

CLINICAL INFORMATICS FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Fellows

Class of 2026



Timothy Raissian, MD

Residency: Emergency Medicine, Maricopa Medical Center

Medical School: Meharry Medical College

Dr. Raissian was born and raised in Nashville, TN, and his educational journey has been closely tied to this city. He completed his undergraduate studies in Neuroscience at Vanderbilt University and went on to attend Meharry Medical College for medical school. Remarkably, his middle school and high school were also nearby, so he spent about 13 years of his education within a 5-mile radius! Dr. Raissian moved to Phoenix to complete his residency at Maricopa Medical Center. There he met some of his closest, friends, future colleagues, and his wife. She is from Portland, OR, and together they decided to settle in Phoenix to start our careers and build a family. They have boy/girl twins who will start 1st grade this fall.

Dr. Raissian is somewhat of a non-traditional fellow, having practiced Emergency Medicine in the Valley for the past 11 years. Around 1.5 years ago, he developed a keen interest in Clinical Informatics, which has since become a major focus for him. His interests encompass AI applications in healthcare, including machine learning, predictive analytics, and clinical decision support. Additionally, he is passionate about quality improvement, practice enhancement, and efficiency, particularly through methodologies like Lean Six Sigma. He chose the HonorHealth Clinical Informatics Fellowship because it emphasizes leadership and professional development. This program ensures that fellows not only develop strong informatics skills but also are prepared to take on leadership roles in advancing healthcare innovation and quality improvement. Dr. Raissian also value the opportunity as a fellow to rotate through a variety of healthcare settings, such as hospitals, ambulatory care centers, and research institutes.

When he is not practicing medicine, you can find him spending time with his kids. Being a father is incredibly important to him, and guiding his children through their lives has been a major focus of his. He also thoroughly enjoys cooking, running, strength training, exploring the diverse restaurant scene in the Valley with his wife, grabbing an IPA with friends at a local microbrewery and learning about Southwestern and Arizona native plants.

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Collin Pitts, MD

Residency: Preventative Medicine – University of Wisconsin
Medical School: Minnesota Medical School

After studying Mathematics and Chemistry at St. Olaf College in Northfield, MN, Dr. Collin Pitts MD, MPH attended the University of Minnesota Medical School. In addition, prior to medical school, Dr. Pitts accepted a Health Professions Scholarship Program through the United States Navy. After graduating medical school, Dr. Pitts completed an internship in Family Medicine at Naval Hospital Camp Pendleton, and he decided to complete his service obligation after his internship. He spent the next four years attached to United States Marine Corps units out of Camp Lejeune and spent some time abroad as Battalion Surgeon of 2d Battalion, 8th Marines. After his time as a Navy physician, Dr. Pitts completed his residency at University of Wisconsin-Madison in Preventive Medicine

where he also obtained his MPH. Upon graduation, Dr. Pitts accepted a position as Associate Professor at University Health Services -UW-Madison as the Associate Director of Campus Health.

After some time at UHS, Dr. Pitts stepped away from professional duties due to childcare issues during the pandemic, however, he still supported the UW-Madison Preventive Medicine Program with grant writing assistance. During this time, Dr. Pitts applied to the HonorHealth Clinical Informatics Fellowship after having had significant exposure to informatics during his time with UW-Madison. He is excited to join the Clinical Informatics team at HonorHealth and was impressed with the integrated team's approach to training and scope of training within the program. He has extensive training in health equity and population health but truly enjoys assessing and using health systems to obtain better health outcomes.

Outside of his professional duties, Dr. Pitts can be found with his two young children, usually creating with Legos, or trying to wear them out with outdoor activities.