

## Benjamin Garmezy, M.D.



**Hometown:** Houston, Texas

**Undergraduate:** Amherst College

**Medical School:** Baylor College of Medicine

**Residency:** University of Michigan

### What are your career goals?

*I aim to become an academic clinical investigatory, running trials in patients with solid tumors.*

### Why did you choose MD Anderson?

*I chose MD Anderson because I wanted to train at a center with access to the most innovative trials for my patients. Physicians at MD Anderson treat patient with both rare and common tumors. I felt that training here would provide the best education as I could learn from investigators pushing the field forward in all tumor types, learn to write clinical trials, and help analyze data to better benefit patients in the future.*

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

*As a first year, I have already started working on writing a draft of a clinical trial in patients with advanced solid tumors. I have worked with hematologists and oncologists across disease subspecialties and have been exposed to a variety of investigational concepts.*

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

*I enjoy the flexibility to pursue research in whichever area I want: basic, clinical, translation, or outcomes. I feel no pressure to conform to a certain type of academia, but rather encouragement to explore and find the best niche to fill that fits with my own career goals.*

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

*I was born and raised in Houston and have appreciated how much it has changed in the last 20 years. We are now one of the best food cities in the country, have a thriving arts scene, and tons of places to explore on weekends. It is a great city to live in and a city that is very easy for young families as well.*

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

*We still can get freezing weather in the winter.*

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

*I enjoy spending time with my newborn twins and when I can get a night off, trying one of the many new restaurants Houston has to offer.*