



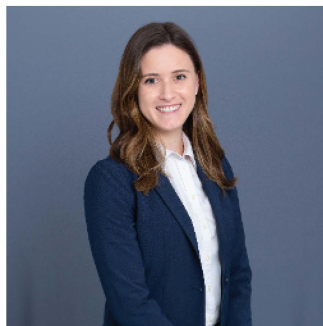
Rusk Rehabilitation - Physical
Medicine and Rehabilitation

Residents and Alumni

Meet the current residents in the Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Residency at NYU Langone's Rusk Rehabilitation.

Chief Residents

Class of 2024



Elizabeth Callahan, DO

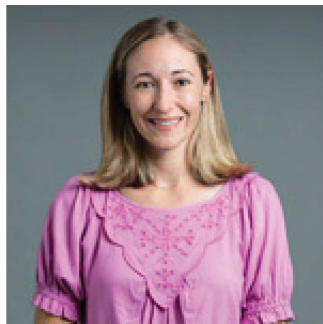
Hometown: Northport, New York

Medical school: Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine

Areas of interest: sports medicine, women's sports medicine, injury prevention, and pain management

Hobbies: running, skiing, learning how to golf, and cooking

Why I chose NYU Langone: The program's well-rounded training opportunities, history, supportive faculty, and collaborative culture among residents.



Leigh Graziano, DO

Hometown: Tampa, Florida

Medical school: Alabama College of Osteopathic Medicine

Areas of interest: general rehabilitation, traumatic brain injury, and spinal cord injury

Hobbies: mountain biking, road cycling, visiting museums, reading fiction and The New Yorker magazine, kayaking, and hiking

Why I chose NYU Langone: The program offers outstanding training in general physiatry and brain injury medicine, comprehensive clinical rotations, and world-class academic resources. The optional acupuncture track is also a unique facet of the program that provides residents with the opportunity to learn a valuable clinical skill.



Jason Kessler, MD

Hometown: Pleasanton, California

Medical school: University of Michigan Medical School

Areas of interest: interventional pain and sports medicine

Hobbies: weightlifting, basketball, and exploring New York City

Why I chose NYU Langone: I got great vibes from my interview. Faculty and residents were approachable, and I wanted to experience living in New York City. I knew that training at NYU Langone would be like playing on "hard" difficulty, but I welcome the challenge and will graduate here with tremendous proficiency and confidence.



Siulam Koo, DO

Hometown: Brooklyn, New York

Medical school: New York Institute of Technology College of Osteopathic Medicine

Areas of interest: traumatic brain injury and general rehabilitation

Hobbies: badminton, swimming, hiking, and video games

Why I chose NYU Langone: The program offers an incredibly diverse patient population and a wide range of educational opportunities that I am eager to explore. The food scene here is also unparalleled.



Ariane Osterwald, DO

Hometown: Allentown, Pennsylvania

Medical school: Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine

Areas of interest: connective tissue diseases, prosthetics and orthotics, and pediatrics

Hobbies: baking, cooking, gardening, orchids, sewing, knitting, crocheting, and soccer

Why I chose NYU Langone: One of the best and oldest programs with an immense history in the field of rehabilitation medicine. Located within a wonderful city with immense resources to help care for patients. Faculty, staff, and colleagues are intelligent, hard-working, and dedicated to creating an atmosphere that benefits the patients and the entire care team.



Julia Tsinberg, MD

Hometown: West Bloomfield, Michigan

Medical school: Wayne State University School of Medicine

Areas of interest: sports and spine medicine and pain management

Hobbies: traveling, spending time with family, going to museums, exploring the city, and watching old movies

Why I chose NYU Langone: Well-rounded training at a historic institution and living in one-of-a-kind New York City.

Class of 2024



Dian Bueno Gonzalez, DO

Hometown: Montevideo, Uruguay, and Richmond, Virginia

Medical school: Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine-Virginia

Areas of interest: sports medicine, spine, and interventional pain management

Hobbies: traveling, soccer, hiking, live music, and dancing

Why I chose NYU Langone: Great residents and a strong reputation in the best city in the world. Also, the diverse patient population from different ethnicities and backgrounds.



Christopher Doh, DO

Hometown: Tarrytown, New York

Medical school: Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine, Seton Hill

Areas of interest: pain medicine, interventional sports and spine, and musculoskeletal ultrasound

Hobbies: golf, Netflix, and the gym

Why I chose NYU Langone: Strong residency with high amounts of exposure to all types of rehab cases. Also, it's New York City. Tons of opportunities to meet new people, eat world-class food, and broaden your horizon as a person. Really a place to become a better human being.



Elijah How, DO

Hometown: Arlington, Texas

Medical school: Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine

Areas of interest: sports medicine, and general physiatry

Hobbies: running, basketball, listening to podcasts, museums, and meditation

Why I chose NYU Langone: For the opportunity to treat a diverse patient population, to learn at a storied institution, and to experience New York City.



Zuhair Khan, DO

Hometown: Manhattan, New York

Medical school: New York Institute of Technology College of Osteopathic Medicine

Areas of interest: sports, and sports and spine

Hobbies: reading, cooking, hiking, playing football, and voluntarily suffering as a Mets fan

Why I chose NYU Langone: Training with a group of faculty with a range of expertise and depth of experience, treating patients from every background, and getting to live 20 minutes from where I grew up.



Danni Lu, MD

Hometown: Saratoga Springs, New York

Medical school: Stony Brook University School of Medicine

Areas of interest: sports medicine, pain, and ultrasound

Hobbies: golf, cooking, and sourdough bread making

Why I chose NYU Langone: You get to work with a diverse population with world-class training in one of the most culturally-rich cities in the world..



Jessica Rivetz, MD

Hometown: Dix Hills, New York

Medical school: Albany Medical College

Areas of interest: brain injury, sports, and acupuncture

Hobbies: true crime, travel, cooking, and music—I was a jazz vocalist in college before switching to acapella in medical school

Why I chose NYU Langone: New York City. Large program that allows for greatest diversity of thought and experience. Acupuncture track. Brain injury and sports fellowships. Birthplace of physical medicine and rehabilitation. Amazing culture among residents and attendings. Breadth and depth of training and exposure.

Class of 2025



Matthew Glenn, MD

Hometown: Jamaica (the island) and Bronx, New York

Medical school: NYU Grossman School of Medicine

Areas of interest: cardiopulmonary rehabilitation, health disparities, acupuncture, and interventional research

Hobbies: playing and watching tennis, cooking, horticulture, and travel

Why I chose NYU Langone: Located in New York City near friends and family, and attendings who share similar interests and were happy to foster mine.



Harrison Haiden, DO

Hometown: Hampden, Maine

Medical school: Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine–Bradenton

Areas of interest: interventional pain management, sports and spine, electrodiagnostics, and traumatic brain injury

Hobbies: DJing techno/house music, weightlifting, music festivals, outdoor activities, hiking, camping, and skiing

Why I chose NYU Langone: NYU was one of the institutes that pioneered physical medicine and rehabilitation, so after I decided on the field it was an easy pick. I get to live in New York City with endless new restaurants and places to explore, and I get to train at one of the top-rated institutions in the world. On top of all that, there's a strong community between the residents where everyone looks out for each other, and I really appreciate that.



Lucinda Kendall, DO

Hometown: Monterey, California

Medical school: Touro University California

Areas of interest: spine, SCI, and research

Hobbies: food, dogs, traveling, board games, and hiking

Why I chose NYU Langone: I wanted to train at a supportive institution that would provide me with the resources needed to become an excellent physiatrist.



Christopher Lee, DO

Hometown: Irvine, California

Medical school: Western University College of Osteopathic Medicine

Areas of interest: musculoskeletal, spine, and pain medicine

Hobbies: powerlifting, bouldering, bingeing anime and The Bachelor and The Bachelorette

Why I chose NYU Langone: The opportunity to grow both professionally and personally in a strong well-rounded program nestled in the heart of world's most storied city.



Max Lee, MD

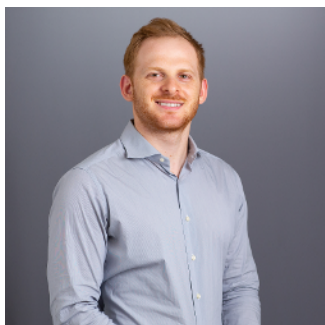
Hometown: Dix Hills, New York

Medical school: Albert Einstein College of Medicine

Areas of interest: sports medicine, ultrasound, and acupuncture

Hobbies: cooking, reading, camping, and self-motivation YouTube videos sometimes followed by a casual weightlifting session

Why I chose NYU Langone: Great vibes on interview day, and really appreciated the balance between the chaos of New York City and the zen-like aura of Dr. Moroz.



Lawrence Markel, DO

Hometown: Brooklyn, New York

Medical school: New York Institute of Technology College Of Osteopathic Medicine

Areas of interest: sports, interventional spine, and pain management

Hobbies: billiards, tennis, and traveling

Why I chose NYU Langone: Receiving rehab training in one of the greatest cities in the world and one of the greatest hospitals felt like a dream.



Jasmine Mavani, MD

Hometown: Allentown, Pennsylvania

Medical school: Lewis Katz School of Medicine at Temple University

Areas of interest: general physiatry, neuromuscular, and SCI

Hobbies: traveling, swimming, photography, planning celebrations, and spending time with friends and family

Why I chose NYU Langone: I wanted to experience living in New York City, and this program has a very helpful and supportive culture. I knew I would graduate from here with amazing clinical training and have access to plenty of resources to take the best care of the diverse population.



Kishan Patel, DO

Hometown: Marlton, New Jersey

Medical school: Rowan University School of Osteopathic Medicine

Areas of interest: sports, sports and spine, musculoskeletal ultrasound, acupuncture, regenerative medicine, and osteopathic manipulative medicine

Hobbies: grocery shopping, film soundtracks and scores, happy hours, traveling, karaoke, and sporting events

Why I chose NYU Langone: I wanted to train as a well-rounded physiatrist while living in one of the best cities in the world. This program gives me the opportunity to grow as a person, stay well-fed, and achieve my career goals. Leadership & residents were very approachable during my virtual elective!



Navi Plaha, DO

Hometown: Hillsborough, New Jersey

Medical school: New York Institute of Technology College of Osteopathic Medicine

Areas of interest: pain, sports, and spine medicine

Hobbies: binge watching Netflix, playing with my dog, trying out new restaurants, and reading

Why I chose NYU Langone: I wanted to get world-class clinical training at an institution with supportive faculty that take care of an incredibly diverse and underserved population. NYU Langone gave me all of that, in the best city on earth.



Monika Schmitt, DO

Hometown: Whitehall, Michigan

Medical school: Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine, Fort Worth, Texas

Areas of interest: pain, acupuncture, and osteopathic manipulative medicine

Hobbies: spending time with my husband and our two rabbits

Why I chose NYU Langone: When I applied to residency, I looked for a program that would prepare me for anything. NYU Langone does that by providing training with diverse populations and settings including private, public, and the VA NY Harbor Healthcare System. Moreover, NYU Langone has exceptional opportunities for mentorship, research, and procedure training including training in acupuncture.



Navjot Singh, MD

Hometown: Milltown, New Jersey

Medical school: Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School

Areas of interest: minimally invasive interventional spine procedures, sports medicine, and orthopedic pain management

Hobbies: basketball, rooftops, motorcycles, percussion, and drones

Why I chose NYU Langone: I chose to train at NYU Langone for its reputable mentorship, camaraderie amongst residents, emphasis on academia, and supportive faculty and staff. I also happen to love the diverse patient population and wide array of pathology New York City has to offer.



Jennifer Zhu, DO

Hometown: Brooklyn, New York

Medical school: New York Institute of Technology College of Osteopathic Medicine

Areas of interest: pediatrics, ultrasound, and general rehabilitation

Hobbies: cooking and baking, arts and crafts and DIY, video and board games, hiking, and exploring and traveling

Why I chose NYU Langone: To serve a diverse population with a wealth of exposure to all the facets of physical medicine and rehabilitation, while attaining quality education and training at a renowned institution in a city that never sleeps.

Class of 2026



Dylan Banks, MD

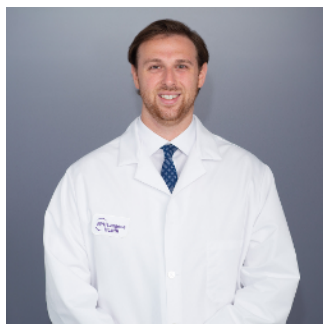
Hometown: Cape Cod, MA

Medical school: Creighton University School of Medicine

Areas of interest: Medical education, pain medicine, sports medicine, ultrasound, regenerative medicine

Hobbies: Traveling, finding ramen restaurants, enjoying local craft beer, surfing, snowboarding, playing tennis and just about any other intramural sport with friends.

Why I chose NYU Langone: NYU offered the opportunity to train at a leading rehabilitation program and to learn from experts in each of the field's subspecialties. I felt confident that training at NYU would provide a fantastic foundation for my career in physiatry. I also wanted the unique experience of being a resident in New York City.



Brandon Burg, DO

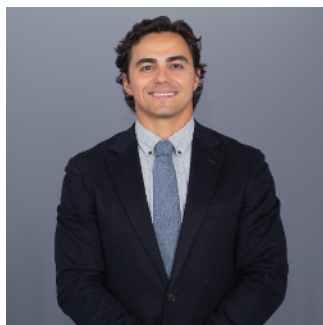
Hometown: Syosset, NY

Medical school: New York Institute of Technology College of Osteopathic Medicine

Areas of interest: Sports Medicine, Traumatic Brain Injury, Cancer Rehab

Hobbies: Boating, Volleyball, Golf, Cycling

Why I chose NYU Langone: I chose NYU Langone because I wanted the opportunity to train at a renowned academic center. The program offers extensive and diverse training in all aspects of PM&R which will help me become the strong physiatrist I desire to be.



Christopher Chiodo Ortiz, MD

Hometown: Ambler, PA, and NYC. But, I have lived in 7 different states.

Medical school: University of Toledo College of Medicine

Areas of interest: Pain Medicine, Interventional Musculoskeletal Rehabilitation, Sports Medicine, MSK Ultrasound

Hobbies: Live music, movies, traveling, snowboarding, and other outdoor activities.

Why I chose NYU Langone: To learn and grow as a physiatrist under exceptional leadership at a world-class institution, and to live in the greatest city in the world with friends and loved ones.



Hasan Entwistle, MD

Hometown: Cochabamba, Bolivia

Medical school: Meharry Medical College, Nashville TN

Areas of interest: Neuromuscular, sports, and pain medicine

Hobbies: Running (trails>street), bouldering, live music, playing electric/acoustic guitar, hiking to summit peaks, finding new speakeasies, exploring cities for street art.

Why I chose NYU Langone: To continue growing as a caring and compassionate physician at a high caliber institution while 1) gaining exposure to the many facets of rehabilitation medicine, 2) serving a highly diverse patient population and 3) learning alongside dedicated and education-oriented faculty.



David Jevotovsky, MD

Hometown: Rochester, NY

Medical school: NYU Grossman School of Medicine

Areas of interest: Sports, Pain, Spine, EMG

Hobbies: traveling to new places, exploring new NYC restaurants, hiking, learning Portuguese

Why I chose NYU Langone: It was an easy choice to stay at the institution that hooked me onto the field in the first place!



Blake Jones, DO

Hometown: Walnut Creek, CA

Medical school: West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine

Areas of interest: MSK Ultrasound, Assistive Technology, Regenerative Medicine, Sports Medicine

Hobbies: Cooking, Coffee, exploring NYC, spending time in nature

Why I chose NYU Langone: To be at a program with the resources and expertise to explore all areas of physiatry and learn in a diverse and supportive environment with historical excellence.



Stanley Kailath, DO

Hometown: Mahwah, NJ

Medical school: New York Institute of Technology School of Osteopathic Medicine

Areas of interest: Musculoskeletal ultrasound, regenerative medicine, pain management

Hobbies: Arsenal football club, trying different restaurants, anime

Why I chose NYU Langone: Great training, great teachers, happy residents, acupuncture program



Erica Kwong, MD

Hometown: Queens, NY

Medical school: Albert Einstein College of Medicine

Areas of interest: stroke rehab, pain medicine, ultrasound, and acupuncture

Hobbies: playing board games, going to zumba classes, trying new restaurants, and getting bubble tea

Why I chose NYU Langone: I did an away rotation here and loved my experience. NYU offers amazing training, a diverse patient population, and a supportive community of faculty & residents.



Margaret Martinez, DO

Hometown: River Vale, NJ

Medical school: Rowan University School of Osteopathic Medicine

Areas of interest: Sports and spine medicine, MSK, TBI, research, education

Hobbies: Yoga, dance, learning to golf, traveling, hiking, finding new restaurants spots

Why I chose NYU Langone: NYU is a well-rounded program with fantastic faculty and world-class facilities. The location is fantastic, and I was excited by the opportunity to be involved in unique opportunities like acupuncture and dance medicine.



Chun Maung, DO

Hometown: Queens, New York

Medical school: New York Institute of Technology College Of Osteopathic Medicine

Areas of interest: Sports, interventional spine, acupuncture, brain injuries, technology

Hobbies: Watching sports, gaming, anime, photography, traveling, and eating too much

Why I chose NYU Langone: Top notch institution for rehabilitation medicine that encompasses the idea of personalized and holistic care. Unique acupuncture track. Great resident community. And New York City is a special place to both train and live in.



Hoa Pham, MD

Hometown: Jersey City, NJ

Medical school: Rutgers New Jersey Medical School

Areas of interest: Neuromuscular disease, neurorehabilitation

Hobbies: Piano, musical composition, video games, hiking, swimming, chess, K-dramas

Why I chose NYU Langone: A storied, influential institution for physiatry, and an academic powerhouse. Diverse patient population in a city I love, all while being so close to my family and friends. I couldn't ask for more.



Frederick Williams, MD

Hometown: Chicago, IL

Medical school: UCLA/Charles R. Drew University

Areas of interest: Pain, Sports, Amputation Rehab, Spasticity Medicine, Ultrasound

Hobbies: Watching & Playing Basketball, Lifting, Exploring the city's best restaurants, Playing Nintendo Video Games, Watching Broadway Shows

Why I chose NYU Langone: Incredible training that will prepare me for all facets of this dynamic field, supportive faculty, and the opportunity to serve one of the most diverse patient populations within one of the most storied cities in the world.

Recent Alumni & Post Residency Life

Graduated 2023

Vaibhav Batheja, DO

ACGME-accredited University of Virginia Pain Medicine Fellowship

Christopher Bekampis, DO

Private Practice (The Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Center in NJ)

Arielle Berkowitz, DO

ACGME-accredited Hackensack Meridian JFK Johnson Rehabilitation Institute Brain Injury Medicine Fellowship

Krupali Chokshi, MD

ACGME-accredited Ichan School of Medicine at Mount Sinai Pain Medicine Fellowship

Jacob Hattenbach, DO

Michigan Medicine, University of Michigan Interventional Spine Fellowship

Eric Kessler, MD

ACGME-accredited Montefiore Einstein, Albert Einstein College of Medicine Sports Medicine Fellowship

Benjamin Klyachman, DO

ACGME-accredited NYU Grossman School of Medicine Pain Medicine Fellowship

Jing Lin, MD

ACGME-accredited Kessler Institute for Rehabilitation Brain Injury Medicine Fellowship

Susan Liu, DO

Clinical Instructor with NYU Rego Park

Martin Pico, MD

ACGME-accredited Emory University School of Medicine Pain Medicine Fellowship

Brian Sunwoo, DO

UCLA Health Interventional Spine Fellowship

Christopher Yih, DO

ACGME-accredited UC San Diego School of Medicine Pain Medicine Fellowship

Graduated 2022

Forrest Brooks, MD

ACGME-accredited Hospice and Palliative Medicine Fellowship, NYU Grossman School of Medicine

Emma Desjardins, DO

ACGME-accredited Sports Medicine Fellowship, Burke Rehabilitation Hospital

James Healy, DO

Osteopathic Neuromuscular Medicine Fellowship, Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine

Haruki Ishii, MD

ACGME-accredited Sports Medicine Fellowship, NYU Grossman School of Medicine

Ethan Koch, MD

Practicing at Inspired Spine

Christopher Kyriakides, DO

Interventional Spine Fellowship, Regenerative SportsCare Institute

Francis Lee, DO

Sports and Spine Fellowship, Jordan-Young Institute

Michael Pico, MD

ACGME-accredited Pain Medicine Fellowship, Montefiore Medical Center

Milan Ristic, DO

Interventional Spine Fellowship, University of Michigan

Brendan Skeehan, DO

NASS Sports and Spine Fellowship, University of Rochester

William Tsai, MD

ACGME-accredited Brain Injury Medicine Fellowship, NYU Grossman School of Medicine

Yingrong Zhu, MD

Cancer Rehabilitation Fellowship, University of Miami

Graduated 2021

Malaka Badri, DO

Pain Fellowship, Center for Advanced Pain Management and Rehabilitation

Zachary Belford, DO

ACGME-accredited Pain Medicine Fellowship, University of Minnesota

Andrew Duarte, MD

ACGME-accredited Pain Medicine Fellowship, USF Morsani College of Medicine

Richard Ellis, MD

Academic practice, NYC Health + Hospitals/Bellevue

Jennifer Horng, MD

Academic practice, NYC Health + Hospitals/Woodhull

Jordan Hui, DO

Interventional Spine and Musculoskeletal Medicine Fellowship, Cleveland Clinic

Jaimie John, MD

Spinal Cord Injury Medicine Fellowship, Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital/Harvard Medical School

Rosa Pasculli, MD, MBA

Sports Medicine Fellowship, Emory University

Emily Ryan-Michailidis, DO

Practicing at National Health Rehabilitation

Fabienne Saint-Preux, MD

ACGME-accredited Pain Medicine Fellowship, University of Texas Health Sciences Center/MD Anderson Cancer Center

Anna Weingart, MD

Practicing at Berkshire Health Systems

Perry Zelinger, MD

Interventional Spine and Musculoskeletal Medicine Fellowship, OSS Health