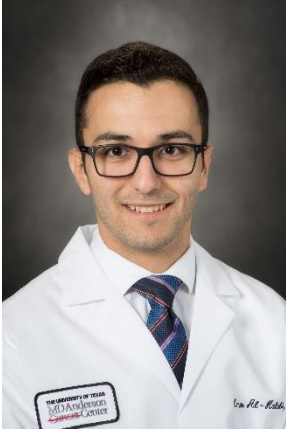


## Omar Al Halabi, MD



**Hometown:** Damascus, Syria

**Medical School:** Damascus University

**Residency:** William Beaumont Hospital

### **Why did you chose MD Anderson?**

*Because it's a robust academic program that graduates clinically competent researchers.*

### **How has MD Anderson helped you in achieving your goals?**

*MD Anderson has a multitude of scientists that are passionate about studying and treating cancer. This offers a lot of opportunities to pick career mentors.*

### **What do you like best about MD Anderson's fellowship program?**

*The program is greatly supportive and ensures you are connected to the right people. This is true whether it's for a personal, clinical or research matter. It's very collegial and fosters care and friendship among fellows.*

### **What do you like about living in Houston?**

*I love Houston. It's a city that truly offers everything it has to you regardless of your background. It welcomes diversity and hard work. The city offers restaurants, theaters, trails, parks, and did I say restaurants!*

### **What has surprised you most about living in Houston?**

*Flooding! Don't rent on the first floor!*

**What do you like to do outside of medicine?**

*I like to draw so I signed up to be a student at the museum of fine arts of Houston (glassell school of art). I also like rock-climbing and I go to TRG (Texas Rock Gym) with other friends from MD Anderson on a weekly basis. Finally, I joined a running group and we run memorial park every Wednesday then go get velvet tacos!*