

Meet our first year residents

Jyoti Bhattarai, DO

Born and raised in Nepal, Dr. Bhattarai spent six years working as a hospitalist in Pulmonary and Critical Care before pursuing medical education in the United States. Now an Internal Medicine resident at UCHHealth Parkview Medical Center he brings global clinical experience and a deep commitment to lifelong learning in Medicine. Outside the hospital, he is passionate about music, weightlifting, and songwriting. Family is at the heart of everything he does—He is a proud husband and father of three. A devoted sports enthusiast, you can find him cheering loudly for Manchester United and FC Barcelona. Rooted in resilience, his journey reflects the power of second chances—and the transformation they make possible. Second chances aren't just about making a comeback—they're about creating space to grow.



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Noor Buzaboon, DO

Dr. Buzaboon was born and raised in a tiny island in the Middle East “Bahrain”. She moved to the United States to pursue higher education in 2013 and attended medical school in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. She moved to Colorado in 2015 and fell in love with the community and the breathtaking hikes. She is very proud to call Colorado her home state. She also enjoys cooking meals from different ethnic cuisines in her spare time.



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Kayla Lauffer, DO

Dr. Lauffer is a proud Coloradan and a medical school graduate of Rocky Vista University in Parker, CO. She is married, has a wonderful infant daughter, and lives an active lifestyle that includes volleyball, hiking, running, snowboarding, mountain biking, and of course- pickleball. Her family also includes Hazel, their playful lab/aussie mix, who keeps things lively at home. When she is not working, you can usually find her enjoying the outdoors, making sourdough recipes, or spending quality time with family and friends.



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Victoria Ojukwu, MD

Dr. Ojukwu completed medical school at Kyiv Medical University. She is originally from Nigeria but was most recently living in Jamaica before residency brought her to Colorado. Her hobbies include outdoor activities and team sports, and she enjoys traveling and reading novels, with her favorite book being *Things Fall Apart* by Chinua Achebe.



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Shradha Pandit, MBBS

Dr. Pandit completed her medical school in Pokhara, Nepal. She has a deep love for painting and crafting during her free time — it's her creative escape. She also enjoys reading novels and spending time with her family. Her motto in life is to seek balance and inner peace through mindfulness and gratitude.



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Alexis Parliament, DO

Dr. Parliament grew up in Central Florida and completed her undergraduate degree in Biomedical Sciences at the University of South Florida. After college she moved to Pullman, Washington where her partner was in veterinary school. In 2020, they moved to Colorado Springs and have moved around the Front Range ever since. She completed medical school at Rocky Vista University and participated in the Global Medicine Track. Her hobbies include trail running, rock climbing, and baking. She recently ran rim to rim to rim of the Grand Canyon, which had been a long-time goal of hers.



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Dillin Rhatigan, DO

Dr. Rhatigan is coming from Miami, Florida, and went to medical school at Nova Southeastern University. He's super excited to be moving to Colorado and looking forward to enjoying everything the state has to offer! He is a big fan of all the Miami teams: Dolphins, Heat, Marlins, Panthers, and the Florida Gators, but after spending some time in Colorado, he could see his loyalties shifting. He's really into staying active and playing just about any sport. He recently picked up pickleball and got totally hooked. He loves traveling (just got back from Japan and Thailand) and hanging out with his pup, Sasha. If you count audiobooks, he would say he is an avid reader and usually gets through about one a month, having just finished *Cook County ICU* by Dr. Cory Franklin.



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Aymen Shafqat, MBBS

Dr. Shafqat graduated from Services Institute of Medical Sciences in Pakistan. She enjoys watching TV shows, painting with acrylics, and rewatching my favorite movie series—Harry Potter.



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Kumari Simran, MBBS

Hailing from Pakistan, Dr. Simran completed her medical degree at a women-only university, where her passion for internal medicine and community care truly took root. Her journey has been shaped by a deep commitment to patient-centered care and the values of empathy and teamwork. Beyond medicine, she finds joy in cooking and cherishing moments with family and friends. As she begins this exciting new chapter in Colorado and Parkview, she looks forward to embracing both its natural beauty and vibrant culture, along with her training.

