

Meet our third year fellows.

Pulmonary Critical Care Medicine Fellowship: Chief Fellow Eric Bendixen, DO



Dr. Bendixen is a graduate from Rocky Vista University-CO. He was chief resident at Valley Hospital in Las Vegas, Nevada. Dr. Bendixen's interests are in pulmonary and critical care medicine with a focus in pulmonary hypertension. Recreationally, he is an avid skier and enjoys hiking as well as the other outdoor recreations that Colorado has to offer. Dr. Bendixen has grown up all over the United States from California, Tennessee, Minnesota to Colorado and Nevada.

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Pulmonary Critical Care Medicine Fellowship **Hasan Aoun, DO**



Dr. Aoun went to medical school at LECOM for 2 years, after which returned home to Michigan for his 3rd and 4th year clinical rotations. He chose to attend Beaumont Health for his Internal Medicine Residency. Dr. Aoun is the eldest sibling to 3 sisters. Dr. Aoun has gotten into martial arts over the past few years. He enjoys spending time with his family, traveling, movies, and food. He is also a Dallas Cowboys fan and reports “it’s been rough.”

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Pulmonary Critical Care Medicine Fellowship **Carissa Burke, DO**



Dr. Burke is originally from Portland, Oregon and is a graduate from Colorado State University where she studied environmental health. She obtained her medical degree from Liberty University College of Osteopathic Medicine in Virginia. Then completed her internal medicine residency at Trios Health Hospital in Eastern Washington. Dr. Burke has a particular interest in caring for critically ill adults. In her free time, she enjoys going on adventures with her dog, hiking, and reading novels.

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Pulmonary Critical Care Medicine Fellowship **Robert Hendry, DO**



Dr. Hendry was born and raised in Littleton, Colorado. He attended University of Redlands in Southern California for undergraduate education and then worked in the biotechnologies field in San Diego following graduation. He attended medical school at A.T. Still University School of Osteopathic Medicine in Arizona with the first year being in Phoenix, followed by 3 years in Flagstaff, AZ immersed in a community health campus. After medical school, Dr. Hendry completed his residency at Valley Hospital in Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Pulmonary Critical Care Medicine Fellowship **Ufaq Ishtiaq, MD**



Dr. Ishtiaq was born and raised in Pakistan where she did her schooling including medical college. She finished her Internal Medicine residency in Poughkeepsie, NY. Dr. Ishtiaq has spent considerable time in the US especially in the DC/MD/VA area as most of her family lives there. She loves to travel and explore nature with a goal to travel through all the US states. In her free time, she loves to spend time with friends and family.

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Pulmonary Critical Care Medicine Fellowship **Austin Mitchell, DO**



Dr Mitchell is originally from California. He completed medical school in Kansas City and residency in Arizona. Pulmonary and critical care medicine has been his passion since medical school. He loves helping others and seeing patients lives change drastically in an instant. In his free time, he loves raising his 3 kids and 2 dogs with his beautiful wife.

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Pulmonary Critical Care Medicine Fellowship **Nicholas Ciurczak, DO**



Originally from Highlands Ranch, Colorado. He went to undergraduate in Fort Collins, at Colorado State University. Dr. Ciurczak went to medical school at Touro University in Henderson, Nevada. I completed my internal medicine residency at Valley Hospital Medical Center, Las Vegas, NV. My hobbies include snowboarding and mountain biking.

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Pulmonary Critical Care Medicine Fellowship **Robert Lee, MD**



Dr. Lee grew up in the San Gabriel Valley in Los Angeles County in a family of four. He attended medical school in Taiwan and completed his residency at Creighton University - Phoenix. He is also very into sci-fi and fantasy genre (Harry Potter is a favorite) and always appreciates any related book recommendations. In his spare time, he tries to stay active outdoors or on the tennis courts!

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Pulmonary Critical Care Medicine Fellowship **Bilal Khan, MD**



Dr. Bilal Ahmed Khan did his Internal Medicine residency at St. Joseph Mercy Oakland in Michigan and finished in 2020. Since then he had been practicing as a Hospitalist/Nocturnist at UCHealth Parkview Medical Center in Pueblo, Colorado. He is originally from Karachi, Pakistan, where he did his initial medical training at Jinnah Sindh Medical University. His hobbies include Landscape/Astrophotography, hiking and dispersed camping. He likes reading mainly non-fiction with topics related to history, geopolitical aspects of historical civilizations, evolution, human behaviorism. One of his favorite book is Sapiens. When he does read fiction, he enjoys Sci fi, one of recent favorites is Three-Body Problem series.

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Pulmonary Critical Care Medicine Fellowship **Jeffrey Shapiro, MD**



He was born and raised in Pueblo, Colorado. He earned his undergraduate degree in mechanical engineering with a minor in chemistry from the Colorado School of Mines. He went on to receive his medical degree from St. George's University and completed his residency in internal medicine at UCHealth Parkview Medical Center. He has a strong connection to his roots in Colorado and enjoys spending time outdoors. An avid skier since the age of two, he spent much of the last ski season in Breckenridge. He also has a passion for travel, with Ireland being his favorite destination so far—and many more adventures on the horizon. Outside of medicine, he enjoys his two dogs, Mocha and Pepper, a Cockapoo and a Havapoo, who are both turning five this year.