



Chike O. Abana, MD, PhD - PGY2 Resident

Undergraduate: Lee University, Cleveland, TN

Graduate: Vanderbilt University Graduate School, Nashville, TN

Medical School: Vanderbilt University School of Medicine, Nashville, TN



Lauren Andring, MD - PGY2 Resident

Undergraduate: Michigan State University, Lyman Briggs College of Science, East Lansing, MI

Medical School: Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine, Rochester, MI



Kelsey Corrigan, MD, MPH - PGY2 Resident

Undergraduate: University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI

Graduate: University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC

Medical School: Duke University School of Medicine, Durham, NC



Gohar Manzar, MD, PhD - PGY2 Resident

Undergraduate: The University of Texas at Arlington, Arlington, TX

Graduate: The University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA

Medical School: Mayo Clinic School of Medicine, Rochester, MN



Julius Weng, MD - PGY2 Resident

Undergraduate: University of California, Los Angeles, CA

Medical School: University of California, Los Angeles David Geffen School of Medicine, Los Angeles, CA



Alison Yoder, MD, MPH - PGY2 Resident

Undergraduate: Washington University in St. Louis, St. Louis, MO

Graduate: University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, School of Public Health, Houston, TX

Medical School: Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX



Julianna Bronk, MD, PhD - PGY3 Resident

Undergraduate: Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA

Graduate: MD Anderson Cancer Center UTHealth Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, Houston, TX

Medical School: Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX



Brian De, MD - PGY3 Resident

Undergraduate: Yale University, New Haven, CT

Medical School: Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, New York, NY

"I enjoy food & wine, travel, running, NY Times Crossword Puzzles, NJ Devils Ice Hockey, podcasts, audiobooks, and fumbling about with my Nikon D750 camera. I have professional interests in CNS tumors in adults and children, novel applications and late sequelae of radiation, database analysis, health economics and policy, and clinical trials. MD Anderson has incredible clinical training with world-class faculty, limitless research opportunities, spending time with amazing coresidents at work and around Houston. The location has restaurants, cocktail bars & breweries, biking along the Bayou, and jumping on the Houston Rockets bandwagon."



Kevin Diao, MD - PGY3 Resident

Undergraduate: University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC

Graduate: University of California - Berkeley, Berkeley, CA

Medical School: Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA

"I enjoy photography, traveling, cooking, and college basketball (go Heels!). I have professional interests in stereotactic radiotherapy and immunotherapy, patient-reported outcomes, global health. MD Anderson has great co-residents and faculty, breadth of clinical training, and research and leadership opportunities. The location has affordable living, ethnic food, and green spaces."



Yufei Liu, MD, PhD - PGY3 Resident

Undergraduate: Princeton University, Princeton, NJ

Medical School: Stanford University School of Medicine, Stanford, CA



Sean Maroongroge, MD, MBA - PGY3 Resident

Undergraduate: Brown University, Providence, RI

Graduate: Yale School of Management, New Haven, CT

Medical School: Yale School of Medicine, New Haven, CT

"I enjoy competitive gaming and rooting for the Lakers. I have professional interests in health services research, non-clinical factors affecting patient care, and the intersection of business and medicine. At MD Anderson, I enjoy helping patients through their treatment course and constantly being surprised that my attending wrote the textbook or led a key trial that I'm reading about. In Houston, I have enjoyed exploring local restaurants and enjoying the company of my classmates!"



Wendy McGinnis, MD - PGY3 Resident

Undergraduate: Duke University, Durham, NC

Medical School: Oregon Health & Science University School of Medicine, Portland, OR

"I enjoy cycling, backpacking, hiking, rock climbing, board games, and trivia. I have professional interests in global oncology, theranostics, tumor immunology, and cancer survivorship. MD Anderson has world class faculty, great coresidents, depth and breadth of cases we see at MDA. In Houston, I enjoy exploring Montrose by bicycle, culinary adventures in Chinatown, and enjoying the diversity of Houston in terms of people, activities, and food."



Alan Sosa, MD - PGY3 Resident

Undergraduate: Rice University, Houston, TX

Medical School: University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center Southwestern Medical School, Dallas, TX



Chidinma Anakwenze, MD, MPH - PGY4 Resident

Undergraduate: University of Alabama at Birmingham, Birmingham, AL

Graduate: Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, Baltimore, MD

Medical School: University of Alabama School of Medicine, Birmingham, AL

"I enjoy international and domestic travel, and spending time with family, learning about financial literacy, real estate, and investing. I have professional interests in global radiation oncology and health disparities. MD Anderson has almost any treatment modality you can imagine, as well as abundant research opportunities that span from epidemiology to basic science, with a large number of faculty mentorship and grant writing support. The location is rich in culture and has a very affordable housing market. You can find almost any ethnic food you desire, including tons of Nigerian food. I also love my neighborhood, the historic yet transitioning Third Ward—home of the new Emancipation Park & Beyoncé's childhood home."



David Boyce, MD - PGY4 Resident

Undergraduate: York University, Toronto, ON

Medical School: Wayne State University School of Medicine, Detroit, MI



Todd Pezzi, MD, MBA - PGY4 Resident

Undergraduate: Pennsylvania State University, State College, PA

Business School: Rice Jones Graduate School of Business, Houston, TX

Medical School: Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX

"I enjoy my family of 3 including my wife & dog (Pavlo), Philadelphia Eagles, cooking, live music, horror movies, golf, traveling, board & video games, poker, and time with friends and family. I have professional interests in clinical operations, education, health policy & health services research, disparities in care, and radiation for metastatic disease. MD Anderson has unlimited opportunities – the challenge is deciding how to best spend time & resources. The location has Killan's BBQ! Exploring our diverse & unique neighborhoods with great food & drink, local parks, and crabbing in Galveston."



Moaaz Soliman, MD - PGY4 Resident

Undergraduate: New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology, Socorro, NM

Medical School: University of Michigan Medical School, Ann Arbor, MI

"I enjoy sports, gaming, and eating. I have professional interests in engineering solutions in medicine. At MD Anderson I have enjoyed taking care of patients from all over the world. Houston has great food and is big yet accessible."



Sonal Noticewala, MD, MS - PGY4 Resident

Undergraduate: Columbia University, New York City, NY

Graduate: University of California, San Diego, CA

Medical School: University of California, San Diego School of Medicine, San Diego, CA

"I enjoy spending time with my family and friends, cooking, reading, trivia, and exploring Trader Joes. I have professional interests in clinical trials and outcomes research. For such a big cancer hospital, MD Anderson has a sense of community and small town warmth. I enjoy spending time with my awesome co-residents and learning from our devoted faculty. There are also abundant research opportunities. The location has an amazing Museum District and diverse food scene."



Olsi Gjyshi, MD, PhD - PGY4 Resident

Undergraduate: Wilkes Honors College of Florida Atlantic University, Jupiter, FL

Medical School: Chicago Medical School at Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine & Science, Chicago, IL



Nicolette Taku, MD, MPhil, MPH - PGY4 Resident

Undergraduate: Tulane University, New Orleans, LA

Graduate: Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine and University of Cambridge, Cambridge, UK

Medical School: Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA



Alexander Augustyn, MD, PhD - PGY5 Resident

Undergraduate: University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

Medical School: University of Texas Southwestern Medical School, Dallas, TX

"I enjoy working on cars, traveling to warm places, and eating spicy food. I have professional interests in translational research in particular liquid biopsies and bench-to-bedside approaches. MD Anderson has opportunities at MDACC are limitless. It is a one-of-a-kind training environment where residents can find their “niche” while working with experts in every oncologic field. The location has food scene rivals that of NYC, housing costs are reasonable, and winters are short."

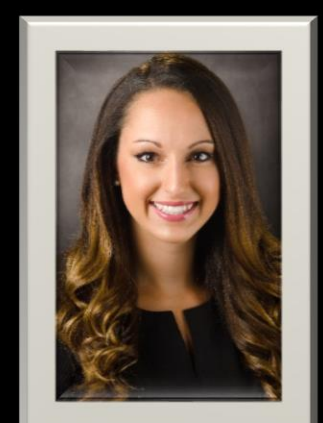


Alexander Bagley, MD, PhD - PGY5 Resident

Undergraduate: Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA

Medical School: Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA

"I enjoy basketball, running, piano, and exploring Houston with my family (museums, Astros and Rockets games, restaurants, etc.). I have professional interests in helping develop clinical trials and conduct translational research involving nanomedicine and radiation therapy. I have enjoyed being on a dedicated team at MD Anderson that provides excellent care for patients receiving radiation therapy. Houston is a diverse, dynamic, and fun city with great pro sports, museums, live music, restaurants, and outdoors activities."



Samantha Buszek, MD - PGY5 Resident

Undergraduate: University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH

Medical School: University of Cincinnati College of Medicine, Cincinnati, OH

"I enjoy weight lifting, fishing, dancing, and yoga. I have professional interests in functional neuroimaging, patient satisfaction and quality of life, medical device design and innovation, cancer survivorship, palliative care, and patient quality and safety. MD Anderson has the most amazing mentors for both career and life, as well as amazing opportunities for research and education. In Houston, I love the warm weather, palm trees, and great restaurants!"



Bhavana Chapman, MD - PGY5 Resident

Undergraduate: University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

Medical School: University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, Pittsburgh, PA

"I enjoy spending time with family, trying new recipes, and traveling. I have professional interests in genetic biomarkers of radiation responsiveness. At MD Anderson, I enjoy working with my co-residents, the collaborative environment, breadth of pathology seen in clinic, and groundbreaking research. In Houston, I enjoy the diverse food scene and the Heights."



Stephen Grant, MD - PGY5 Resident

Undergraduate: Brigham Young University, Provo, UT

Medical School: Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX

"I enjoy long-distance running, jigsaw puzzles, acoustic guitar, and my kids' little-league baseball, basketball, and soccer teams. I have professional interests in health services research, racial disparities research, informatics, and big data. MD Anderson has phenomenal mentorship, diverse research opportunities, and strong clinical training. The location has the Houston Astros, the Houston Zoo, Museum of Natural Science, and Torchy's Tacos."



Shane Mesko, MD, MBA - PGY5 Resident

Undergraduate: University of California, Irvine, CA

Graduate: Paul Merage School of Business at UC Irvine, Irvine, CA

Medical School: University of California, Irvine, School of Medicine, Irvine, CA

"I enjoy traveling, working on cars, photography, cooking and eating everything, walking my dog, playing tennis or basketball. I have interests in watching sports, fast cars and racing, and family time. MD Anderson is the #1 Cancer Center! It has unlimited resources clinically and for research, different pathways for your unique interests, great work-life balance, fun attendings and awesome co-residents. The location has tons of really good restaurants, it never snows, housing is cheap (relatively), nice sunsets, good music shows and sports teams."



Dario Pasalic, MD - PGY5 Resident

Undergraduate: University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ

Medical School: Mayo Medical School, Rochester, MN

"I enjoy hiking, biking, traveling, writing, photography, all things football, and training/spending time with our dog. My training has always emphasized that the needs of the patient come first, and that philosophy has guided my research and career interests. This includes a focus is on clinical outcomes, valued based care, advancing and applying novel radiation techniques, and finding ways to improve clinical operations. MD Anderson has been everything I hoped to gain from a training program and more. Some of the highlights include multidisciplinary discussions that foster thought-provoking debate and collaborations, institutional resources in the form of grants and support staff, and the prioritization of teaching/education both in and out of clinic. Houston has been a welcome surprise in terms of cuisine, culture, and activities. We often find ourselves exploring and enjoying new experiences that the city has to offer, from Texas barbeque to a night at the theatre. Our favorite outings are Sunday Texans games, Alley Theatre productions, Hermann Park outdoor concerts, and movie nights at IPIC."



Karine Al Feghali, MD, MSc - PGY8 Fellow

Medical School: American University of Beirut (AUB), Faculty of Medicine, Beirut, Lebanon

Residency: American University of Beirut Medical Center, Beirut, Lebanon



Rituraj Upadhyay, MBBS, MD - PGY6 Fellow

Medical School: All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi, India

Residency: All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi, India