonged Cholecystostomy Tube Placement. *Cureus*. 2023 Jun 22;15(6):e40797. doi: 10.7759/cureus.40797. PMID: 37485127; PMCID: PMC10362807.

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Knoll K, Rhee Y, Hamm JM, Hammer KDP, Heimbuch H, Holloway J, Jurivich D, Lahr P, McGrath B, Parker K, Robinson-Lane S, Stover E, Tomkinson GR, McGrath R. The Prevalence and Trends of Instrumental Activities of Daily Living Impairments in the United States from 2008-2018. *J Alzheimers Dis Rep*. 2023 Apr 18;7(1):271-278. doi: 10.3233/ADR-220107. PMID: 37220616; PMCID: PMC10200247.

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Bartlett A, Montgomery A, Hammer K, Singhal S, Lo TS. Does clinician-initiated *Clostridioides difficile* testing improve outcomes of patients with *Clostridioides Difficile* infection? 2023 Feb 17; doi: 10.1016/j.ajic.2023.02.017

*This may be a partial list and includes publications from the last quarter of 2023. If you have recent scholarly activity that you would like to have included in the next newsletter, please contact Danielle at danielle.cellucci@UND.edu.