

## *Meet our second year residents*

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### ***Hardeep Dholiya, MBBS***

Dr. Dholiya is from the diamond city of India, Surat. He completed his medical school in Tianjin, China. He has been in the United States for three and a half years now and loves discovering new food scenes. He likes to play and watch cricket as well as following F1 and American football.



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### **Suhaib El Khatib, MBBS**

Dr. El Khatib is originally from Jordan, where he embarked on his medical journey and completed medical school. After graduation, he relocated to the United States to further his career and engaged in research at Mayo Clinic. Outside of his professional life, he is passionate about staying active, with swimming and weightlifting being his go-to activities for fitness and relaxation. His enthusiasm doesn't stop at medicine; he has a keen interest in history and technology, constantly exploring how the past informs the future and how technological advancements can improve lives. A motto that resonates with him and guides his approach to both personal and professional challenges is, "Embrace the past, innovate for the future".



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### **Cintia Gomes, MD**

Dr. Gomes is originally from the southern countryside of Brazil, where she grew up and graduated as a medical doctor from the Federal University of Santa Maria. After graduation, she worked in primary care for a few years—an experience that not only solidified her passion for the field but also inspired her to strive for excellence in professional practice. During this time, she set a goal to further improve her skills and knowledge with the dream of completing a medical residency in the United States. She is currently living out that dream all while contributing to her growth and development as a doctor and as an individual.



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### ***Mahnam Khizer, MBBS***

Dr. Khizer hails from the faraway land of Lahore, Pakistan. While medicine fuels her professional drive, her heart finds solace in a myriad of creative endeavors such as getting lost in the pages of a good book, sketching her daydreams onto paper and basking in the serenity of nature. She enjoys the unwind almost as much as the grind. As a devoted Potterhead since childhood, the magic of Harry Potter continues to influence and inspire her to this day. But nothing appeases her as much as sharing a hearty meal and indulging in scintillating conversations with friends, both old and new.



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### ***Prasanna Lekkala, MBBS***

Dr. Lekkala completed medical school in India and is the first doctor in her family. After getting married, she moved to the United States and stayed in Philadelphia for three years. She loves painting and watching sports. Her favorite football team is the Pittsburgh Steelers, and her favorite athletes are Roger Federer and Sebastian Vettel.



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### **Islam Mohamad, MBBCH**

Dr. Mohamad is a dedicated physician originally from Sudan and a graduated from the University of Science and Technology in Sudan. She relocated with her family to Colorado, where she has established deep personal and professional ties. After completing a preliminary year in Michigan, she landed a residency position in Colorado to continue her medical career in a place that feels like home. Her clinical experience at Denver Health, mainly through the CO-WIP program, has been instrumental in shaping her skills and aspirations. Outside of medicine, her passions consist of traveling, exploring new places, gardening, and reading, which all bring balance and joy to her life.





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### **Vijay Nagarajan, MBBS**

Dr. Nagarajan is from Chennai, a city located in the southern part of India. He is the youngest of two siblings, with his elder brother living in Princeton, New Jersey. He graduated from Coimbatore Medical College, in Tamil Nadu, India and subsequently completed an Internal Medicine Residency training from VMMC and Safdarjung Hospital, in New Delhi, India. His favorite sports are tennis, basketball, Formula 1 and cricket. Going on long drives, spending time with family and friends, watching movies and cooking are some of his favorite ways to unwind. He also loves reading about astronomy, tech advancements, and the stock market. His motto is “Learn from everyone.”



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### ***Sunay Patel, DO***

Dr. Patel grew up in Colorado Springs, CO. He earned his Biochemistry degree from Baylor University, followed by a master's in physiology from the University of Cincinnati. He then went on to A.T. Still University - School of Osteopathic Medicine in Arizona for medical school. Some of his interests include following sports, especially the Denver Broncos, trying new foods/restaurants, various outdoor activities, and strategy games.





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### **Rejean Sawh, MBBS**

Dr. Sawh is originally from Guyana. He completed his medical education at Peking University Health Science Center, in Beijing China. After graduating, he worked for a few months in a Guyanese Hospital as an Intern. Internal Medicine is his passion and reminds him of a real-life Dr House. Dr. Sawh would eventually like to pursue a fellowship in endocrinology or nephrology but is keeping an open mind to other subspecialties. Having lived in China for 6 years, he enjoys traveling to different countries, cities, hiking/mountain trekking, watching Anime/Manga/light novels, playing table tennis, cricket, and volleyball. He also enjoys learning new languages; currently fluent in Chinese while trying to improve his beginner level Spanish. He also very much enjoys watching Christopher Nolan movies in his spare time.



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### ***Divyanshi Sood, MBBS***

Dr. Sood was born in Ludhiana and educated in Dehradun at Shri Guru Ram Rai Institute of Medical and Health Sciences. Her journey through medicine led her to specialize in Health Information Systems and Technology. Her residency here at UCHHealth Parkview Medical Center was chosen for its resemblance to Dehradun's mountains and its commitment to diverse communities, mirroring her values. Beyond medicine, she finds joy in family time, fitness, cooking, travel, and hiking, drawing peace from the mountains. As I begin my residency, She is currently continuing her passion for mentorship, aiming to improve healthcare and foster growth.



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### **Ahmad Zain, MBBS**

Dr. Zain obtained his medical education from the Services Institute of Medical Sciences in Pakistan. During his core clinical clerkships in medical school, he came to realize that internal medicine offers the ideal platform to utilize his communication skills to cultivate enduring physician-patient relationships. Outside of medicine, he is passionate about calligraphy and horseback riding. He works with the belief of promoting health for all.

