

Our Residents

Saint Joseph Internal Medicine Residency Program

Class of 2027



Nicole Bonfig, MD

Hometown: St. Paul, MN

Medical School: University of Minnesota Medical School

Future Career Goals: My differential is still pretty broad, including hospitalist vs ID vs critical care

Favorite Denver Activity: Running in Cheeseman Park

If I weren't a doctor, I would be... a competitive Scrabble player



Lauren Falkenberg, MD

Hometown: Fairfax, VA

Medical School: University of Cincinnati

Future Career Goals: Academic Hospitalist

Favorite Denver Activity: Skiing / Salsa Dancing!

If I weren't a doctor, I would be...a Novelist or Historian



Cason Heier, DO

Hometown: Sioux Falls, SD

Medical School: Rocky Vista University College of Osteopathic Medicine - Southern Utah Campus

Future Career Goals: Hospital medicine

Favorite Denver Activity: Going to the nearby mountains to hike or mountain bike, breweries, coffee shops!

If I weren't a doctor, I would be...a grounds crew member of an MLB stadium. Nothing better than a perfectly mowed field!



Parker Howe, DO

Hometown: Salt Lake City, Utah

Medical School: Kansas City University College of Osteopathic Medicine - Joplin

Future Career Goals: Hematology/Oncology vs. Primary Care/Hospitalist

Favorite Denver Activity: Hiking and riding bikes along the many urban trails

If I weren't a doctor, I would be... a Journalist covering health and science



Brooke Koehn, MD

Hometown: Plymouth, Wisconsin

Medical School: Medical College of Wisconsin

Future Career Goals: Hospitalist

Favorite Denver Activity: Hiking with my pup

If I weren't a doctor, I would be ... cookie shop owner



Peyton Munch, DO

Hometown: Hannibal, MO

Medical School: Marian University COM

Future Career Goals: Endocrine or maybe Rheum?

Favorite Denver Activity: Hiking with my wife & our dog!

If I weren't a doctor, I would be... a college professor, either Biochemistry or Exercise Science



Gabi Porzenski, DO

Hometown: St. Louis, MO

Medical School: Rocky Vista University

Future Career Goals: Currently considering GI, critical care, or hospitalist medicine

Favorite Denver Activity: Hiking, snowboarding, camping, and taking my dog to local breweries with us!

If I weren't a doctor, I would be... a Zookeeper (preferably working with pandas, but I'd be open)



Alli Stassel, DO

Hometown: Anchorage Alaska

Medical School: RVUCOM- CO

Future Career Goals: Hospitalist

Favorite Denver Activity: Trail running in the foothills

If I weren't a doctor, I would be... a seasonal worker (commercial fishing in Alaska, sailing in the southern hemisphere, backcountry guide)



Sydney Weese, MD

Hometown: Wichita KS

Medical School: Oregon Health & Science University

Future Career Goals: Critical Care

Favorite Denver Activity: Arts festivals, Farmer's markets, Concerts and Bike Rides

If I weren't a doctor, I would be... a Museum Curator, but not for a stuffy art museum, a cool interactive pop art museum with lots of fun little secrets everywhere



Kate Wobbema, DO

Hometown: Sacramento, CA

Medical School: Pacific Northwest University

Future Career Goals: hospitalist

Favorite Denver Activity: wildflower season in the mountains

If I weren't a doctor, I would be... a host on an HGTV show

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Julia Brew, DO

Hometown: Great Falls, MT

Medical School: Rocky Vista University

Future Career Goals: Undecided... but my current interests include pulmonary critical care and hospital medicine

Favorite Denver Activity: Spending time in the mountains, playing new golf courses, and exploring breweries with my husband and our dog!

If I weren't a doctor, I would be...dog daycare owner!



Madeleine Duncan, DO

Hometown: Billings, MT

Medical School: Western University of Health Sciences COMP NW

Future Career Goals: Hospitalist Medicine

Favorite Denver Activity: I love to be in the wilderness, so I'm excited to find beautiful hikes and other outdoor adventures in the Colorado Rockies.

If I weren't a doctor, I would be... a professional clarinetist!



Catherine Hegedus, DO

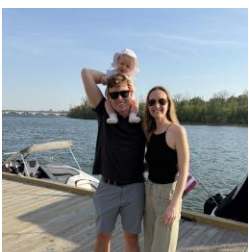
Hometown: Minneapolis, MN

Medical School: Rocky Vista University

Future Career Goals: Still deciding! Academic hospitalist vs pursuing a fellowship

Favorite Denver Activity: Heading to the mountains for skiing/hiking/camping, running around Wash Park, and trying new restaurants with friends.

If I weren't a doctor, I would be ... a Pilot! I have my pilots license already and love to fly.



Alisa Malyavko, MD

Hometown: Washington, DC

Medical School: George Washington University

Future Career Goals: Hospitalist

Favorite Denver Activity: I enjoyed skiing, hiking, and white-water rafting when I visited Denver in the past. Now we're looking forward to exploring playgrounds in the area and getting our little one on skis too!

If I weren't a doctor, I would be... a marine biologist to help the sea creatures of the world or a bed & breakfast owner to entertain travelers and learn about their life adventures.



Payton Markley, MD

Hometown: Hays, KS

Medical School: University of Kansas School of Medicine - Wichita

Future Career Goals: Hematology / Oncology

Favorite Denver Activity: Skiing, hiking, concerts, Denver aquarium, exploring new restaurants, thrifting

If I weren't a doctor, I would be... I would own a local pottery store and teach classes!



Christian Martin, DO

Hometown: Littleton, CO

Medical School: Rocky Vista University

Future Career Goals: Academic Hospital vs Pulmonary Critical Care Medicine

Favorite Denver Activity: Climbing

If I weren't a doctor, I would be... a State Park Ranger



Rachel Plouse, DO

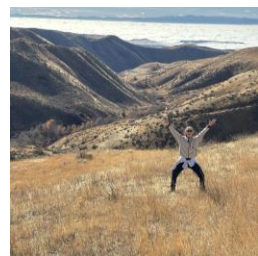
Hometown: Cupertino, CA

Medical School: Touro University Nevada

Future Career Goals: Hospitalist

Favorite Denver Activity: Hiking and trying new coffee shops and breweries

If I weren't a doctor, I would be... either a writer or biology teacher



Corinna Roles-Nelson, DO

Hometown: San Diego, CA

Medical School: Western University of Health Sciences

Future Career Goals: It's a mixed bag at this point; I love all of medicine so much but am leaning toward fellowship – either hematology/oncology or pulmonary/critical care. I also have a passion for lifestyle medicine and academic medicine :)

Favorite Denver Activity: Any activity near the mountains is my happy place. I love being outdoors either hiking, mountain biking, or kayaking.

If I weren't a doctor, I would be... an interior designer or homicide detective



Tori Weingarten, DO

Hometown: Fort Morgan, CO

Medical School: Rocky Vista University

Future Career Goals: Hospital medicine with some occasional global medicine

Favorite Denver Activity: Brewery hopping, Denver sporting events, and playing violin in the Denver Rock Orchestra

If I weren't a doctor, I would be... a ski patroller

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Arman Ameripour, DO

Hometown: Milwaukie, Oregon

Medical School: Western University COMP NW

Future Career Goals: Hospitalist or Intensivist

Favorite Denver activity: Finally learning how to ski, exploring Denvers food scene, checking out records stores or catching a Broncos or Avs game!

If I weren't a doctor, I would be... a history teacher



Demi Burns, DO

Hometown: Lafayette, LA

Medical School: Arkansas College of Osteopathic Medicine

Future career goals: Currently interested in Hospital Medicine, Infectious Disease, Heme/Onc, and Pulmonary Critical Care.

Favorite Denver activity: Hiking, exploring new food and coffee spots.

If I weren't a doctor, I would be.... probably be a detective or working for the FBI given my interest in forensic psychology and true crime shows.



Alyssa Curry, DO

Hometown: Columbus, NE

Medical School: Noorda-COM (Provo, UT)

Future Career Goals: I would love to stay in academics and work on a team with residents and med students!

Favorite Denver activity: I'm very excited to find new places to eat. Also looking forward to cool concerts that come to Denver!

If I weren't a doctor, I would be....possibly a chef. Honestly a hard question to answer.



Zay Edgren, MD

Hometown: Rockford, Illinois

Medical School: University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine

Future Career Goals: Hospitalist

Favorite Denver activity: Running

If I weren't a doctor, I would be...a Wizard



Riley Hatchell, DO

Hometown: Colorado Springs, CO

Medical School: Idaho College of Osteopathic Medicine

Future Career Goals: Not sure yet! Primary Care vs Rheumatology vs Hospitalist

Favorite Denver Activity: Hiking and skiing in the nearby mountains, hanging with friends, and finding the baked goods at a farmers market

If I weren't a doctor, I would be...A Science Teacher



Ian Hill, MD

Hometown: New Orleans, LA

Medical School: LSU Health Science at Shreveport

Future Career Goals: Fellowship, likely nephrology then work in academic medicine.

Favorite Denver activity: Rock Climbing

If I weren't a doctor, I would be...a fire fighter, but, if money wasn't an issue, I would be a professional karaoke performer



Colleen Jordan, MD

Hometown: Stillwater, MN

Medical School: Geisinger Commonwealth School of Medicine

Future Career Goals: Hospitalist, considering critical care

Favorite Denver activity: Family dinners/watching my cats watch birds

If I weren't a doctor, I would be... a Psychology researcher, but nothing like Freud



Madeline Newsom, DO

Hometown: Albuquerque, New Mexico

Medical School: Rocky Vista University (Utah Campus)

Future Career Goals: Pulm Crit Care

Favorite Denver activities: snowboarding, brewery hopping, farmers markets, and chasing down local DJ sets

If I weren't a doctor, I would be...running a little boutique in a city by the water



Brecken Roe, DO

Hometown: Colwich, Kansas

Medical School: Rocky Vista University

Future Career Goals: Interventional Cardiology

Favorite Denver Activity: Skiing, camping, hiking, and exploring new restaurants and breweries!

If I weren't a doctor, I would be... a chef! I love cooking food for other people to enjoy!



Meredith Strigel, DO

Hometown: Victoria, MN

Medical School: Rocky Vista University (CO)

Future Career Goals: primary care vs hospital medicine

Favorite Denver activity: Getting out to the mountains! Skiing, hiking, camping, etc.

If I weren't a doctor, I would be...the owner of a little plant nursery

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Preliminary Interns 2026-2027



Halle Berg, MD

Hometown: Clarkston, WA

Medical School: University of Washington

Future career goals: Still deciding!

Favorite Denver activity: Red Rocks concerts

If I weren't a doctor, I would be...an (aspiring) pro pickleball player!



Dakota Hitchcock, MD

Hometown: Littleton, CO

Medical School: University of Colorado School of Medicine

Future Career Goals: Dermatology

Favorite Denver Activity: Camping, hiking, gardening, trying new restaurants

If I weren't a doctor, I would be... the host of The Amazing Race



Sean McCann, MD

Hometown: Newell, SD/Sioux Falls, SD

Medical School: University of South Dakota Sanford School of Medicine

Future Career Goals: Be a great anesthesiologist!

Favorite Denver activity: Hiking

If I weren't a doctor, I would be...Something with linguistics, either teaching or researching. I love languages.



Emily Novak, MD

Hometown: Vail, CO

Medical School: Loma Linda University

Future Career oals: Pediatric Anesthesiology

Favorite Denver activity: Hiking and heading up to the mountains to ski!

If I weren't a doctor, I would be....Opening my own bakery or teaching fitness classes.



Caitlin Perez-Stable, MD

Hometown: Cleveland, Ohio

Medical School: Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas

Future Career Goals: Global Health Dermatology

Favorite Denver activity: hiking and exploring the outdoors with my two pups!

If I weren't a doctor, I would be...probably a fitness instructor/coach. I love staying active, pushing myself to learn new things, and helping others reach their goals!



Noah Valentine, MD

Hometown: Sandy, Utah

Medical School: The University of Utah School of Medicine

Future Career Goals: Anesthesiology

Favorite Denver activity: I'm excited to go to a Rockies game!

If I weren't a doctor, I would be...a backpacking guide!



Elena Volfson, MD

Hometown: Bettendorf, Iowa

Medical School: University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine (Go Hawks!)

Future Career Goals: Sports or spinal cord injury physiatrist, either at an acute ski clinic or academic setting!

Favorite Denver activity: Skiing and visiting my baby nephew, Elliott!

If I weren't a doctor, I would be...either a bakery owner or a high school organic chemistry teacher!



Morgan Wharton, MD

Hometown: Binghamton, NY

Medical School: University of Colorado

Future Career Goals: underserved Dermatology!

Favorite Denver activity: eating dim sum, thrifting, visiting breweries, and concerts Red Rocks!

If I weren't a doctor, I would be...a professional T-Ball coach