

Aurora Graduate Medical Education Resident Biographies

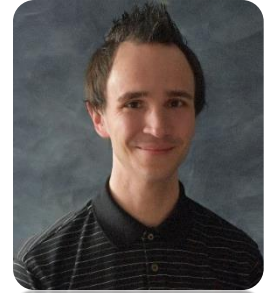
Internal Medicine Residency • *Second Year Residents*

Brandon Bukovitz, M.D.

- Hometown: Appleton, Wisconsin
- Undergraduate Degree: Biology/Chemistry
- Medical School: University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health

I enjoy ballroom dancing with my wife and playing board games with our four beautiful children in my free time. I hold a 3rd-degree black belt in Tae Kwon Do and have competed in Greece, Puerto Rico, and Scotland. Prior to the pandemic, I traveled abroad and have visited 18 countries on 6 continents. I volunteered for medical missions in Uganda and hope to return after my residency to help build a new trauma center in Nkozi, Uganda.

What I love about Aurora is that we are a tight-knit family. We trust each other and our attendings bring out the best in our residents. We practice what we preach regarding diversity and exemplify why diversity in medicine is so important. Aurora's culture closely aligned with my broad life experiences.



Jesse Galuk, M.D.

- Hometown: Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin
- Undergraduate Degree: Biology
- Medical School: St. George's University

I grew up in a medical household, my father is an Orthopedic surgeon and my mother is a former traveling NICU nurse. From the age of seven onward, I knew medicine was the career for me. Prior to medical school, the only specialties I considered were surgical specialties. During medical school, I became fascinated with medical pathophysiology and the process of disease diagnosis. During my clinical rotations I appreciated the longitudinal relationships I developed with my patients during my medicine rotations.

Growing up in Wisconsin, I knew I wanted to stay in the Midwest for residency. The Aurora Internal Medicine program became the clear choice for my family and I after hearing more about the program during my interview. The program, faculty, and residents were inviting, focused on resident wellness, pursuing medical excellence, and family friendly. The two-hospital experience and the diverse patient population drew me to the program. Gaining experience at an inner-city community hospital as well as the largest hospital in the state, with access to every subspecialty, was an experience on which I could not pass. Experiencing Milwaukee is also a bonus.

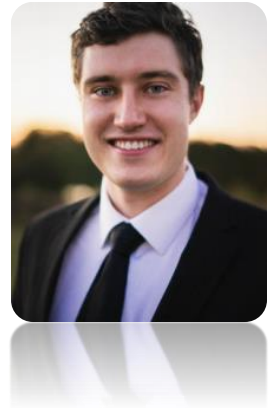
In my little free time, I enjoy spending time with my family, playing guitar, flying private aircraft, and enjoying time outside. After residency, I hope to continue my training into a Cardiology fellowship. I look forward to using my medical training to serve people in my community and others on overseas trips.



Andrew Gregory, M.D.

- Hometown: Eleva, Wisconsin
- Undergraduate Degree: Computer Science
- Medical School: University of Wisconsin Madison School of Medicine & Public Health

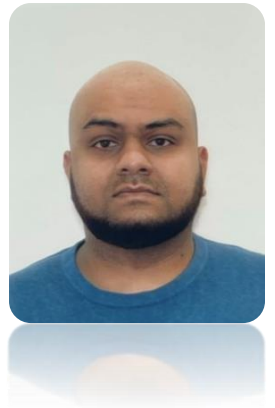
I was drawn to medical school through incredible experiences in hospice and palliative care. Since then, I have had a growing interest in Oncology which made Internal Medicine an easy choice. I hope to train as a Hematologist/Oncologist and later in my career transition largely to palliative medicine. I am happy to have found my way to Milwaukee from the west side of Wisconsin with my wife, our dog and cats. Aurora was the perfect mix of offering highly specialized training at a large 900+ bed Hospital (St Lukes) while still having community focused training at a safety net hospital (Sinai).

**Shahzaad Jahangier, M.D.**

- Hometown: Duluth, Minnesota
- Undergraduate Degree: Biology, Molecular Biology, Chemistry
- Medical School: Medical College of Wisconsin

Internal Medicine appealed to me as there are a broad range of disease processes that can present differently to keep me engaged. Specifically, I chose the Internal Medicine program at Advocate Aurora Health because I experienced first-hand, as a medical student, the work culture and support from faculty as well as the residents I worked with. I also enjoy getting exposure at both a smaller community hospital as well as a larger academic hospital, and being able to contrast the two to inform my decision on the type of setting I wish to practice in.

Being in Milwaukee and so close to Lake Michigan also reminds me of my hometown right next to Lake Superior, on the Wisconsin border. In my free time, I like to cook, enjoy the outdoors, go fishing, and spend time with my family. After my training, I hope to go back to Minnesota and be closer to family.

**Kazi Khan, M.D.**

- Hometown: Salisbury, Maryland
- Undergraduate Degree: None
- Medical School: University College Cork School of Medicine

I chose Internal Medicine because of the combination of patient-interaction and diversity of knowledge encompassed within this specialty. There is always ability to learn and further sub-specialize if one is interested. I saw Aurora and a city like Milwaukee most suitable to my choice because of the ownership we have from our patients with a supportive and amiable team dynamic. Our mentors are very perceptive that not only respect but also push us to be the best physicians we can be. The city of Milwaukee is also fun with plenty of activities to partake in including Summerfest and Bucks games. My future goals within this residency is to become the best most knowledgeable well-rounded physician I can be and further specialize in a field I am most passionate in. I believe Aurora will help me achieve these goals!



Mouna Kodali, M.D.

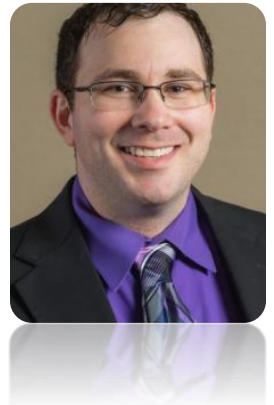
- Hometown: Columbus, Ohio
- Undergraduate Degree: None
- Medical School: NRI Medical College

I chose Internal Medicine because I enjoy the challenge of critical thinking. I like how we are detectives in our field, extracting the most important details from our swift critical thinking and molding interventions to each of our patient's needs. It is exciting to achieve instant gratification due to the acuity of the inpatient setting. The continuity of the outpatient clinic is also rewarding as we can build a strong rapport with patients and see them improve over time. I was drawn to Advocate Aurora's Internal Medicine program because they are fully committed to the well-being and evolution of each individual resident. We are also exposed to a vast array of pathology in a socially and economically diverse patient population which opens endless learning opportunities. In my free time, I travel between Milwaukee and Chicago to see my husband. I am a foodie and love finding new places to eat! My future goals for residency are to continue to improve my efficiency, build confidence in my clinical acumen, and strengthen my knowledge in evidence-based medicine.

**Jason Livingsstone, M.D.**

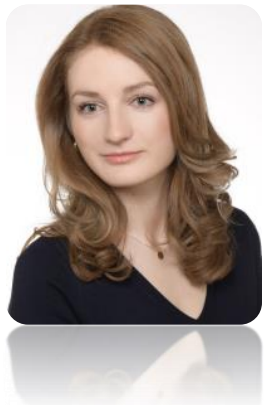
- Hometown: San Angelo, Texas
- Undergraduate Degree: Biology
- Medical School: University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio

Aurora was the first program I interviewed at and after the interview, I was pretty sure this is where I wanted to go. As I continued through the interview season, this position only solidified and looking back I'm happy to say that I made the right choice. This program encompasses many of the traits that drew me towards internal medicine in the first place, such as a broad-based view of medicine from a diverse group of clinicians with varied areas of interests and a wide range of backgrounds. The singular attribute that really sold me on the program though was the close-knit feel of the residents and faculty I interviewed with, and this continues to be one of the best parts of our residency in my opinion.

**Dorota Magdon, M.D.**

- Hometown: Gdansk, Poland
- Undergraduate Degree: None
- Medical School: Medical University of Warsaw

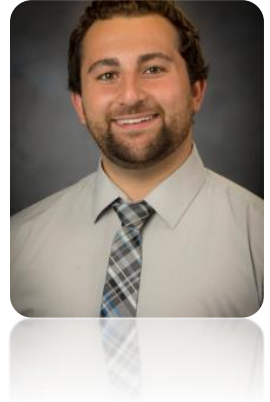
I chose Aurora for my residency program because it offered everything I was looking for: exposure to diverse patient populations, busy hospitals, fellowship and research opportunities, and last but not least family feel with approachable faculty and leadership. I also wished to stay in Midwest to be close to family. Fun fact about myself: I love winter sports, especially skiing. I love travelling and own a collection of newspapers from around the world, it keeps growing!



Abdulghani Mounir, M.D.

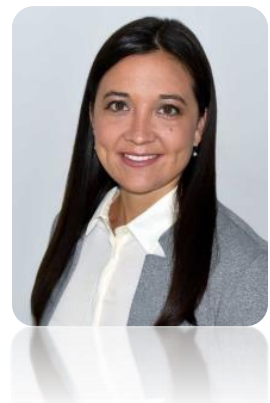
- Hometown: Eau Claire, Wisconsin
- Undergraduate Degree: Biochemistry
- Medical School: Medical College of Wisconsin

I chose Internal Medicine when I knew I wanted to care for the adult population with complex medical conditions. I chose Aurora Internal Medicine because I knew this program would be able to provide me the skills that I needed to be a fantastic internist while being able to train at a large medical center along with an underserved hospital giving me a wide array experience. Outside the hospital I love to play a variety of sports and am an avid Packers super fan.

**Gabriela Severiano, M.D.**

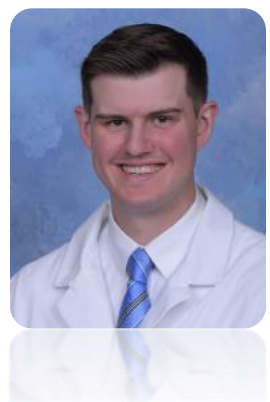
- Hometown: White Bear Lake, Minnesota
- Undergraduate Degree: Spanish Studies/Biology
- Medical School: Ross University School of Medicine

I chose to pursue Internal Medicine for multiple reasons. First off, I really enjoyed my medical school rotations in Internal Medicine because of the variety of pathology, and the challenge to have a good understanding of the multiple organ systems. Second, I really valued the time I got to spend with the patients at bedside and appreciated the relationship I was forming with them while working to improve their care. I furthermore like that Internal Medicine provides the foundation to pursue a subspecialty should I decide to apply for a fellowship. My current interests are Pulmonology and Sleep Medicine. I chose to train at Aurora because my husband is originally from Milwaukee, and it was important for me to be near family. A bonus of this program is that I have made many close friends with my co-residents. In my free time, you're likely to find me outside running, biking, hiking, or bird watching!

**Calvin Swanson, D.O.**

- Hometown: Nashotah, Wisconsin
- Undergraduate Degree: Biology
- Medical School: Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine

I chose to do Internal Medicine at Aurora because I am from the Milwaukee area and wanted to be near friends and family. I also felt as though Aurora provided a friendly environment where I would have opportunities to learn the large breadth of information required to become a strong IM physician. I enjoy playing basketball and watching the Wisconsin sports teams. I hope to continue to build on my clinical decision making as I go through residency to become the best IM physician for my future patients.



Shanti Timilsina, M.D.

- Hometown: De Pere, Nepal
- Undergraduate Degree: MBBS
- Medical School: Kumudini Women's Medical College, Dhaka University

Internal Medicine allows physicians to help individuals and their families through a preventative approach which I like to focus on more. We can establish long-term relationships with our patients, explore the complexity of the disease process and correlate it with human lifestyles. It also opens many doors for us in the future with a wide range of opportunities. All these factors made me choose IM. The day I interviewed at Aurora, I felt at home with very supportive/welcoming guardians. Besides that, Aurora is a renowned program in the country, it made me choose Aurora even without thinking twice.

I can spend the whole day outdoor in my garden writing while enjoying nature. I also love cycling and playing table tennis. After residency, I want to practice in an academic institution like Aurora to keep myself up to date with versatile Medicine. I also look forward to serving the underserved part of the country and the world.

**Betelhem Yifra, M.D.**

- Hometown: Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- Undergrad Degree: MD
- Medical School: Addis Ababa University School of Medicine

My interest for Internal Medicine was piqued when I was a third-year medical student because it encompassed two avenues of patient care: broadly based specialized care in the hospital through hospitalist medicine, as well as outpatient, primary and preventative care medicine.

