

UMMS House Specialty Advisors Listing (HSA's)

- Below is a list of House Specialty Advisors (HSA) who were selected because they were highly recommended for this role.
- Search "*Find a Physician*" <http://physicians.umassmemorial.org/?> to open the page in the physician directory. Clicking "Physician Profile" will show information about the Advisor's educational background, certifications, clinical interests, etc.
- Clicking on the envelope  adjacent to the Specialty Advisor's name will open an e-mail to that Specialty Advisor.
- Students may ask any faculty member to serve as their Specialty Advisor. They need not restrict their choice to the particular Specialty Advisor designated for their house. However, for those students who do not know physicians in a field they have interest in, their House Specialty Advisor should serve as a first contact.
- All Specialty Advisors have been randomly assigned to one of the Houses just like students and House Mentors have been. When Specialty Advisors are listed in more than one House, they are the Specialty Advisors for each House in which they are listed, but they are a **member** of only the House in which their name appears in **blue font**.
- Observerships: to shadow a physician in a particular field, contact the HSA and inquire if it would be possible to shadow them. Offer to schedule a meeting with the HSA first if they prefer meet you before seeing patients together. Remember, there is no such thing as a typical day in the life of a doctor, so ideally shadow 2-4 times before making judgments about a specialty. Try to find time to interview the HSA about their work (see informational interview questions). ***Yellow highlighted specialties (dermatology and hematology/oncology) do not schedule observerships through House Specialty Advisors. For observerships in these fields, contact Debra Leger in student affairs. Debra.Leger@umassmed.edu**

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UMMS Learning Communities House Specialty Advisors

House Department	Blackstone House	Burncoat House	Kelley House	Quinsigamond House	Tatnuck House
Anesthesiology	Mark Dershwitz 	Antonio Aponte 	Elle Duduch 	Ronald Rubin 	Theo Matheos 
Dermatology (No Observerships)	John Harris 	Leah Belazarian 	Dori Goldberg 	Mary Maloney 	Mark Scharf 
Emergency Medicine	John Broach 	Mary-Elise Smith  Richard Church 	Michelle Mendoza  Ameer Ibrahim 	Mark Bisanzo 	Martin Reznick 
Family Medicine	James Ledwith_  Katharine Barnard 	Frank Domino  Melanie Gnazzo 	Stacy Potts_  Robert Baldor_ 	Ron Adler_  Allison Hargreaves_ 	Stephanie Carter-Henry  Phil Bolduc 
Geriatrics	Jerry Gurwitz_ 	Catherine DuBeau_ 	Erika Oleson_ 	Gary Blanchard_ 	Zahra Sheikh_ 
Hospital Medicine	Maria Garcia_  Majid Yazdani_ 	Christine Donahue_ 	Neil Tyrrell  Kim Eisenstock 	Rick Forster_  Nidhi Chojar_ 	Patricia Seymour 
IM-Primary Care	Howard Sachs_ 	Mary O'Brien_ 	Elizabeth Murphy 	Allen Chang 	Mary Hawthorne_ 
IM-Cardiology	Dennis Tighe_  Craig Smith_ 	Brigid Carlson 	Kevin Floyd_ 	Dave McManus_ 	Gerry Aurigemma  Naomi Botkin_ 

IM-Endocrinology	Heather Elias 	Mira Sofia Torres 	Mira Sofia Torres 	Heather Elias 	Mira Sofia Torres 
IM-Gastroenterology	Curtis Barry_ 	Dmitry Finkelberg_ 	Chris Marshall_ 	John Levey_ 	Wahid Wassef_ 
IM-Hematology/Oncology (No Observerships)	Kathryn Edmiston_ 	Alan Rosmarin_  Doreen Brettler_ 	Glen Raffel 	Neil Kluger_  Vijay Kasturi_ 	James Liebmann_  Tasneem Ali_ 
IM-Infectious Disease	Richard Ellison_ 	Steven Hatch 	Mireya Wessolossky_ 	Gail Scully_ 	Jennifer Daly_ 
IM-Nephrology	Bernie (Marie) DelRosario 	David Clive 	Jeffrey Stoff 	Jason Kurland 	Jahan Montague 
IM-Pulmonary Medicine /Critical Care	Nick Smyrnios_ 	Andres Sosa 	Peter Bagley_ 	Paulo Oliveira_  Bruce Greenberg_ 	Mitra Ghasemi_ 
IM-Rheumatology	Katherine Upchurch_ 	Deborah DeMarco_ 	Peggy Wu 	Jonathan Kay_ 	Nancy Liu_ 
Medicine/Pediatrics	Laura Gibson_ 	Dave Fish_ 	Tatiana Hamawi 	Erin O'Hara_ 	John McCahan_ 
Neurology	Ann Mitchell_ 	Peter Riskind_ 	Lan Qin 	Edward Ginns_ 	Jordan Eisenstock_ 
Neurosurgery	John Weaver_ 	Oguz Cataltepe_ 	Frits Pennings_ 	Gerald McGillicuddy 	Richard Moser_ 
Obstetrics & Gynecology	Petra Belady_ 	Katherine Callaghan 	Tiffany Moore Simas 	Julia Johnson_ 	Anne Garrison_ 
Occupational Medicine					
Ophthalmology	Jeremy Meltzer 	Frank McCabe  Sara Mahony 	Olga Ceron 	Sriranjani Padmanabhan 	David Hinkle 
Orthopedics	Mark Kraus 	Nick Deangelis_ 	David Ayers_ 	Marci Jones_ 	Michael Stauff 

Otolaryngology	Sarah Seo 📧	Daniel Kim 📧	Daniel Kim 📧	Sarah Seo 📧	Sarah Seo 📧
Palliative Medicine	Christina Fitch 📧	Laura Lambert 📧	Suzana Makowski_ 📧	Vandana Nagpal 📧	Jen Reidy 📧
Pathology	Vijay Vanguri_ 📧	Ediz Cosar_ 📧	Christopher Owens_ 📧	Dina Kandil_ 📧	Otto Walter 📧
Pediatrics (General)	Peter Sell 📧	Trish McQuilkin_ 📧	Neil Tyrrell_ 📧	Anne Powell_ 📧	Lloyd Fisher 📧
Pediatrics (Subspecialties)	Mike Fahey_ 📧 (<u>cardiology</u>)	Ann Salerno_ 📧 (<u>nephrology</u>)	Scot Bateman_ 📧 (<u>critical care</u>)	Tina Hermos_ 📧 (<u>infectious disease</u>)	Matt Shields 📧 (gastroenterology)
Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation	David Mazin_ 📧	Jennifer Baima 📧	Faren Williams_ 📧	Minjin Fromm 📧	Trista Brown_ 📧
Plastic Surgery	Janice Lalikos_ 📧	Raymond Dunn_ 📧	Janice Lalikos_ 📧	Janice Lalikos_ 📧	Douglas Rothkopf_ 📧
Preventative Medicine	Jackie Coghlin-Strom 📧	Jackie Coghlin-Strom 📧	Jackie Coghlin-Strom 📧	Jackie Coghlin-Strom 📧	Jackie Coghlin-Strom 📧
Psychiatry	Sheldon Benjamin_ 📧	Mary Ahn 📧	Yael Dvir_ 📧	Dan Kirsch 📧	Mai-Lan Rogoff 📧 Marie Hobart_ 📧
Radiation Oncology	M. Giulia Cicchetti_ 📧	David Goff_ 📧	Rick Pieters_ 📧	Shirin Sioshansi_ 📧	TJ FitzGerald_ 📧
Radiology	Dennis Coughlin_ 📧	Carolynn Debenedectis 📧	Christine Wallace_ 📧	Joe Makris_ 📧	Andre Chen_ 📧
Surgery-General	Anne Larkin_ 📧 Don Czerniach_ 📧	Laura Lambert 📧 Karim Alavi_ 📧	John J. Kelly_ 📧 Brian Sweeney_ 📧	Michael Hirsh_ 📧 Jennifer LaFemina 📧	Ulises Torres_ 📧 Mitchell Cahan_ 📧
Urology	Paula Bellin_ 📧	Jennifer Yates 📧	Michael Wollin_ 📧	Mitchell Sokoloff 📧	Pam Ellsworth 📧

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AAMC CiM - Informational Interview Questions

Following are questions you might consider asking a practitioner to get more information on the specialties you are considering:



1. How did you choose this specialty?
2. Why did you choose the specialty?
3. What do you like most about the specialty?
4. What do you like least about the specialty?
5. What are the various practice settings for this specialty?
6. What are some of the hot topics or challenges for physicians in this specialty?
7. What are the most important attributes that program directors may be seeking for future physicians in this specialty?
8. How do you balance your career with the rest of your life?
9. What are the salary ranges for residencies/entry-level positions? (also midlevel/senior level positions)?
10. What unique or unadvertised specialty associations and local contacts exist?
11. Are there other recommendations you would make to a new physician considering this specialty?
12. What attributes do you think are important in anyone considering this specialty?
13. If you had it to do over again would you choose this specialty? Why or why not?
14. Who else would you suggest I speak with? May I let them know you referred me?