



Hometown: East Meadow, NY

Undergraduate: Stonehill College, Easton, MA

Medical School: Marshall University, Huntington, WV

Residency: Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN

What are your career goals?

I would like to work as an oncologist at an academic center where I would care for patients with a variety of genitourinary cancers at various stages of disease while performing clinical investigation through clinical trials and translational study. My current research focus is in metabolomics and trying to define the aggressive variant prostate cancer.

Why did you choose MD Anderson?

MD Anderson uniquely immerses the trainee in oncology as it is a cancer center alone and I wanted to train at a place where the focus was on the various aspects of oncology including patient care, research, and education. I also felt the type of people working and training at MD Anderson matched my personality and attitude. There was an obvious attention paid to the training program and the well-being of the trainees from the various faculty and staff.

How has MD Anderson helped you in achieving your goals?

From a patient care perspective, MD Anderson sees a wide breadth of tumor types with high volumes of patients so you can get plenty of exposure. Additionally, the ability to care for patients at the county hospital LBJ provides a unique experience that is essential for becoming a well-functioning oncologist in practice. From a research perspective, there is an emphasis on mentorship with endless opportunities to get involved in different types of research in all of the various tumor types and aspects of oncologic patient care. From an education standpoint, there is a strong emphasis on dedicated didactic learning to supplement the clinic and research experiences.

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

The support provided to the trainees by all involved and the attention given to ensuring a well-rounded training experience.

What do you like about living in Houston?

The endless options for dining, nightlife, and activities for a wide array of interests in a large, culturally diverse city.

What has surprised you most about living in Houston?

Having lived in Minnesota for residency, the lack of winter was a big change. You can golf year round and the pools stay open!

What do you like to do outside of medicine?

I'm an avid fan of professional sports (hockey, football, baseball, basketball, soccer, golf). I am also particularly interested in Byzantine history. I enjoy weight lifting, golfing, craft beer, music, and bike riding.