



Department of Neurology

Neurology Residents & Recent Alumni

Meet the current residents of the Department of Neurology's residency training program, and learn more about our recent alumni.

Current Manhattan Track Resident

Class of 2028



Rebecca Baron, MD

Hometown: Queens, New York

Medical school: Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai

Areas of interest: Neuro-Oncology and Stroke

Hobbies: Weight training, running, spending time with my dog, friends, and family

Why I chose NYU Langone: Program leadership, an amazing interview day, a positive resident culture, the opportunity to train at three different sites with diverse patient populations, a commitment to improving healthcare delivery, and broad exposure to Neuro Subspecialties in a city that's always been home.



Hugh Bartlett, MD

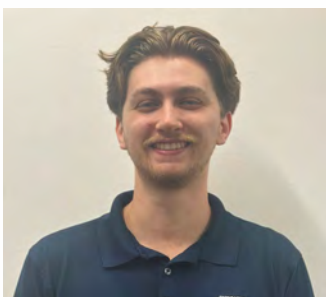
Hometown: Glen Ridge, New Jersey

Medical school: Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School

Areas of interest: Neurocritical Care, Stroke, Neurointerventional, Interventional Pain

Hobbies: Hiking/camping, tennis, film photography, cooking.

Why I chose NYU Langone: What makes NYU so special is the combination of the enormous diversity of clinical experience that you have access to at the three teaching hospitals (Tisch/Kimmell, Bellevue, and the Manhattan VA) with world-class faculty across every department and discipline in medicine and surgery who make resident education a priority.



Pierce Brody, MD

Hometown: Duluth, Georgia

Medical school: Medical College of Georgia

Areas of interest: I'm undecided on a subspecialty and look forward to gaining a deeper understanding of each field.

Hobbies: In my free time, I enjoy reading, maintaining my Beli app streak, and rooting for my favorite teams. "Sic 'em, Dawgs!"

Why I chose NYU Langone: My decision to join NYU was driven by the unique patient pathology and rich cultural diversity found at each of our hospital sites, along with the opportunity to collaborate with such incredibly knowledgeable and compassionate colleagues!

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Nicholas Clark, MD

Hometown: Mentor, Ohio

Medical school: NYU Grossman School of Medicine

Areas of interest: Undecided - all of neurology is interesting! Movement disorders, Neuro-oncology, medical education.

Hobbies: Basketball, movies, exploring New York City with my wife and daughter

Why I chose NYU Langone: As a medical student, working with NYU's phenomenal residents and faculty affirmed my interest in neurology. I am grateful to be continuing my training in this exceptional department, at an institution that offers an unparalleled diversity of clinical experiences in an unparalleled geographic proximity.



Audrey Dellert, MD

Hometown: Orange, CT

Medical school: University of Connecticut

Areas of interest: Movement disorders but still exploring, medical education

Hobbies: Yoga, dance, running, trying different coffee shops

Why I chose NYU Langone: The program is very friendly and supportive, and I knew the variety of cases plus the patient volume at NYU Langone and Bellevue would make for incredible training. Plus, moving to NYC is an exciting new adventure.



Nitasha Goyal, MD

Hometown: Edison, New Jersey

Medical school: SUNY Downstate Medical School

Areas of interest: Global Health and innovation

Hobbies: Salsa dancing, cooking, reading

Why I chose NYU Langone: The people! The residents and faculty all stood out as extremely intelligent, approachable, fun and people I would want to not only work with but be friends with. I also love the opportunity to work with a diversity of patient populations and within different healthcare systems including the specific global health in neurology program.

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Brian Morris MD

Hometown: Torrance, California

Medical school: Albert Einstein College of Medicine

Areas of interest: Neuro-ophthalmology, Neuro-muscular

Hobbies: I enjoy camping, hiking, tennis, playing the drums and live music

Why I chose NYU Langone: I chose NYU for the opportunity to work with the diverse populations across New York City and at the three distinct hospital sites. What stood out to me even more was the warm, supportive community within NYU Neurology—one that I'm proud to be a part of.



Chihiro Okada, MD

Hometown: New York, New York

Medical school: Albert Einstein College of Medicine

Areas of interest: Currently undecided

Hobbies: Reading, tennis, being outside, traveling, running (ran my first half marathon with my co-resident Mike!)

Why I chose NYU Langone: I grew up in the city so family and friends from childhood to college are here, have always dreamed of treating New Yorkers.



Dhruvkumar Patel, DO

Hometown: Toronto, Ontario

Medical school: Arizona College of Osteopathic Medicine (AZCOM)

Areas of interest: Neuroimaging, Neurorehabilitation, Stroke, and Medical Technology Innovation

Hobbies: Traveling and trip planning, visiting museums and art galleries, hiking national parks, camping, playing board games, and watching comedy shows and movies.

Why I chose NYU Langone: I was drawn to NYU Langone for its exceptional clinical training and the opportunity to care for a diverse and complex patient population. The chance to rotate through multiple hospital systems, each offering unique experiences, perfectly matched the kind of hands-on, dynamic learning environment I was looking for. I also appreciated the program's strong academic reputation, broad subspecialty exposure, and its commitment to developing well-rounded, compassionate neurologists.

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Raaga Rambhatla, MD

Hometown: North Brunswick, NJ

Medical school: Rutgers, Robert Wood Johnson Medical School

Areas of interest: Headache, Neuro-oncology

Hobbies: Dancing, listening to music, trying new restaurants (big foodie!), traveling (just came back from Japan)

Why I chose NYU Langone: NYU was the perfect choice for me in every way - the chance to spend my twenties in a big city while being close to home, the opportunity to train at not one, but three different hospital systems, and a broad exposure to subspecialties within neurology and diverse patient populations.



Meshulam Twerski, MD

Hometown: Brooklyn, New York

Medical school: Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania

Areas of interest: General Neurology, neurocritical care, stroke, quality improvement and health policy

Hobbies: Traveling, Hiking, Reading, and spending time with friends and family

Why I chose NYU Langone: Unparalleled training across the three hospitals, particularly Bellevue. Great faculty, and amazing residents all in NYC!



Michael Usewick, MD

Hometown: Bridgewater, New Jersey

Medical school: Lewis Katz School of Medicine at Temple University

Areas of interest: Stroke, Neurointervention

Hobbies: Running (preferably with friends), exploring new restaurants/foods, video games, watching NY sports

Why I chose NYU Langone: A palpable team-focused atmosphere, along with the opportunity to train at 3 unique and complimentary sites with faculty dedicated to our learning and success. All with the added bonus of living and working in NYC!

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Nicholas Vigilante, MD

Hometown: Cherry Hill, NJ

Medical school: Cooper Medical School of Rowan University

Areas of interest: Vascular neurology, technology in neurology

Hobbies: Going to the movies, trying new restaurants

Why I chose NYU Langone: chose NYU because of the people who are excited to teach and fun to be around, and the diversity of the patient populations at our three main clinical sites.

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Sydney Chatfield, MD

Hometown: Avon, Connecticut

Medical school: University of Vermont Larner College of Medicine

Areas of interest: Vascular Neurology, Interventional Neurology, Headache, Medical Education

Hobbies: Taking my bernedoodle to the park, hiking, baking, bowling, movies, exploring new food places

Why I chose NYU Langone: The location, the experiences, but especially the people—the residents, attending physicians, and the patients you'll work with. On my interview, the residents were genuinely close and seemed like a tight-knit family. The faculty were quite knowledgeable yet very welcoming and I felt like I could be myself. The opportunities in different sub specialty as well as breadth of general neurology across the three hospitals systems.



Malvika Govil, MD

Hometown: Singapore

Medical school: University of Texas, Southwestern Medical Center

Areas of interest: General Neurology, Movement disorders, Neuromuscular

Hobbies: Reading, tennis, being outside, traveling.

Why I chose NYU Langone: I did an away rotation during medical school and enjoyed the variety in settings across the three hospitals, felt a genuine warmth and camaraderie among the residents, and was drawn to the emphasis on general neurology training in the program.



Catherine Imossi, MD

Hometown: Gladstone, New Jersey

Medical school: Hackensack Meridian School of Medicine

Areas of interest: Stroke, Neurocritical Care, Brain Injury, Quality Metrics

Hobbies: Cooking, running, spending time with my dog and six younger siblings

Why I chose NYU Langone: NYU is unique among programs not only for its location, but also for the diversity of experience it offers at the three different training sites. Most importantly, I found the faculty and residents to be warm, friendly, and engaging.

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Benjamin Jadow, MD

Hometown: Katonah, New York

Medical school: Albert Einstein College of Medicine

Areas of interest: Vascular Neurology, Neuro-immunology, General Neurology

Hobbies: Cooking (and more importantly eating), Home brewing, Exercise, updating my letterbox page

Why I chose NYU Langone: Diversity in clinical contexts across our three sites, the opportunity to work at Bellevue, and most importantly the fun, outgoing and hardworking residents and faculty in the department.



Christina Kallik, MD

Hometown: Louisville, Kentucky

Medical school: The George Washington University School of Medicine

Areas of interest: Stroke, neuro critical care, medical education, quality improvement

Hobbies: Watching Premier, League soccer, Pilates, solid core, electronic dance music, food

Why I chose NYU Langone: Location (NYC); diversity of clinical experience and patient populations; genuine camaraderie and laid back attitude amongst residents and faculty; emphasis on resident well-being.



Lindsey Kuohn, MD

Hometown: Bloomfield Hills, Michigan

Medical school: New York University Grossman School of Medicine

Areas of interest: Neurocritical Care, Stroke

Hobbies: I love running! All over the city, and I'm trying to pick up cycling. I like to bake although mostly its from Trader Joe's box mixes. I have weekly dinners with friends, but don't usually do the cooking.

Why I chose NYU Langone:

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Alec Levine, MD

Hometown: Staten Island, New York

Medical school: NYU Grossman School of Medicine

Areas of interest: Cognitive Neurology, Movement Disorders, General Neurology, Medical Education

Hobbies: Baking with my partner, rock climbing, playing board games, basketball

Why I chose NYU Langone: I was a medical student at NYU and I fell in love with the faculty and feel of the program. I felt like the residents at NYU cared for an helped their co-residents, and that the program promoted a positive and collaborative environment. I also saw the program make several changes to reduce the day to day workload, provide additional support to the house staff, and reinforce resident wellbeing.



Raymond Noonan, MD

Hometown: Morristown, New Jersey

Medical school: SUNY Downstate

Areas of interest: Neuroimmunology, neuromuscular disorders, medical education

Hobbies: Guitar, reading, languages, fitness, keeping my NY times crosswordstreak alive

Why I chose NYU Langone: I chose NYU because there is an incredible diversity of clinical experience and patient populations all within a few blocks on First Avenue, combined with great camaraderie and program culture.



Max Parker, MD

Hometown: Winter Park, Florida

Medical school: University of Florida

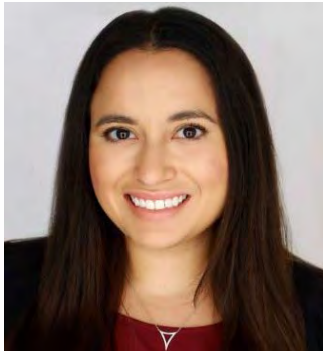
Areas of interest: Neurocritical Care, Interventional, Neuro-ophthalmology

Hobbies: Reading, running, skiing, fly fishing

Why I chose NYU Langone: Program leadership, world leaders in all subspecialties, incredible residency camaraderie, NYC.

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Gabriel Petito, MD

Hometown: Jacksonville, Florida

Medical school: University of Cincinnati of Medicine

Areas of interest: Epilepsy, neuro-ophthalmology, stroke, movement, neuro-oncology, medical education, health equity

Hobbies: Peloton, Pilates, brunching with friends, watching reality TV

Why I chose NYU Langone: One very important factor to me in my search for a program was finding one filled with people that I would enjoy working with on my toughest days of residency, and I have found exactly that here at NYU. Additionally, finding a program that offered the opportunity to work with such diverse patient population was a non-negotiable. Being trained at all three hospitals and being able to use my language skills in my practice were huge influences in my decision to come here.



Mustapha Touray, MD

Hometown: Banjul, The Gambia

Medical school: NYU Long Island School of Medicine

Areas of interest: General Neurology, movement disorder, epilepsy, headache

Hobbies: Huge soccer fan and player, tennis, running, music/dancing, video games

Why I chose NYU Langone: At the heart of NYC with diversity of cases and opportunity to work at three separate hospital systems. Camaraderie among residents. Enthusiastic/laid back faculty invested in its resident education and wellbeing.



Ken Xue, MD

Hometown: Olathe, Kansas

Medical school: NYU Grossman School of Medicine

Areas of interest: Neuro-Immunology, MS, and Vascular Neurology

Hobbies: Epilepsy, Medical Education, General Neurology

Why I chose NYU Langone: Frankly the program just has it all!!! We have unmatched diversity both demographically and pathologically, friendly faculty that are down to earth despite lofty accomplishments and want you (yes you!) to work with them, and the residency classes throughout all years that are known for being social and collaborative. That last point was a big tie breaker for me- it really is impressive how fun and supportive people are here!

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Yousuf Ahmed, MD

Hometown: Houston Texas and Ras Tanura, Saudia Arabia

Medical school: University of Texas at Austin Dell Medical School

Areas of interest: Vascular Neurology, Critical Care, Traumatic Brain Injury, Concussion, Education

Hobbies: Running, basketball, hiking, discovering new food

Why I chose NYU Langone: The people! The Department of Neurology at NYU is filled with incredible individuals who are equally kind and compassionate as they are brilliant. Additionally, the opportunity to train in New York City, specifically Bellevue, was very appealing to me.



Austin Chen, MD

Hometown: East Brunswick, New Jersey

Medical school: Cooper Medical School of Rowan University,

Areas of interest: Neuro-Immunology, MS, and Vascular Neurology

Hobbies: Philadelphia sports, UFC, League of Legends, and R&B/hip hop

Why I chose NYU Langone: I chose NYU to train and learn from my inspiring peers and mentors, the extensive clinical training, and the opportunity to serve a diverse patient population.



Estella Chen, MD

Hometown: Rockland County, NY

Medical school: State University of New York Downstate Medical Center College of Medicine, United States of America

Areas of interest: General Neurology, Neuromuscular Disease, Multiple Sclerosis/Autoimmune, Headache, Medical Education

Hobbies: Reading (fantasy, mystery, espionage), hiking, exploring the city, spending time with friends and family

Why I chose NYU Langone: I was drawn to the opportunity to work with and learn from a diverse patient population, a plethora of pathologies, and warm and exceptional faculty/fellow residents.

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Taymour Hashemzadeh, MD

Hometown: McLean, Virginia

Medical school: Georgetown University of Medicine

Areas of interest: MS, Movement disorders, Vascular neurology, Medical education

Hobbies: Skiing, tennis, basketball, pickleball, live music, finding the best food in the city

Why I chose NYU Langone: The opportunity to train in NYC with an exceptional group of people and to be exposed to any and all pathology and patient populations.



Reya Hayek, MD

Hometown: Greenville, Mississippi

Medical school: University of Mississippi School of Medicine

Areas of interest: Epilepsy, neurophysiology, social equity, medical education

Hobbies: Tennis, skiing, traveling, trying new foods and drinks around NYC

Why I chose NYU Langone: I chose NYU for the opportunity to train with incredible faculty while working towards helping patients from all over the world and simultaneously be exposed to a large variety of cultures both within the neurology program and among the NYU and NYC communities .



Dillan Newbold, MD, PhD

Hometown: Boone, Iowa

Medical school: Washington University in St. Louis School of Medicine

Areas of interest: Movement disorders, mood disorders, deep brain stimulation

Hobbies: Playing with my dog + 2 cats, exploring New York, camping, traveling, sailing, snowboarding, video games

Why I chose NYU Langone: To work at Bellevue. It's the central hub of New York's public hospital system and provides affordable (often free) care for people from all over the world. Also, because New York is awesome!

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Riddhi Patel, MD

Hometown: Mumbai, India and Collegeville, PA

Medical school: Lewis Katz School of Medicine at Temple University

Areas of interest: General Neurology, movement disorders, headache, medical education, preventative medicine

Hobbies: Traveling, dancing, painting, cooking, trying new restaurants & bakeries, outdoor activities, racket sports

Why I chose NYU Langone: The combination of an intellectually stimulating learning environment, a strong focus on medical education & resident wellness, and passionate, warm faculty whom I could see as my future mentors. I knew that training at NYU's three hospitals would expose me to a wide variety of pathology and a diverse patient population.



Stephen Ronay, MD

Hometown: Tampa, Florida

Medical school: Rutgers New Jersey Medical School

Areas of interest: Education, Headache, Cognitive, Neuromuscular

Hobbies: Green tea, hiking, running, trying new chocolate

Why I chose NYU Langone: I chose NYU for its expert faculty, comprehensive clinical training, and the breadth of experience training at three hospital systems provides.



Lauren Sielski, MD

Hometown: Buffalo, New York

Medical school: Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences at the University at Buffalo

Areas of interest: Headache, neuroimmunology, medical education

Hobbies: Baking, skiing, trying new restaurants, hanging out in the park with friends

Why I chose NYU Langone: I was drawn to NYU because of the emphasis they place on giving world class care to patients from all backgrounds. I also felt that there was an immediate sense of community between the residents and faculty.

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Kristen Watkins, MD

Hometown: Holmdel, NJ

Medical school: Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai

Areas of interest: Movement Disorders

Hobbies: Exploring NYC, spending time with my friends and colleagues

Why I chose NYU Langone: I chose NYU because of the amazing group of people I would train with, the great diversity of patients that I would treat, and pathologies that I would gain exposure too.



Saami Zakaria, MD

Hometown: Saint Croix, US Virgin Islands

Medical school: Sidney Kimmel Medical College at Thomas Jefferson University

Areas of interest: Vascular neurology, Neurocritical Care, neuro-restoration, neuro technology, autonomic disorders

Hobbies: Basketball, resistance training and history

Why I chose NYU Langone: The opportunity to be in New York City and train intimately at both NYU and historic Bellevue, two distinguished hospitals for different reasons, appealed a lot to me. I felt a very friendly and collegial atmosphere here among faculty and residents. I also knew I would get a well rounded experience between clinical education and research opportunities.



Amanda Zhao, MD

Hometown: Houston, Texas

Medical school: New York University Grossman School of Medicine

Areas of interest: Still exploring!

Hobbies: Biking, spoiling/staging photo shoots for my tuxedo cat Murray, reading and exploring NYC's gardens

Why I chose NYU Langone: I chose NYU Langone for the opportunity to train in one of the most diverse cities in the country, where we can treat and learn from patients from across the societal spectrum. We also have the opportunity to learn from faculty from across the sub specialty spectrum, with experts in pretty much any field you might be interested in! Most of all, though, I appreciate how every single person at NYU is so welcoming and so eager to teach us, the next generation of neurologists!

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Sean Hanna, MD

Hometown: Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Medical school: St. George's University School of Medicine, Grenada

Areas of interest: Vascular Neurology, Neurointervention, Neurocritical Care, and medical education

Hobbies: Long-distance running, strength training, watching action and superhero movies, and enjoying my favorite TV series

Why I chose NYU Langone: Unparalleled training experiences within my areas of interest and undeniable leadership in medical education inspired my journey to NYU Neurology. It is a privilege to help the often-underserved patients of New York City alongside the best and brightest in Neurology. The program's dedication to advancing neurologic research and treatment options continually pushes the frontiers of the field, and I knew that this was where I wanted to grow as a Neurologist.



Karimul Islam, MBBS

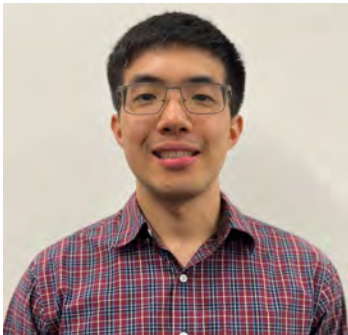
Hometown: Noakhali, Bangladesh

Medical school: Armed Forces Medical College

Areas of interest: Epilepsy, Neuromodulation, Biophysics, Medical education

Hobbies: Traveling, Hiking, Cinematography, reading books on moral philosophy and metaphysics

Why I chose NYU Langone: I chose NYU Langone for its strong academic reputation, diverse patient population, and exceptional clinical training in both general and subspecialty neurology. The warm, friendly vibe on interview day and the strong sense of support and mentorship really matched what I was looking for in a residency.



Matthew Lee, MD

Hometown: Brooklyn, NY

Medical school: NYU Grossman Long Island School of Medicine

Areas of interest: Neurophysiology, epilepsy

Hobbies: Playing/watching basketball, PC gaming

Why I chose NYU Langone: I chose NYU Langone due to its collaborative environment, exceptional education, and the opportunity to train and serve in my hometown.

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Shelby Szott, DO

Hometown: Wayne, NJ

Medical school: Rowan-Virtua School of Osteopathic Medicine

Areas of interest: Neuroimmunology, Headache, Neurocritical Care, Women's Health in Neurology

Hobbies: Spending time with friends and family, art, museums, fashion, ordering all the best food options off of a menu and ranking them

Why I chose NYU Langone: I chose NYU Langone after completing my sub-internship at the Brooklyn campus during my 4th year of medical school. I loved how close-knit the residents were and how committed they were to work as a team to deliver the best patient care possible. I also appreciated the diverse patient population that Brooklyn lends itself to and the exposure to unique medical pathologies.



Nicole Zougheib, DO

Hometown: South Hampton, NJ

Medical school: Rowan-Virtua School of Osteopathic Medicine

Areas of interest: Neuromuscular, medication education

Hobbies: Traveling, spending time with family and friends, cooking, trying new restaurants, following my favorite sports teams, playing football

Why I chose NYU Langone: Being from New Jersey, I wanted to train close to home in a vibrant, densely populated city where I could care for patients from diverse cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds. NYU offers the unique opportunity to serve very different patient populations, exposing me to a wide range of pathologies. Additionally, NYU's reputation for world-class neurology training, along with the energy and dedication I observed in the faculty made it clear that this is the ideal environment for me to develop as a neurologist.

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Maha Irfan, MB BCH

Hometown: Toronto, Canada

Medical school: University College Cork, Ireland

Areas of interest: Stroke, neuro-immunology, neuro-oncology, research and education

Hobbies: Baking, cooking, painting, reading, traveling

Why I chose NYU Langone: This program gave me the most warmest feeling during my interviews. The tight knit resident community, diverse patient population, and the priority of resident education by program leaders was what truly set NYU apart.



Maria Mastropaolo, MD

Hometown: Saddle River, NJ

Medical school: Frank H Netter MD School of Medicine at Quinnipiac University

Areas of interest: Headache, neuro-genetics

Hobbies: Reading, ballet, hot yoga/Pilates, traveling, Broadway, coffee

Why I chose NYU Langone: Not only was everyone I talked to incredibly smart and accomplished but they were also the kindest and friendliest people in all of my interviews! I also adore NYC and wanted to train in the greatest city in the world.



Luiz Henrique Medeiros Geraldo, MD, PhD

Hometown: Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Medical school: Federal University of Rio de Janeiro

Areas of interest: Neuro-Oncology, Neuroimmunology, Translational Research, development of new bio-markers and therapeutics

Hobbies: Baking, cooking, traveling, and having fun with my dog

Why I chose NYU Langone: Since my interview day all the attendings and residents made me feel I was going to join a big family and not simply a residency program.

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Lea Saab, MD, MPH

Hometown: Hadath Lebanon

Medical school: American University of Beirut

Areas of interest: Headache, oto-neurology, disaster neurology

Hobbies: Scented candles, piano, skiing, baking, word puzzles

Why I chose NYU Langone: The people and the culture! There is truly unparalleled diversity in the patient population and being able to serve people from all over the world set NYU apart.



Floyd Silva, MD

Hometown: Albuquerque, New Mexico

Medical school: University of New Mexico School of Medicine

Areas of interest: Neurocritical care, stroke

Hobbies: Traveling, classical piano, playing tourist in the city, my cat Spaghetti

Why I chose NYU Langone: Aside from feeling like I was chatting with my besties of 10 years during my interviews with faculty, NYU offers such a vast range of opportunities with amazing faculty. I feel so lucky to be a part of a program that truly nature's diversity in patient care, excellence in academics, and a community of support.

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Bavica Gummadi, DO

Hometown: Moorestown, New Jersey
Medical school: Rowan University School of Osteopathic Medicine
Areas of interest: Stroke, Neurocritical Care
Hobbies: Dancing, traveling, event planning

Why I chose NYU Langone: I chose NYU because of the strong sense of community and focus on education and innovation. Everyone that I have met here has been so welcoming and supportive both in and out of the hospital and are so deeply dedicated to delivering the best healthcare possible.



Daniella Iglesias Hernandez, MD

Hometown: Caracas, Venezuela
Medical school: Universidad Central de Venezuela Escuela de Medicina Jose Maria Vargas
Areas of interest: Movement disorder, dementia and medical education
Hobbies: Painting, yoga, traveling and spending time with my friends

Why I chose NYU Langone: I chose NYU langone due to its well rounded and welcoming training program. The clinicians are exceptional leaders in their fields. The research opportunities are interesting and challenging in state of the art facilities. Furthermore, the attendings and residents form a supportive and welcoming community that fosters safe learning and accountability. Training in this unique environment and taking care of such a diverse population is truly a privilege.



Melanie Li, MD

Hometown: Munich, Germany
Medical school: Ludwig Maximilians Universit Monchen Medizinische Fakultat
Areas of interest: Neurocritical Care, Epilepsy, Global Health
Hobbies: Anything that has to do with mountains, traveling, cooking, dancing and playing the piano

Why I chose NYU Langone: I chose NYU so that I would not have to choose. I cannot imagine another place that unites academic neurology with unarguably the most vulnerable patient population in the world while working within a close-knit team of caring colleagues who are leaders in their specialties.

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Isaac Smith, DO, MS

Hometown: Great Neck, New York

Medical school: Touro University College of Osteopathic Medicine-California

Areas of interest: Neuromuscular, General Neurology, Nutrition

Hobbies: Bouldering, hiking, good food.

Why I chose NYU Langone: This program has the warmest community feeling while still maintaining an academic atmosphere. The leadership feel like family. The patient population is the most underserved in New York and presents with some of the most interesting pathology.



Hanna Vinitsky, DO

Hometown: New York, NY

Medical school: Arizona College of Osteopathic Medicine of Midwestern University

Areas of interest: Neurocritical Care

Hobbies: Cooking, baking, playing the piano

Why I chose NYU Langone: I loved how friendly everyone was and how excited they were to help develop our careers in neurology and research. The patient population is so unique and everyone is so grateful for our care.

Neurology Residency Recent Alumni

Manhattan Track Graduates 2025

Christopher Chornay, MD Clinical Neurophysiology/ Epilepsy Fellowship, New York Presbyterian/ Weill Cornell

Thomas Flagiello, MD Neuroimmunology and MS Fellowship, NYU Grossman

Julia Greenberg, MD Neuromuscular Fellowship, Stanford University

Ivan Guan, MD Movement Disorders Fellowship, University of Chicago

Kaiulani Houston, MD, PhD Interventional Pain Management Fellowship, Montefiore Einstein

Hannah Kopinsky, MD Neuroimmunology and MS Fellowship, Northwestern University

Philip Kuball, MD Cognitive Neurology Fellowship, NYU Grossman School of Medicine

Sungita Kumar, MD Vascular Neurology Fellowship, Columbia University

Nisha Malhotra, MD, MPH Headache Medicine Fellowship, NYU Grossman

Eduardo Perez-Torres, MD, PhD Neuromuscular Medicine Fellowship, UPenn

Nithisha Prasad, MD, MPH Clinical Neurophysiology/ Epilepsy Fellowship, Columbia

Lucia Saidenberg, MD Movement Disorders Fellowship, NYU Grossman

Brooklyn Track Graduates 2025

Sarah Bou Reslan, MD Neuroimmunology and MS Fellowship, Columbia University

Jerry Chen, MD Epilepsy Fellowship, Stanford University

Jessica Hunter, MD Neuroimmunology and MS Fellowship, Mass General Brigham

Michael McAree, DO Vascular Neurology and Neuroendovascular Fellowships, NYU

Maxwell Oyer, DO Vascular Neurology Fellowship, NYU Grossman School of Medicine

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Manhattan Track Graduates 2024

Ali Ahmad, MD Epilepsy Fellowship, Emory School of Medicine

Nadir Bilici, MD Director of Brain Health at Park Avenue Neurology

Kyra Floyd, MD Movement Disorder Fellowship, NYU Grossman School of Medicine

Marissa Ilardi, MD Neuromuscular Fellowship, NYU Grossman School of Medicine

Ruben Jauregui, MD Neuro-Ophthalmology Fellowship, NYU Grossman School of Medicine

Hillary Mullan, MD Epilepsy Fellowship, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center

Eunhye Oak, MD Neurophysiology Fellowship, New York Presbyterian/ Weill Cornell

Michael Sonson, MD Behavioral Neurology and Neuropsychiatry Fellowship, Cedars-Sinai

Kevin Spiegler, MD, PhD Headache Fellowship, Mass General Brigham and Harvard Medicine

Mina Chelsea Youn, MD Stroke Fellowship, NYU Grossman School of Medicine

Brooklyn Track Graduates 2024

Raissa Aoun, MD Multiple Sclerosis Fellowship, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai

Nicholas Mulchan, MD Vascular Neurology Fellowship, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai

Lindsay Tetreault, MD, PhD Neuromuscular Fellowship, Mass General Brigham and Harvard Medicine

Doris Xia, DO Epilepsy Fellowship, NYU Grossman School of Medicine

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Manhattan Graduates 2023

Omar Akhand, MD General Neurology

Hannah Conn, MD Movement Disorders Fellowship, Baylor College of Medicine

Andrew Day, MD Headache Fellowship, Georgetown University

Alexander Fein, MD Neuro-Ophthalmology Fellowship, NYU Grossman School of Medicine

Daniel Gratch, MD Multiple Sclerosis Fellowship, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai

Hannah Irvine Russell, MD Vascular Neurology Fellowship, NYU Grossman School of Medicine

Yuan Ji, MD Headache Fellowship, Montefiore Einstein

Jonathan Rosenthal, MD Neurophysiology/Epilepsy Fellowship, Weill Cornell

Isaac Teboul, MD Vascular Neurology Fellowship, NYU Grossman School of Medicine

Betsy Thomas, MD Movement Disorders Fellowship, NYU Grossman School of Medicine

Sandie Worley, MD Movement Disorders Fellowship, Columbia University

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Taolin Fang, MD, PhD Neurocritical Care Fellowship, Cedars-Sinai

George Park, DO Neuro-Ophthalmology Fellowship, NYU Grossman School of Medicine

Megan Trenz, DO Headache Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh