



Internal Medicine Residency  
NYU Grossman School of Medicine

# Internal Medicine PGY-3 Profiles 2023-2024



## **Evgeniya Rakitina, MD (PGY-3)**

Track: Tisch-Kimmel Categorical Track  
Medical School: University of Miami

Why NYU? Extremely diverse patient population; three distinct hospital sites to rotate in. I'm a first-generation immigrant and this was super important for me when I was choosing a program to land. Plus you've got all the perks of living in the city.

Biography: Originally from Russia, but lived in Miami, Florida for the past 13 years. Now enjoying my time in the city, living in Gramercy Park. I love to explore the city: parks, theaters, museums, events... you name it. I'm also a big fitness enthusiast, so you'll find me working out the sweat in the gym most days of the week. I enjoy playing the piano and drawing portraits of my friends on the rainy days.

Future Career Plans: I'm planning on a career as a hospitalist/primary care doctor. Teaching, traveling and doing research are at the core of what I see for my future!



## **Anthony Skyrd, MD (PGY-3)**

Track: Bellevue Hospital Center Categorical Track  
Medical School: University of Miami

Why NYU? I chose NYU for the extremely diverse patient population that we are privileged to take care of across three different hospital systems. The clinical training, academic rigor, research opportunities, and mission to provide world class care to anyone while at Bellevue, NYU, or the VA has helped me grow as a physician. Working with so many supportive faculty, residents, and friends that share similar values has been very rewarding.

Biography: I grew up in Tampa, Florida and lived in Miami, FL during my medical school years. I love running, hiking, traveling, skiing, reading in Central Park, and Florida sports (Go Gators and Canes!!). In New York, I love to see Broadway shows, stand-up comedy bars, and scoping out the best pizza in the city.

Future Career Plans: I see a future in Gastroenterology and have interests in inflammatory bowel disease clinical practice and research. Hopefully one day I will find a way to pair these interests in an academic medical center, given my interest in medical education.



## **Ezra Bernstein, MD (PGY-3)**

Track: Tisch-Kimmel Categorical Track  
Medical School: University of California-Los Angeles

Why NYU? The four plus two schedule allows us plenty of time to pursue research and/or other interests in and outside of medicine. Having the most well known public hospital in Bellevue, one of the top private hospitals in the country in Tisch/Kimmel as well as the VA allows you the opportunity to learn in three very different environments and work with three very different patient populations. Since the NYU program is so large it is very easy to trade with other people so you can get more experience in the hospital that you enjoy training in the most.

Biography: I was born in Buffalo and currently live in Williamsburg (Brooklyn). I bike to work every day and love it. It is also only 15-20 minutes on the ferry or the subway. I am interested in oncology, so I am involved in several research projects. I also love playing tennis, playing with my dogs, and hanging out with friends. And, of course, I love exploring the many amazing restaurants in the city.

Future Career Plans: I am planning on applying into hematology/oncology for fellowship. I hope to be involved in clinical research, particularly involving immunotherapy and some of the novel treatment modalities that are rapidly becoming available to us.



## **Shahroz Fatima, MD (PGY-3)**

Track: Tisch-Kimmel Categorical Track  
Medical School: Washington University in St. Louis

Why NYU? When considering residency programs, I wanted a program that balanced a variety of pathologies with good program support and NYU provides both of those things and more. Getting to train at 3 different hospital systems within 10 blocks of each other in the heart of Manhattan surrounded by the most supportive colleagues has been an amazing experience I would not trade!

Biography: I was born in Kolkata, India and moved to the US at the age of 10. We moved around a lot but I consider Philadelphia, PA my hometown. Currently I live in the Kips Bay area in NYU housing. I love to cook and bake as well as try new restaurants, particularly the multitude of amazing ice cream shops with my free time!

Future Career Plans: I am interested in pursuing a career in Gastroenterology and thus plan on doing a GI fellowship after residency.



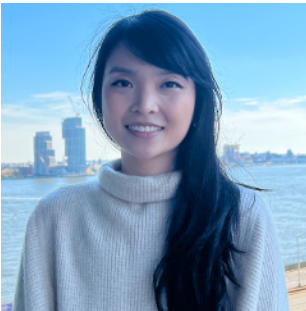
## **Tahir Malik (PGY-3)**

Track: Tisch-Kimmel Categorical Track  
Medical School: Baylor College of Medicine

Why NYU? I chose NYU primarily because of the culture here. The residents here look after one another and here for one another if times are tough. Although, culture was the primary reason for choosing NYU, I also was looking forward the opportunities (research, global health, etc.) present here. And lastly (and as importantly!), I was stoked about living in NYC. NYC is a unique, lovely, and vibrant place! It feels great to step into the city after a good day of work!

Biography: I'm from Houston, TX, and I live in Kips Bay (near the hospitals). Kips Bay has a good balance of restaurants to try and places to go out while still remaining a quiet neighborhood. It's about a 10-minute walk from the 6 train (which will take you anywhere you wanna go!). In my free time, I'm running or longboarding around the city, trying new restaurants, or going to the Comedy Cellar!

Future Career Plans: The goal is to go into Pulmonary Critical Care, and I have interest in data science oriented research (currently studying the lung microbiome) and also in global health!



## **Jacky Wang, MD (PGY-3)**

Track: Bellevue Hospital Center Categorical Track  
Medical School: Case Western Reserve University

Why NYU? I was drawn to NYU because of the opportunity to be able to take care of patients of unparalleled diversity and backgrounds amongst our three sites of NYU, Bellevue, and the VA, which stand side by side all on the same street.

Biography: I grew up in Houston, Texas and currently live right next to the hospitals in Kips Bay! In my free time, I enjoy exploring new neighborhoods and restaurants with friends, running along the East River, playing ukulele, and watching movies or checking out Broadway shows with my husband, with whom I couples matched and is also at NYU for neurosurgery residency!

Future Career Plans: I plan on pursuing a fellowship in hematology-oncology and am also interested in medical education.



## Waqas Haque (PGY-3)

Track: Clinical Investigator Track  
Medical School: University of Texas Southwestern

Why NYU? The three hospital system has afforded me the opportunity to treat three different patient populations and understand different methods for improving their health outcomes. In addition, being in the Clinical Investigator Track allowed me to connect with research mentors early on in residency. The 4+2 schedule offers enormous flexibility to tailor my residency experience to my career goals.

Biography: I was born in Karachi, Pakistan and raised in Dallas, Texas. Now live in Kips Bay. I absolutely love to explore new coffee shops and South Asian restaurants. I'm an avid reader of anything nonfiction, am always keeping up with the Dallas Cowboys, study Urdu and Islamic bioethics, listen to a myriad of podcasts, dive deep into the world of random business ideas.

Future Career Plans: Using my clinical expertise to leverage new paths forward in biotech or care delivery innovation!

