

## Meet our third year fellows.

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### **Nathan Vicknair, D.O., Gastroenterology Fellowship Chief Fellow**



Dr. Vicknair grew up in New Orleans, Louisiana, in River Ridge Parish. Being a Louisiana native, he completed his undergraduate studies at LSU where he majored in Kinesiology and attended many LSU football games. Nathan later attended Edward Via College of Osteopathic medicine in Spartanburg South Carolina where he received his Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine. He completed Internal Medicine residency at Trios Health in Kennewick, Washington, where he served as chief resident during his final year. He also met his wife Luci, a nurse, and has 2 amazing boys, Theo and Elijah. He enjoys mountain biking, snowboarding, fishing, spending time with his wife and kids, and plays piano on the side.

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### **Mena Tawfik, M.D., Gastroenterology Fellowship**



Dr. Mena Tawfik earned his medical degree from Beni Suef University College of Medicine in Egypt and completed his internal medicine residency at Parkview Medical Center. Dr. Tawfik is fluent in both English and Arabic. He is dedicated to providing compassionate, evidence-based care to his patients. His clinical interests include general gastroenterology, preventive medicine and hepatology. Outside of medicine, Dr. Tawfik enjoys spending time outdoors, cooking, and exploring art.

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### **Bryant Javier, D.O., D.H.A., Gastroenterology Fellowship**



Dr. Javier grew up in a suburban town called Old Bridge, New Jersey, just a few minutes from the beach. He completed his undergraduate degree at Rutgers University in New Brunswick, New Jersey. Bryant attended medical school at Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine, receiving his Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine and Doctorate of Health Administration Degree. He enjoys weightlifting, Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu, basketball, and snowboarding. Dr. Javier also plays guitar and likes to play classic rock, blues, and contemporary in his spare time.

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### Mohammed Nayeem, M.D., Gastroenterology Fellowship



Dr. Mustafa Nayeem was born in India and raised in Saudi Arabia. He earned his medical degree from India in 2012 and has since gained diverse experience in clinical and administrative roles—including positions in emergency and intensive care units, primary care, and leadership roles within his alma mater. Dr. Nayeem completed his Internal Medicine residency at DMC–Wayne State University’s Sinai-Grace Hospital in Detroit, Michigan, in 2019. He has since served as a hospitalist at Parkview and was appointed Associate Program Director for the group in 2022. Outside of medicine, Dr. Nayeem enjoys culinary arts—particularly cooking biryani, smoking ribs and brisket, and baking cookies. He also has a deep interest in philosophy and is inspired by the works of Jalal al-Din Rumi. One of his favorite quotes is: “You were born with wings, why prefer to crawl through life?” – Rumi

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### Uday Patel, D.O., Gastroenterology Fellowship



Originally from Colorado Springs, Colorado, Dr. Patel grew up appreciating all the outdoor activities that the Rocky Mountains have to offer, including golf, hiking, and skiing. He completed his undergraduate studies at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio, and earned a Master's degree in Medical Physiology from Tulane University in New Orleans, Louisiana, before returning to Colorado to complete his medical degree at Rocky Vista University College of Osteopathic Medicine in Parker, Colorado. He subsequently completed his internal medicine residency at UCHealth Parkview Medical Center and is now continuing his postgraduate training at Parkview as a gastroenterology fellow. Dr. Patel is dedicated to advancing his expertise in gastroenterology and providing high-quality, evidence-based patient care. Outside of medicine, he values personal well-being and balance, maintaining an active lifestyle through the same outdoor pursuits he has enjoyed since childhood.

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### **Matthew Yurkewicz, D.O., Gastroenterology Fellowship**



Dr. Yurkewicz grew up in the small town of Bradford, Pennsylvania in a family of 5 children. He attended Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine before completing his residency training at Sky Ridge Medical Center in Lone Tree, Colorado. Gastroenterology has been a passion of his since he was diagnosed with gastrointestinal conditions of his own while in college. “I was fortunate in being able to sit on the other side of the table and I think this gives me a perspective that few gastroenterologists have been able to experience.” He enjoys skiing, hiking/camping, gardening, and all things sports. He states his motto has always been "leave things better than you found them", and he tries to apply this to both his professional and personal life.