

# CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

## Fellows

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### Class of 2027

**Michelle Sung, MD****Residency:** Internal Medicine – University of California, Davis**Medical School:** Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine

I grew up in San Jose, California where my upbringing instilled in me the values of compassion, determination, and a desire for the pursuit of knowledge. I completed my undergraduate training at the University of California Davis, and after finishing medical school at Loyola University Chicago, I returned to UC Davis for my Internal Medicine Residency training. While in residency, I continued pursuing my passion for cardiology through research interests such as methamphetamine associated cardiomyopathy and leadless pacemakers. These projects have nurtured my interests such as electrophysiology which I am excited to explore further in fellowship.

It is a privilege to continue my training at HonorHealth in Arizona, where the strong focus on excellent patient care will shape me into the kind of cardiologist I aspire to be. I am grateful for the many learning opportunities the HonorHealth system will provide and the ability to train in close proximity to my family.

In my free time, I love to read, travel, hike and stay active, learn to cook new recipes, and laugh out loud to comedy shows!

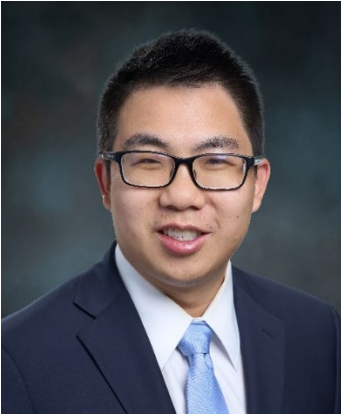
**Chelsea Marshall, MD****Residency:** Internal Medicine – Mayo Clinic, Arizona**Medical School:** University of Arizona

I was born in Vancouver, Canada but grew up in Tucson, Arizona for almost all of my life. I completed undergrad at the University of San Diego with a major in biochemistry. I went to medical school at the University of Arizona in Tucson and completed my Residency at Mayo Clinic in Arizona. I have loved the field of cardiology throughout my medical training and that passion only grew with my exposure in residency. I love the acuity of cardiology, the procedures, and also being able to form long term relationships with patients. I have an interest in interventional cardiology, heart failure and transplant but also really enjoy general cardiology.

I was drawn to HonorHealth for the cardiology fellowship as I wanted hands on training that would prepare me for a strong clinical career. The program leadership and faculty are truly dedicated to fellow education and training and there is significant camaraderie between everyone here.

My hobbies and interests include playing pickleball, board games, video games, traveling, scuba diving, skiing and hanging out with my cat.

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### Christopher Low, MD

**Residency:** Kaiser Permanente

**Medical School:** California Northstate University

I was born in Sacramento, California, and was raised in Stockton, a city in the California central valley. I completed my undergraduate education at UCLA and medical school at California Northstate University. I completed my residency training at Kaiser Permanente-Santa Clara Medical Center. I have published research on the interaction between diabetes and coronary artery disease and the use of imaging to evaluate for coronary artery disease in patients prior to liver transplant.

I was drawn to Honor Health's commitment to the Phoenix and Scottsdale community. The program leadership is personable and committed to fellow education. I felt Honor Health was the perfect program to allow me to train and grow as a Cardiologist and get involved with the community.

I am interested in providing high value, evidence-based care for my patients and building strong patient-physician relationships. Outside of medicine, I am an avid basketball fan of all levels and am a huge Sacramento Kings fan. I love outdoor activities like hiking and snowboarding.



### Cece E. Ibeson, MD, MPH

**Residency:** Maimonides Medical Center

**Medical School:** Rollins School of Public Health, Emory University, and University of Benin, Nigeria

When I think of medicine—and cardiology—I think of family. Growing up as the child of a nurse, I was exposed to the world of healthcare from an early age. I witnessed fragility and discovered empowerment in evidence and empathy. Seeing my mother's resolve at the hospital reminded me that few things in life are more gratifying than helping people in their most dire moments.

After obtaining my medical degree from the University of Benin, I received a master's in public health in Global Epidemiology (focusing on infectious diseases) from Emory University. Engaging in clinical research and quality improvement initiatives allowed me to contribute to several peer-reviewed journals. While in residency, I realized that cardiology challenges me the most cerebrally while giving me the utmost sense of fulfillment.

Home is where the heart is; in that sense, I am honored to be training at HonorHealth CVD, a place that reminds me of what family should be. We relentlessly pursue knowledge. We innovate. We care. That is the philosophy of the ICARE model—to be ready to intervene, acutely or electively, to prolong life—values I intend to carry with me for the entirety of my career. I dream of being an exceptionally skilled and personable cardiologist. The collegial environment at HonorHealth CVD makes that dream a palpable reality.

Outside the hospital, I enjoy traveling, exploring diverse cultures, savoring new culinary experiences, and indulging my love for movies and sports.

## Class of 2025



### **Lili Barsky, MD**

**Residency:** University of Missouri – Columbia Program

**Medical School:** Rush University

Originally from Chicago, I completed my undergraduate training at Northwestern University, where I majored in Biomedical Engineering and minored in Film and Media Studies. I then attended medical school at Rush University Medical Center, followed by residency training at Yale New Haven Health/Bridgeport Hospital and Chief Residency at AMITA Saint Francis Hospital. Subsequently, I completed fellowship training at the Barbra Streisand Women’s Heart Center of the Cedars-Sinai Smidt Heart Institute in Los Angeles, California. To merge my clinical and engineering backgrounds, I returned to Northwestern, to obtain a Master of Science in Artificial Intelligence, with a focus on cardiovascular disease. Outside of my clinical activities, I also love leading quality improvement initiatives! I have earned two

patents for my “Liability Intervention Logistical Innovation” (LILI) technology for hospital-acquired infection tracking and control and the “Improving Cardiovascular Health Outcomes Award” at the 2016 National American Medical Association Research Symposium. My passion for advocating for marginalized patient populations most recently manifested in my writing and illustrating Understanding the Misunderstood, a guidebook aimed at optimizing interactions between individuals with special needs and their emergency, inpatient and ambulatory care providers.

My reasons for choosing HonorHealth’s Cardiovascular Disease Fellowship Program are multifold. I am inspired by HonorHealth’s ICARE model, and I appreciate the health system’s diverse patient population, spirit of innovation and emphasis on patient-centered care and shared decision-making. I believe that training at HonorHealth will provide me with the best opportunity to make the most out of my unique background and experiences.

My hobbies and interests include painting, filmmaking, writing, theater, singing, escape rooms, haunted houses, and serving as a medical script consultant for television series and films!



### **Sami Hashmi, MD**

**Residency:** University of Southern California

**Medical School:** Northwestern University

I grew up originally in Florida, and my family has since moved to Phoenix. I attended undergrad and medical school at Northwestern University in Chicago. Afterwards, I went to the University of Southern California in Los Angeles for residency in internal medicine.

My passion for cardiology grew during my residency training, and I was excited to apply to HonorHealth for the opportunity to train at an excellent program, in the same city as my family. I am interested in working with underserved patient populations. I enjoy reading, hiking, playing PC games, astronomy, and chess. Always open to new book recommendations.

## Class of 2024



**Lydia M. Taranto, MD**

**Chief Fellow**

**Residency:** Internal Medicine - HonorHealth

**Medical School:** University of Arizona

I was born and raised in Arizona, I did my undergraduate at Northern Arizona University, and I went to medical school at the University of Arizona in Tucson. Following this, I did an intern year of general surgery at the Phoenix Integrated Surgical Residency, before discovering my passion and moving to the HonorHealth Internal Medicine Residency.

My clinical interest has always been congenital cardiology; over time it has evolved to become adult congenital electrophysiology. I am passionate about the congenital heart population, and I want to be a part of exploring and developing the field of adult congenital heart disease, particularly the EP aspect.

I spent many years in bench-side research, during my time in medical school and residency I transitioned to clinical research. My posters and papers focus on my passion: the heart and the ailments that affect it, be they acquired or congenital.

I chose HonorHealth for many reasons, but the foremost in my mind is the culture. Here I have found a culture that I believe is a model for the future of medical training: respect, constant growth, integrity of academia and clinical work, wellness, and authentic dedication to crafting high-quality physicians. I firmly believe that HonorHealth provided the perfect environmental milieu for me to grow into and to flourish as a physician, and I'm grateful for the opportunity to continue my training here.



**Juan Arturo Siordia, MD**

**Residency:** Internal Medicine – Banner University Medical Center South

**Medical School:** University of Arizona

I am an Arizona Native originating from Nogales, AZ. I have been in Arizona nearly all my life, including completing Undergraduate, Medical School, and Residency at the University of Arizona College of Medicine – Tucson/Banner University Medical Center (South Campus). My clinical/research interests include Transcatheter Aortic Valve Implantation/Replacement (TAVI/TAVR), Aortic Diseases, and Medical (Cardiovascular) Bioengineering. I was named the resident of the year during my residency and have managed to develop my own patent as well as multiple publications. I aim to become an Interventional Cardiologist capable of doing aortic procedures.

HonorHealth provides everything that I desire (let alone being situated in Arizona). The Cardiovascular Disease Fellowship at HonorHealth contains all my desires throughout the whole field of cardiology; it provides all the education needed to be a unique and excellent cardiologist. Hosting the Scottsdale Interventional Forum, the fellowship also is deemed one of the highest -- if not the highest -- volume of interventions among all the programs in Arizona. I can safely secure my education in becoming a leading and innovating cardiovascular disease specialist while remaining in my home state.

## Class of 2023



### **Krishna Akella, MD**

**Residency:** Internal Medicine – Stony Brook University

**Medical School:** Louisiana State University School of Medicine in Shreveport

I graduated from Rutgers University with a bachelor's degree in Genetics. After college, I wanted to get some more in-depth experience in medicine and research, so I became a research assistant in a free hospital in Bangalore, India. At the time, my research focus was targeted towards quality improvement. After returning, I went to medical school in my hometown, Des Moines, Iowa. After completing medical school, I was fortunate to get into Internal Medicine residency in Southampton, New York near my parents. I got married at the beginning of intern year. My wife is currently an OB/Gyn resident at the University of Iowa.

Once I completed residency, I was interested in cardiology but wanted the opportunity to improve my CV. I was fortunate to find such a research opportunity very near Iowa, in Kansas City. Within cardiology, my main clinical interest involves use of advanced technology to improve cardiovascular outcomes. I hope to start a podcast eventually on upcoming cardiovascular research designed for the lay public. My passion is research and integration of simple measures for quality improvement in medical practice and clinical education. Personal hobbies of mine include teaching, music, and cooking. HonorHealth stood out to me among other programs in the commitment to education and research. As a new program, there are many opportunities, which I hope to be involved in, shaping the culture and foundation for future graduating classes.



### **Parker LaVigne, MD**

#### **Chief Fellow**

**Residency:** Internal Medicine – Louisiana State University

**Medical School:** Des Moines University College of Osteopathic Medicine

I was born and raised in Shreveport, Louisiana. I did my undergraduate education at University of Mississippi “Ole Miss” from 2006-10. Afterwards, I went to Mississippi College for a Masters in Biological Medical Sciences. I attended Medical School at LSU Health Science Center in Shreveport from 2012 to 2016 and matched in to Internal Medicine Residency at LSU Health Science Center. I worked as 2019 chief resident and transitioned to Hospitalist for remained of 2019-2020.

I matched into Cardiology Fellowship at Honor Health, planning to begin summer of 2020. Cardiology has always been an interest and passion of mine, and I spend time teaching EKGs to residents, interns and medical students. I chose Honor Health as a place to continue my training as they are on the front lines when it comes to new therapies and studies in the field of Cardiology.

Outside of the medical world, I am your typical Louisiana boy, I enjoy football, golf, eating, cooking, skiing, hunting and fishing. My wife and I spend the majority of our free time on the coast salt water fishing.

## Class of 2022

### Inaugural Fellows

**Sunil Pathak, MD****Residency:** Internal Medicine – Marshfield Medical Center**Medical School:** Kathmandu University School of Medical Sciences

I was born and raised in the Himalayan country of Nepal. I was awarded scholarship by the government of Nepal to attend medical school. I came to the United States in 2016 and completed my internal medicine residency from Marshfield Medical Center, Wisconsin, where I was a third-year chief.

Coming from a family with a strong history of premature coronary artery disease, I got fascinated with the field of cardiology early on. What grew my passion was the fact that I could make meaningful differences in my patients' lives with my acquired knowledge and skills. I am interested in structural and imaging aspect of cardiology.

It was a no brainer for me to do my cardiology fellowship at HonorHealth as all the core faculty that I interviewed with seemed highly motivated and enthusiastic to make my fellowship a happy learning experience. As one of the first fellows in the program, I have the opportunity to play a key role in structuring the program. With its five hospitals in the valley, HonorHealth provides me with diverse patient experience.

On a personal front, I like playing soccer, ping pong and traveling.

**Rohan Trivedi, DO****Chief Fellow****Residency:** Internal Medicine – Allegheny Health**Medical School:** Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine

I was born in Ahmedabad, India, but grew up in Long Island, New York. I graduated from Georgia Tech with a degree in biomedical engineering and I received my medical degree from Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine – Bradenton Campus. I completed my residency training from Allegheny General Hospital in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where I became deeply passionate about the field of cardiology.

My clinical interest remains in the field of general cardiology and heart failure. I have performed research in heart failure, electrophysiology and cardiac imaging and look to continue pursuing research in these fields during fellowship.

In my free time, I enjoy traveling, hiking, bicycling, and amateur photography.