

Welcome to the last quarter of the 2024-2025 Academic Year!

We are thrilled to welcome our incoming 2025-2026 resident class to Midwestern University GME Consortium! As we prepare to begin this exciting new chapter, please mark your calendars:

Orientation – Mandatory Attendance

Date: Tuesday, June 24, 2025

Format: Virtual (Microsoft Teams) **Time:** 9AM – 2PM

This comprehensive orientation will provide incoming residents with critical information about our programs, systems, and expectations.

We are also excited to be graduating a fantastic new group of fully trained physicians this June. The upcoming graduations are sure to be a highlight of these trainees' careers and cannot wait to hear what adventures await them post-graduation!

Celebrating the Graduating Class of 2024-2025

As we welcome new residents, we also, celebrate the accomplishments of our graduating 2025-2026 class. We are incredibly proud of their dedication, growth, and achievements throughout their training.

- Several graduates will be joining our medical staff across various specialties in our hospital.
- Other have matched into competitive fellowship programs nationwide.

We look forward to highlighting their stories and future paths in upcoming features and events.



Important Notices

- Graduation Checklists Due 6/30/25
- Year-End Documentation
- Permit Renewals

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Glendale, Arizona

MWU GME Consortium Newsletter

June 2025

Congratulations 2025 Graduates!

CVMC FM

Justin Hayden, DO
Saad Khanzada, DO

CVMC EM

Michael McDermott, DO

CVMC IM

Zain Ahsan, DO
Slavko Aleksis, DO
Jonathan Knapp, DO
Thanh Nguyen, DO
Siddhartha Vogirala, DO

KRMC EM

Alexander Solan, DO
Joshua Engel, MD
Tyler Folder, DO
Philip Hasenbalg, DO
Aurelia Kucera, DO
Ryan Timothy, DO

KRMC FM

Matthew Bell, DO
Steven Howell, DO
Ashwin Mahajan, MD
Xochitl Mendez, DO
Christen Paul, DO

MWUMC ONMM3

William Candelori III, DO
Ceferino Cruz IV, DO

MVMC FM

Sana Durrani-Simmons, DO
Sean Fowler, DO
Kyle Hatfield, DO
Sydney Stanley, DO
Jose Knox, DO

MVMC GI

Kristen Farraj, DO
Adnan Malik, MD

MVMC GS

Bryce Bunn, DO
Shane Moore, DO

MVMC IM

Alex Cheung, DO
Timothy Ryan Sacamay, DO
Matthew Santiago, DO
Nicholas Talley, DO
Daniel Wahlin, DO

VVMC IM

Hammad Ashraf, DO
Sadiya Fatima, MD
Aws Ghanem, MD
Afsheen Moshtaghi, DO
Roshini Pradeep, MD



Canyon Vista Medical Center Emergency Medicine Fellowship



New CVMC Emergency Medicine Fellow

Canyon Vista Medical Center Emergency Medicine Fellowship
Welcomes Justin Hayden, DO our July 1, 2025, EM FELLOW.

Dr. Hayden is a graduate of Canyon Vista Medical Center Family
Medicine program, class of 2025. Congratulations!



Canyon Vista Medical Center Family Medicine Residency

Congratulations!



Dr. Seitz and wife Emily welcomed baby Andrew Scott on March 9th. Congratulations to the Seitz Family!

Dr. Seitz is a former AZCOM graduate and soon to be PGY 3.



Dr. Brian Thompson is engaged to Emma McGee!



Resident Appreciation Day 2025



The CVMC Family medicine Program Celebrated Resident Appreciation Week in February.

Residents were treated with Muffins on Monday, Ice Cream Sundae bar on Tuesday, Wednesday we showered them with Candy, Thursday we had Walking tacos and Friday they received “POPPING with APPRECIATION” box filled with goodies and a hand painted rock from Lee Ann Gantner Medical Staff Director and GME Team.

Canyon Vista Medical Center Family Medicine Residency

New Skills!



Our residents had the opportunity to train on IUDs and Colposcopy with Dr. Trapp and Dr. Klatt from Midwestern.



CVMC FM is proud to announce our class of 2028

Kevin Clifford, DO Touro, California

Elan Go, DO Touro, Nevada

Justin Griffin, DO AZCOM

Thinh Nguyen, DO Burrell, New Mexico

New Chiefs!

CVMC Family Medicine 2025-2026 Chiefs

Congratulations:



Jacob Hrkal, DO



Spencer Scott, DO



Tanner Seitz, DO

CVMC's 2025 Graduation celebration Friday June 20, 2025

Canyon Vista Medical Center Internal Medicine Residency



Doctor's Dilemma

CVMC IM Residents will be representing Arizona at Nationals this April in New Orleans!

Residents and Program Director, Dr. Hammode, celebrated their win against other prestigious IM Programs in AZ at Pizzeria Mimosa in February.

Congratulations!
To the CVMC IM Class of 2028!



Layla Al Safadi



Ayesha Anwar



Alan Ayoub



Abdul Rahman
Khan



Habiba Khan



Zeynep Unal

@cvmc_imresidency

Kingman Regional Medical Center

Emergency Medicine Residency

MWU/Kingman Regional Medical Center's Emergency Medicine Program would like to extend a HUGE WELCOME to our incoming residents! We look forward to having you join us!



Julian Brix, D.O.
Touro University Nevada College of
Osteopathic Medicine
Las Vegas, NV



Lindsay Escobedo, D.O.
Noorda College of Osteopathic Medicine
Provo, Utah



Bachar Hachem, D.O.
Touro University Nevada College of
Osteopathic Medicine
Las Vegas, NV



Landon Lawson, M.D.
Ross University School of Medicine
St. Michael, Barbados



Marvin Slack, D.O.
A.T. Still University of Health Sciences
School of Osteopathic Medicine
Mesa, Arizona



Ethan Wright, D.O.
Midwestern University Arizona College of
Osteopathic Medicine
Glendale, Arizona

HonorHealth Mountain Vista Medical Center

Family Medicine Residency



Dr. Jeremy Dost, DO & his wife welcomed a beautiful baby girl on 2/4/25. It is their first child



Congratulations! 

Dr. Emily Perez, DO just got engaged to her partner, who is a dermatology resident with KCU Phoenix

Incoming Residents!



Catalina O'Toole
Idaho College of
Osteopathic
Medicine

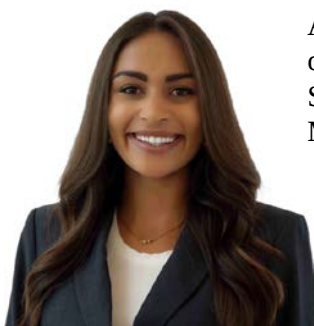


Chad Thompson
Noorda College of
Osteopathic
Medicine



Madison Uli Arizona
College of Osteopathic
Medicine of
Midwestern University

Madeline Feyrer-Melk
A.T. Still University of
Health Sciences
Kirksville College of
Osteopathic Medicine



Kyle Schultz
A.T. Still University
of Health Sciences
School of Osteopathic
Medicine in Arizona



Midwestern University ONMM3 Residency

AAO's Convocation!



ONMM3 MWU Multi Specialty Clinic Residents and Faculty attended the annual AAO Convocation! Residents, Dr. RJ Cruz and Dr. Will Candelori, participated in the practical portion of their ITE Exams and presented research during the conference. Pictured is Program Director, Dr. Gailius at the Residency Recruitment fair held during the conference.



Dr. RJ Cruz placed 1st with his Research Poster "Optimization of Abdominal Surgery and Controlling Intractable Neuropathic Pain with Peri-operative OMT" at the 2025 AAO Convocation Poster competition!

Dr. Will Candelori placed 5th with his Research Poster "Functional Improvement without the Surgical Referral: A Case Presentation" at the 2025 Kenneth A. Suarez Poster competition!



Research Success!

Verde Valley Medical Center Internal Medicine Residency

VVMC Resident Roshini Pradeep MD got Accepted for Fellowship Training at Banner MD Anderson

Upon completing her three-year residency in Internal Medicine at VVMC, Dr. Roshini Pradeep will head to University of Arizona Banner MD Anderson Cancer Center in Phoenix for a prestigious fellowship in Hematology Oncology.

While in the IM Residency program, directed by Dr. Neychelle Rocca, Dr. Pradeep conducted numerous research projects and quality improvement initiatives in collaboration with NAH staff and faculty, all while learning how to be a doctor seeing patients in-house at VVMC and in the outpatient Continuity Clinic. She also served a rotation at the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, in which she made valuable contacts and partnered in an abstract published in the American Society of Hematology's journal, Blood (see attached). She credits her experience there with helping her build her resume and research portfolio.

Dr. Pradeep's other published research and scholarly activities included a root-cause analysis of readmission, the effects of proton-pump inhibitors on patients with colitis, and possible links between malnutrition and cancer treatment, as well as numerous case studies including one that explored the health disparities of women with breast cancer in rural communities.

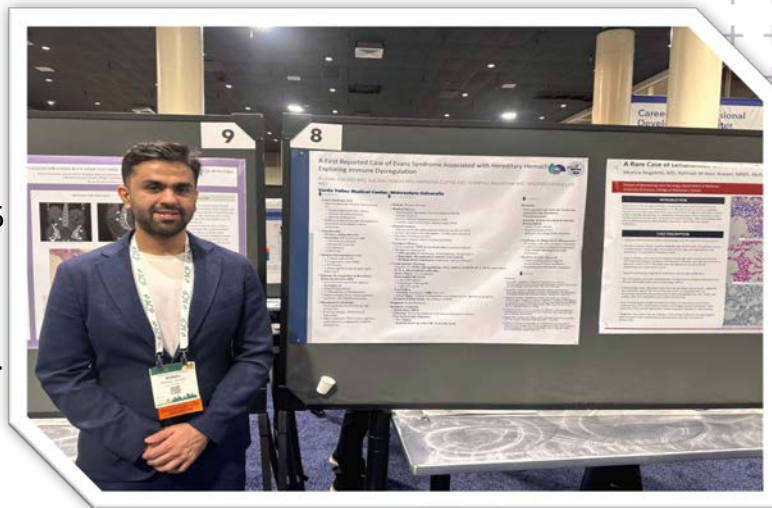
Dr. Pradeep's long-term career goals are to be involved in academic medical settings and continue to engage in clinical research. The VVMC Residency Program is very proud of the many accomplishments of Dr. Pradeep and we wish her the best as she continues to develop into a fantastic physician.



We are delighted to announce that **Dr. Kunal Deora**, Internal Medicine Resident at Verde Valley Medical Center, was selected as a **finalist** and successfully presented his **clinical vignette** at the **American College of Physicians (ACP) National Resident/Fellow Poster Competition** during the Internal Medicine Meeting 2025 in New Orleans, Louisiana.

The vignette, titled "*A First Reported Case of Evans Syndrome Associated with Hereditary Hemochromatosis: Exploring Immune Dysregulation*," was selected by the ACP Abstract Review Board for its rare presentation and strong clinical insight. The project was a collaborative effort involving fellow residents Dr. Jugraj Singh, Dr. Shrenil Kavathia, and Dr. Mansha Gupta, under the guidance and mentorship of **Program Director Dr. Rocca**.

Dr. Deora presented the case on April 4, 2025, at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center, representing VVMC among top residents from across the country. We are proud of our team's dedication to academic medicine and commend their contribution in placing VVMC on a national stage for clinical excellence.



VVMC Residents Shine at ACP National Poster Finals

Wellness



Wellness continues to be a cornerstone of our mission at MWU GME, and this academic year has been a reflection of that commitment. Across all sites and programs, we have sustained our dedicated *Wellness Champions* group—resident representatives who meet quarterly to exchange ideas, share wellness initiatives from their respective sites, and foster a culture of well-being throughout our community.

One of the year's highlights has been the implementation of the *Early Alert* system, designed to provide immediate and accessible wellness and mental health support to our residents. With valuable input from our Wellness Champions, this system now delivers real-time resources via text when a concern is identified and ensures 24/7 access to a counselor for mental health emergencies.



Kenneth A. Suarez Research Day

Poster Competition

Brief 2-sentences history

Kenneth A. Suarez Research Day was held on April 11, 2025, on the Midwestern University Campus. Residents and Fellows from MWU GME Sponsored Programs were invited to participate and present research posters remotely.

This year there were 36 submissions MWU GME Consortium residents!
A record number!

Thank you to all residents and teaching faculty!



Winners!



1st: *A Retrospective Analysis of Osteoporosis Treatment in Community Primary Clinics*; **Sana Durrani-Simmons, MVMC FM**

2nd: *A Food Allergy Causing an Acute Myocardial Infarction: Kounis Syndrome*; **Vikramjit Purewal, MVMC IM**

3rd: *Initial Mood Disorder as the First Sign of Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease*; **Vikramjit Purewal, MVMC IM**

4th: *Assessment and management of myocardial infarction and non-obstructive coronary arteries (MINOCA) in a young adult*; **Mohammad Omar Diab, CVMC IM**

5th: *Functional Improvement without the Surgical Referral: A Case Presentation*; **Will Candelori, DO, MWUMC ONMM**

HonorHealth Mountain Vista

HonorHealth Mountain Vista Medical Center Programs will transition to HonorHealth as the Sponsoring Institution, June 26, 2025. We wish the residents, fellows, program directors, teaching faculty and administration the absolute best.

They will all be missed!

Resources

AAMC

[ERAS Information for Program Staff](#)

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