

PL-1 Residents

Categorical Residents

Amna AlSaihati, M.D.



Email: aalsaihati@childrensnational.org
Pronouns: she/her
Undergraduate: IAU - Saudi Arabia
Medical School: IAU - Saudi Arabia
Languages: Arabic & English
Why Children's National: Everyone is super nice and helpful! Also, a very diverse patient population, which is

great!

Post-residency Plans: ID fellowship

Favorite DC Activity: trying foods from different parts of the world :)

Fun Fact: I have 5 brothers and 3 sisters!

Imtinan Barnawi, M.D.



Email: ibarnawi@childrensnational.org
Pronouns: she/her
Undergraduate: Umm Al-Qura University
Medical School: Umm Al-Qura University
Languages: English and Arabic
Why Children's National: Large well

established stand-alone academic program with very significant diversity (patient and colleagues) as well as supportive environment. I had research along with clinical experience in the Cardiology Department and I am speechless at how amazing and beneficial that experience was; it highlighted my passion and enthusiasm toward pediatrics and cardiology.

Post-residency Plans: cardiology fellowship

Favorite DC Activity: Georgetown and waterfront area.

Fun Fact: My 1st marathon was virtual in 2020. I love rope jumping, journaling and writing in general. I did publish my 1st non-fiction book in 2018.

Anastasia Barros, M.D.



Email: abarros@childrensnational.org
Pronouns: she/her
Undergraduate: Lehigh University
Medical School: University of Connecticut School of Medicine
Other Degrees: Certificate in Social Determinants of Health
Languages: English
Why Children's National: A large stand

alone children's hospital which provides a vast amount of experience and opportunity along with the location in DC an amazing spot for advocacy

Post-residency Plans: Most likely cardiology fellowship and maybe MPH

Favorite DC Activity: Finding new trails in Rock Creek Park

Fun Fact: I am named after my great grandfather, Anastasio, from Spain.

Gabrielle Baylon, M.D.



Email: gabrielle.baylon@gmail.com
Pronouns: she/her
Undergraduate: Stony Brook University
Medical School: Renaissance School of Medicine at Stony Brook University
Languages: English
Why Children's National: Close to home, culture of safety, vast diversity

of patients and colleagues

Post-residency Plans: NICU Fellowship

Favorite DC Activity: Happy hours, visiting bookshops and stationery shops, eating at tidy little cafes

Fun Fact: I once crocheted a goat. His name is Winston

Andrew Becker, M.D.



Email: ABecker2@cnmc.org

Pronouns: He/Him

Undergraduate: Boston College

Medical School: New York Medical College

Other Degrees: Master of Science in Medical Sciences

Languages: English

Why Children's National: I loved the

fact that the program really seemed to care about resident wellness, especially when it came to the schedule for intern year. As an intern now, Float week does not disappoint!!

Post-residency Plans: I'm currently debating between Cardiology and GI, but definitely want to subspecialize.

Favorite DC Activity: As a self-proclaimed foodie, I love exploring the wide variety of restaurants that DC has to offer. It has everything you could ever want from cheap eats to Michelin star restaurants!

Fun Fact: If it wasn't for medicine, there's a non-zero chance that I would've tried to become a professional golfer. Probably never would have made it, but I do know I love the game enough to try!

Nicole Borglum, M.D.



Email:

nborglum@childrensnational.org

Pronouns: She/Her/Hers

Undergraduate: Boston College

Medical School: Rutgers- Robert Wood Johnson Medical School

Languages: English

Why Children's National: I love that Children's National is a standalone

hospital in a city where we get to see an incredibly diverse population of patients with a mix of bread and butter pediatrics and complex care. The people were also a big selling point for me, my co-interns feel like family already! It is clear that everyone involved, from senior residents to leadership, really cares about resident well being and learning opportunities.

Post-residency Plans: Academia, likely something entirely inpatient (hospitalist or PICU)!

Favorite DC Activity: Brunch, brunch, and more brunch. And walking around Rock Creek Park for some outdoor time!

Fun Fact: I consider myself a Trader Joe's connoisseur, if you ever need opinions on new products, chances are I've tried it!

Megan Cross, M.D.



Email: mcross@childrensnational.org

Pronouns: she/her/hers

Undergraduate: St. Bonaventure University

Medical School: The George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences

Languages: English

Why Children's National: All of the

amazing people that work there; knowing that you'll always be supported makes everything a little less stressful :) As a med student who rotated at CNMC, I was amazed by how many resources we are able to provide to our patients; I wanted to be at a center that had resources that I could refer my patients to within our hospital system itself

Post-residency Plans: Mix of Developmental Peds and Primary Care

Favorite DC Activity: Walking around to new parts of the city, there's always something new to explore right around the corner

Fun Fact: I have 32 first cousins!

Carlos Cuellar-Castillo, M.D.



Email:

ccuellarca@childrensnational.org

Pronouns: He/his

Undergraduate: University of Maryland, College Park

Medical School: Howard University

Other Degrees: MS in Physiology and Biophysics

Languages: English, Spanish

Why Children's National: I fell in love

with Children's National after rotating here as a third year medical student. CNMC offers unparalleled exposure to both bread and butter pediatrics and the rarest pathologies.

Combine that with a nurturing environment and all the benefits of a large residency program and you have a recipe for success

Post-residency Plans: Fellowship in Allergy/Immunology or Pulmonology

Favorite DC Activity: Constantly discovering new restaurants to try out. The food scene in DC is amazing!

Fun Fact: I was born and raised in El Salvador, and I love to play soccer and videogames!

Nicole Du, M.D.



Email: ndu@childrensnational.org
Pronouns: She/her
Undergraduate: Georgetown University
Medical School: Georgetown University SOM
Languages: English, Mandarin
Why Children’s National: I was looking for a busy, large hospital to learn by doing. There’s also something magical about being in a hospital that is geared

specifically for children and embedded in the community. From an advocacy/policy/community health standpoint, there is no better place to learn than in the nation’s capital!

Post-residency Plans: Primary care or GI

Favorite DC Activity: Eating! Eating! Eating! The food scene in DC is so good.

Fun Fact: I love DIY projects! I used to have a small woodworking shop out of a storage shed in med school which was also inhabited by possums.

Lauren Dzera, M.D.



Email: LDzera@cnmc.org
Pronouns:
Undergraduate: Boston College
Medical School: Boston University
Languages: English, some Spanish
Why Children’s National: I love that CNMC is a large, academic children’s hospital that is still tightly involved in its surrounding community and is so passionate about advocacy work to

support its unique patient population and their families. I also love how strongly CNMC cares about wellness for their residents, evidenced by creative ideas like the amazing float weeks that we get during intern year

Post-residency Plans: Primary Care

Favorite DC Activity: Walking around, exploring all the amazing parks and outdoor spaces! Also, lots of delicious brunch spots!

Fun Fact: I have a black belt in Taekwondo

Gabriella Giugliano, M.D.



Email: ggiugliano@cnmc.org
Pronouns: she/her
Undergraduate: Harvard University
Medical School: Baylor College of Medicine
Languages: English, Spanish
Why Children’s National: I love the advocacy opportunities in DC. The fact that DC is in the heart of where policy is made gives you a real chance to have an

impact starting at the very beginning of your career. I also like that it’s a big hospital with a large number of residents. You learn so much more when you are exposed to people from all over who have had different training and can bolster your own knowledge. Also, I love the DC area/being on the east coast.

Post-residency Plans: Child abuse pediatrics

Favorite DC Activity: DC brunches/happy hours

Fun Fact: I can lick my elbow.

Priyanka Hardikar, M.D.



Email: phardikar2@cnmc.org
Pronouns: she/her
Undergraduate: UCLA
Medical School: New York Medical College
Other Degrees: MS in Biomedical Engineering from Yale University
Languages: English, Spanish
Why Children’s National: I love being at a large, free-standing academic

children’s hospital where I feel like I can dabble in any and all passions I may have. I was particularly drawn to the focus on medical education and the opportunity to work with people who are on the front lines of cutting edge research, policy change, and advocacy in all fields of pediatrics. Plus, DC is an awesome city, and the people at Children’s are hands down the smartest and kindest I’ve ever met! :-)

Post-residency Plans: Cardiology

Favorite DC Activity: Exploring all the different neighborhoods and trying new foods!

Fun Fact: My dad taught me how to drive in a stick shift car, and ever since I’ve only ever driven sticks! It definitely comes in handy when traveling internationally!

Brigid Imperiale, D.O.



Email: bimperiale@cnmc.org
Pronouns: She/her
Undergraduate: University of Delaware
Medical School: Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine
Languages: English, basic Spanish
Why Children’s National: I knew I wanted to go to a stand-alone children’s hospital that would allow me to explore my many passions. After doing an away

rotation here, I knew that CNMC would allow me the opportunity to pursue each of these. I was amazed by the level of teaching and immediately felt at home! This program allows me to see a diverse patient population while having opportunities to explore advocacy, global health and research while pursuing my clinical interests in heme/onc.
Post-residency Plans: Heme/Onc Fellowship
Favorite DC Activity: Going for runs around the monuments, hiking, trying new restaurants, and brunch!
Fun Fact: I used to do competitive gymnastics!

Danae Massengill, M.D.



Email: dmassengil@cnmc.org
Pronouns: she/her
Undergraduate: Florida State University
Medical School: Brody School of Medicine at East Carolina University
Languages: English
Why Children’s National: So many things! I loved the program’s dedication to teaching, the advocacy

opportunities, the diversity of both the program and the patients we serve, and of course, the people are fantastic and so motivated!
Post-residency Plans: Something that incorporates Toxicology, likely EM or PICU fellowship
Favorite DC Activity: Exploring Rock Creek Park and eating at all the amazing restaurants.
Fun Fact: I love to make homemade ice cream!

Stephanie Milne, M.D.



Email: smilne@cnmc.org
Pronouns: she/her
Undergraduate: Stonehill College, Easton, MA
Medical School: Wright State University Boonshoft School of Medicine, Dayton, OH
Other Degrees: MS in Molecular Virology from Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH
Languages: English

Why Children’s National: Because regardless of whether you're interested in research or advocacy or anything in between, CNMC has something for you! And the people here are pretty amazing :)
Post-residency Plans: PICU, Hospitalist, or PEM fellowship
Favorite DC Activity: Trying new bars and restaurants!
Fun Fact: I celebrated the end of my first year of medical school by going sky-diving and blacked-out for a decent portion of the free fall. Glad I went but I will definitely never be doing that again!

Ligia Moschen Nascente Chanock, M.D.



Email: lchanock@childrensnational.org
Pronouns:
Medical School: Faculdade de Medicina de Ribeirao Preto - Universidade de Sao Paulo
Languages: English, Spanish, Portuguese
Why Children’s National: The residency program offers a great balance between challenge and

nurture for the trainees, besides spectacular teaching opportunities.
Post-residency Plans: Academic community pediatrics
Favorite DC Activity: Hanging out with friends from all over the world!
Fun Fact: I was born, raised, and went to medical school in Brazil.

Janagan Naahanathan, M.D.



Email: jnaahanath@cnmc.org
Pronouns: He/Him
Undergraduate: Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, NY
Medical School: Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell, Hempstead, NY
Languages: English, Tamil
Why Children's National: Many things!!! I wanted to be in a large

program where I could see a variety of cases and expand my knowledge. LOVED the feel I got here, there is comradery among the residents and feels like a family. A lot of focus on education and teaching.

Post-residency Plans: Most likely Cardiology Fellowship

Favorite DC Activity: Exploring various food options

Fun Fact: I was born and raised in Sri Lanka and loves to play cricket.

Neil Patel, M.D.



Email: npatel2@cnmc.org
Pronouns: He/Him
Undergraduate: University of Georgia, Athens, GA
Medical School: Medical College of Georgia, Augusta, GA
Languages: English, basic Spanish and Gujarati
Post-residency Plans: Either

outpatient medicine, heme/onc, or maybe allergy/immunology

Favorite DC Activity: Eating the amazing food from so many different cultures and countries that I didn't have access to in medical school

Fun Fact: I grew up in Birmingham, England and J R R Tolkien (author of Lord of the Rings) is an alumni of the secondary school that I went to, and lived down the road from where I grew up.

Tash Qureshi, M.D.



Email: nqureshi3@childrensnational.org
Pronouns:
Undergraduate: Lehigh University
Medical School: Sidney Kimmel Medical College
Other Degrees: MS in Physiology & Biophysics
Languages: English

Why Children's National: There are so many opportunities for advocacy being in DC and at Children's. Also, everyone is so supportive and kind!

Post-residency Plans: Most likely adolescent medicine fellowship

Favorite DC Activity: BRUNCH! Also the proximity to hikes and nature :)

Fun Fact: I always peel an orange in one piece

Kristen Stenehjem, M.D.



Email: kstenehjem@childrensnational.org
Pronouns: she/her
Undergraduate: St. Olaf College
Medical School: University of North Dakota School of Medicine
Languages: English, basic French
Why Children's National: On my interview day at Children's, I wrote "WOW" in the corner of my packet-- I

was blown away by the kindness of everyone I met, the opportunities for research, advocacy, and Global Health, and the passion of the residency program to constantly improve and better itself.

Post-residency Plans: Heme/Onc or Allergy/Immunology Fellowship

Favorite DC Activity: Brunching, going to monuments and museums, and happy hours with my co-residents!

Fun Fact: I know every word to "Total Eclipse of the Heart" by Bonnie Tyler

Ha Tran, M.D.



Email: htran2@childrensnational.org

Pronouns: she/her

Undergraduate: Duke University

Medical School: Florida International University Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine

Languages: English, Vietnamese

Why Children's National: I was so impressed by Children's National after

meeting all the wonderful people who work here. From the physicians to the nurses and all our amazing support staff, everyone here is so kind and enthusiastic to teach. There's so much to learn every day and it's a privilege to work with people who continually make me better!

Post-residency Plans: Fellowship -- considering cardiology at this time

Favorite DC Activity: Morning jogs around the Mall and rooftop picnics at sunset

Fun Fact: I lived in Singapore for a year working for a medical school. It was such a great experience to see a different side of medicine (...plus the food in Singapore was incredible!)

Rebecca Trillo, M.D.



Email: rtrillo@childrensnational.org

Pronouns: she/her

Undergraduate: University of Pennsylvania

Medical School: NYU School of Medicine

Languages: English, Spanish

Why Children's National: Children's National is a large, high volume, tertiary care center that serves an

incredibly diverse patient population. Because of the wide variety of experiences I will have as a resident here, I will not only have the chance to explore numerous different career choices, but also no matter what I choose to do next I will be well prepared. I was also very impressed by how incredibly friendly and welcoming all of the residents and faculty were on my interview day!

Post-residency Plans: Still undecided!

Favorite DC Activity: Exploring the Smithsonian museums

Fun Fact: I have a twin!

Alison Yirinec, M.D.



Email: ayirinec@childrensnational.org

Pronouns: she/her

Undergraduate: Lehigh University

Medical School: Penn State College of Medicine

Languages: English

Why Children's National: Not only do you have access to an excellent education but there are so many

opportunities to become involved with the diverse community and for advocacy. The people were also so welcoming and made me feel at home from the start!

Post-residency Plans: Fellowship ... in what, TBD! The current front runner is heme/onc.

Favorite DC Activity: Outdoor activities (running, hiking, kayaking) and then trying out all the great restaurants/wide variety of food options!

Fun Fact: I was born on the Navajo reservation

LAUnCH Track Residents

Danoucheka Gelin, M.D.



Email: dgelin@cnmc.org

Pronouns: She/Her

Undergraduate: Howard University

Medical School: Lewis Katz School of Medicine at Temple University

Other Degrees: MBA

Languages: English, Haitian Creole

Why Children's National: I love that Children's National is a large children's hospital that places emphasis on serving

all of the children in the city. They understand the value of having a diverse workforce including those in leadership who are reflective of the patients we serve. I knew that I would get amazing exposure to both rare diseases and bread and butter pediatrics. Wellness is truly emphasized here and everybody supports one another. There's always time for laughs in between the work. Additionally, the LAUnCH track provided such a unique opportunity to get involved in advocacy. I knew that this program would really push me to grow into the well rounded pediatrician that I dream of becoming!

Post-residency Plans: Hospitalist or Emergency Medicine

Favorite DC Activity: There's nothing like a good DC brunch!

Bonnie Hawkins, M.D.



Pronouns: she/her

Undergraduate: Smith College

Medical School: Yale School of Medicine

Languages:

Why Children's National: Great opportunities to learn about advocacy, the LAUnCH track

Post-residency Plans: Not sure yet!

Favorite DC Activity: Going for long

walks around the city, camping, take-out

Fun Fact: I love cooking and baking!

Hemen Muleta, M.D.



Email: hmuleta@childrensnational.org

Pronouns: she/her

Undergraduate: Johns Hopkins University

Medical School: Harvard Medical School

Languages: Amharic/English

Why Children's National: Large immigrant and minority patient population, LAUnCH program, global health opportunities

Post-residency Plans: Hospitalist vs. other fellowship, global health work

Favorite DC Activity: Hiking in Rock Creek Park

Fun Fact: Ask me about Ethiopian restaurant recs around DC, it's basically how I spend the majority of my free time

Haylee Rosenblatt, M.D.



Email: hrosenblat@cnmc.org

Pronouns: she/her

Undergraduate: Tufts University

Medical School: Tufts University School of Medicine

Other Degrees: n/a

Languages: English, Spanish

Why Children's National: The LAUnCH track was way too much of a unique

and exciting opportunity to pass up! The patient population here is so special and diverse, and the leadership really cares about our well-being and growth as residents. This was my first time leaving Boston, and I am loving DC even in a pandemic!

Post-residency Plans: some kind of gen peds work abroad for some time, then maybe heme/onc fellowship

Favorite DC Activity: (safely) trying all of the amazing food!

Fun Fact: My partner and I adopted our dog when we moved here and named her Kawasaki (after the doctor and the motorcycle), then later found out we brought her home on the day that Dr. Kawasaki died in a beautifully unintentional tribute to his memory :)

Erika Rucker, M.D.



Email: erucker@childrensnational.org

Pronouns: she/her

Undergraduate: University of South Carolina

Medical School: Medical College of Georgia

Languages: English

Why Children's National: I absolutely loved the energy of the program when I interviewed! Even from my initial observations, it was clear that everyone - faculty members, support staff, and residents - truly enjoyed working with each other. The LAUNCH track was an added bonus. I am excited to learn more about how I can use my position as a pediatrician to advocate and influence policy for children!

Post-residency Plans: Primary Care :)

Favorite DC Activity: Running through Rock Creek Park, trying new takeout, and walking around the city!

Fun Fact: I ran track in college!

Alexis Santos M.D.



Email:

asantos2@childrensnational.org

Pronouns: She/her/her

Undergraduate: University of Florida

Medical School: University of Florida

Languages: English, Spanish

Why Children's National: I loved all of the opportunities to learn about and become involved in advocacy and policy. I also wanted to work in a place where I would be serving a diverse patient population with compassionate colleagues and Children's National definitely fit that description! There are also opportunities to participate in global health. I feel very lucky to be surrounded by such kind, fun, passionate, and supportive co-residents and colleagues. It truly feels like I'm part of a family.

Post-residency Plans: Undecided. Everything is fair game:)

Favorite DC Activity: Exploring new restaurants and parks, doing anything with my co-residents!

Fun Fact: The most chicken nuggets I've eaten at one time was 24. Please sponsor me @Wendy's

Lucila Suarez M.D.



Pronouns: she/her

Email: LSuarez@childrensnational.org

Undergraduate: Columbia University

Medical School: Harvard Medical School

Languages: Spanish and English

Why Children's National: It's a joy to be back home in D.C. for training and surrounded by support. It is magical to run by the national monuments during a morning jog, and I can't wait to get involved in policy and advocacy efforts on Capitol Hill during training. I really love the tight-knit resident community, and especially appreciate the diversity among both trainees and leadership. I always felt like CNMC both "talked the talk" and "walked the walk", and I am super proud to be here!

Post-residency Plans: Thinking about Adolescent Medicine, or maybe GI! It's all game.

Favorite DC Activity: Hanging out with my family and my dog by the monuments!

Fun Fact: I'm Ecuadorian and Iranian and have 40+ cousins. One of my cousins beat me to being the first in the family to become a doctor!

Liz Taliaferro, M.D.



Email:

etaliaferr@childrensnational.org

Pronouns: they/them

Undergraduate: Stanford University

Medical School: Brown University

Languages: English

Why Children's National: Children's National provided me with a space to continue growing into my identities as an individual and as a physician. Medicine for me is about the people and creating a more safe, just, and fun space for patients and providers. CNMC offered me a place where I felt I would be supported in accomplishing those goals.

Post-residency Plans: Primary Care and HEADS assessments
Favorite DC Activity: Going for walks- my new favorite COVID-friendly activity

Fun Fact: I enjoy an active- that is to say, rowdy- round of Taboo, or most word games really

Primary Care Track

Sarah Bernstein, M.D.



Email: sarah.bernstein@cnmc.org

Pronouns: she/her

Undergraduate: University of Maryland, College Park

Medical School: The George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences

Languages: English, Spanish

Why Children's National: Incredibly

diverse population of families, large stand-alone children's hospital, I'm from the DC area and love it here!

Post-residency Plans: Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics or Primary Care

Favorite DC Activity: Rock climbing at Great Falls park, playing flag football and softball on the National Mall

Fun Fact: I was on Wheel of Fortune!

Katharina Clore-Gronenborn, M.D.



Email:

kcloregron@childrensnational.org

Pronouns: She/Her/Hers

Undergraduate: University of California, Santa Barbara

Medical School: Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine of Case Western Reserve University

Languages: English

Why Children's National: I'm from the

DC area and it's definitely great to be back home close to my family! I also love having the opportunity to train at an excellent stand alone children's hospital that serves a diverse community with exposure to a great mix of bread and butter pediatrics as well as complex care. Finally, the people! Truly everyone I have worked with from my co-interns, the PL2s and 3s, the chiefs, the attendings, the nursing staff, the administrative staff, etc. have been so incredibly kind and supportive!

Post-residency Plans: Primary Care or Developmental/Behavioral Peds :)

Favorite DC Activity: walks in Rock Creek Park, exploring the city on my bike, spending time by the waterfront, spending time with my family

Fun Fact: I'm SCUBA diving certified (and have been since I was 12!)

Zachary Fox, M.D.



Email: zfox@cnmc.org

Pronouns: He/Him

Undergraduate: Bowdoin College

Medical School: University of Michigan

Languages: English

Why Children's National: I have a wide variety of interests and wanted to train at a busy stand-alone Children's Hospital where I would be exposed to all types of medicine from primary care to

intensive care and cutting edge procedural work. I love the fact that CNMC is an integral part of the community in DC and surrounding areas with a diverse patient population. The primary care track allows residents to truly have continuity of patient care and provides ample protected blocks of time to focus on developing skills as general pediatricians.

Post-residency Plans: Cardiology Fellowship

Favorite DC Activity: Trail running in Rock Creek Park

Fun Fact: I used to be a rock climbing and backcountry ski guide.

Ronke Olowojesiku, M.D., MPH



Email:

rolwojesi@childrensnational.org

Pronouns:

Undergraduate: University of Georgia, Athens, GA

Medical School: Medical College of Georgia, Augusta, GA

Other Degrees: Masters of Public Health, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, Boston, MA

Languages: English, Spanish

Why Children's National: The wealth of opportunities in advocacy and community health, combined with the dedication to excellent teaching and creating a diverse work environment definitely made Children's National stand out for me. And of course the people - it feels like family!

Post-residency Plans: General pediatrics vs infectious disease

Favorite DC Activity: I'm a dork, so the museums :) **Fun Fact:** I love reading and writing and one of my dreams is to publish a piece of fiction some day.

Jocelyn Wardlaw, D.O.



Email: jwardlaw@childrensnational.org

Pronouns: she/her/hers

Undergraduate: Rutgers University
Camden

Medical School: Rowan University
School of Osteopathic Medicine

Other Degrees: Master's in Soil Ecology

Languages: English

Why Children's National: I absolutely
love the diversity represented in not

only our patient demographic, but our faculty and residents. The Primary Care Track was also a huge draw for me, as I felt the curriculum prepared residents to work as a general pediatrician right out of residency.

Post-residency Plans: General pediatrics

Favorite DC Activity: Exploring the local restaurants and
breweries

Fun Fact: I used to work in agriculture and spent lots of time in
the cranberry bogs and blueberry farms of NJ

Research Track

Grace McKay-Corkum, M.D.



Email: gmckaycork@cnmc.org

Pronouns: she/her

Undergraduate: Smith College

Medical School: University of
Massachusetts

Languages: English

Why Children's National: I wanted a
large, academic pediatric center where
I would not only receive excellent
clinical training but also have the

opportunity to do research. I was really excited about the research track and also that CNMC provided the volume and diversity of patients I was looking for. I could tell from my interview day what a warm, supportive place it was where people were excited about learning and providing great care to patients.

Post-residency Plans: Heme/onc fellowship- planning to do a
combo of basic/translational research and clinical work in my
future career.

Favorite DC Activity: I love the art museums and historical
buildings in DC. It's such a beautiful city to walk around, and the
food is great, too!

Fun Fact: I'm a twin!

Allyson Schreiber, M.D., PhD



Email:

aschreiber@childrensnational.org

Pronouns: She/her

Undergraduate: Louisiana State
University

Medical School: Louisiana State
University Health Science Center -
New Orleans

Other Degrees: PhD

Languages: English

Why Children's National: The people! On my interview I was
amazed at how nice everyone was! At the residency dinner,
the current residents wanted to talk to the applicants and get
to know them!

Post-residency Plans: Still deciding specialty. Ultimately would
love to have a mix of basic/translational research while still
seeing patients

Favorite DC Activity: Walking in Rock Creek Park and eating
take out!

Neurology Track

Emma Hickman, M.D.



Pronouns: She/her

Undergraduate: Amherst College

Medical School: Wayne State University School of Medicine

Languages: English, Spanish

Why Children's National: Amazing neurology program with exposure to many different subspecialties, extremely diverse and interesting patient population, opportunities to

engage in advocacy opportunities in the nation's capital!

Post-residency Plans: Possibly a fellowship in a subspecialty of Child Neurology

Favorite DC Activity: Exploring Capitol Hill, visiting the monuments and museums, hiking in nearby state and national parks in Virginia and Maryland, and trying new restaurants.

Fun Fact: I was captain of my college fencing team!

Vivien Xie, M.D.



Email: vxie@childrensnational.org

Pronouns: she/her

Undergraduate: University of Maryland, College Park

Medical School: University of Maryland School of Medicine

Other Degrees: N/A

Languages: English, Mandarin Chinese

Why Children's National: I did an away as a medical student and was so inspired by each person's dedication to patients and the culture of collaboration to establish better care for the future.

Post-residency Plans: Neurology fellowship

Favorite DC Activity: The Smithsonian museums! World class and free

Fun Fact: I can play the steel drum and was in a steel drum band all of high school.

Sanam Zarei, M.D.



Email: szarei2@childrensnational.org

Pronouns: she/her

Undergraduate: University of Iowa

Medical School: University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine

Other Degrees: N/A

Languages: English, Farsi, and some Spanish

Why Children's National: The people at CNMC felt like my people. I wanted a program where the residents/faculty have a family vibe and I found it here! I like to wear many different hats and CNMC was unique in encouraging me to pursue and forge connections between my multiple interests. Also, as a large, free-standing children's hospital, I knew CNMC would provide me with the training to become a well-rounded pediatrician and child neurologist.

Post-residency Plans: Fellowship in neurology

Favorite DC Activity: The Kennedy Center's concerts, visiting cool museums (Portrait Gallery, Glenstone), eating my way through the amazing restaurants/grocery stores in the DMV area

Fun Fact: I'm a die hard Man United fan :)