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Hometown: Portland, Oregon

Undergraduate: Occidental College

Medical School: David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA

Residency: Oregon Health and Science University

What are your career goals?

My clinical and research interests focus on breast cancer with a specific interest in understanding the intra-tumoral heterogeneity and the mutational stresses that occur temporally over the course of disease progression. Through understanding this natural evolution my hopes are to ultimately study personalized therapies through phase I/II clinical trials that target the sub-clones that emerge.

Why did you choose MD Anderson?

MD Anderson has the right combination of dedicated research time with a wide range of opportunities to choose from, a track record of supportive mentorship and excellent clinical training. I was also drawn to MD Anderson because of training structure. For me, I learn best when I can focus on one thing at a time. Here you rotate through a different oncologic specialty every month. There is also a transition to independence during the second year when fellows start their continuity clinic at Lyndon B. Johnson Hospital that prepares you for the challenges of clinical practice.

How has MD Anderson helped you in achieving your goals?

I have met with several potential mentors and am in the early stages of formalizing a research project.

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

On a daily basis I witness the dedication these medical oncologists have for their research and the compassion they demonstrate towards their patients. This dedication is infectious and inspires me to create a similar path for myself.

What do you like about living in Houston?

Every weekend you can find something that fits your interests in this diverse city. For the times you need to get out of the city, Houston is transportation hub and you can find a direct flight to pretty much anywhere. Also Austin and New Orleans make for great long weekend trips.

What has surprised you most about living in Houston?

The best restaurants are found in unassuming strip malls.

What do you like to do outside of medicine?

I meet up with a group of co-fellows (almost) every Tuesday to explore new restaurants, I love exploring this amazing city. I also enjoy fishing, skiing, playing blues guitar and spending time with my family.