

The Residency Report Newsletter

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Internal Medicine Horsemanship Seminar (1, 2, 3, 4) - On September 27th, the program held another Horsemanship Seminar that helps improve non-verbal communication skills with the help of an equine partner. Dr. Blair said, "This session focused more on the messages we send with our non-verbal communication. Previous sessions focused on being perceptive of what patients' (or horses') nonverbal communication is saying and adapting to each individual patient's communication style." Women in Medicine Month Appreciation (5, 6) - September is Women in Medicine Month. This year, the program sponsored lunch in the Doctor's Lounge and took a moment to celebrate the impact and role of women in medicine.

Check Us Out

Life in Internal Medicine Residency



Fellowship Match 2026

Congratulations to our residents who matched into fellowship!

Hussein Haidari, MD

Hematology-Oncology at Tulane University

Haochen Li, MD

Nephrology at Vanderbilt University Medical Center

Haris Manan, MD

Cardiology at USA Health

Usama Oguz, MD

Cardiology at USA Health

Sangya Sharma, DO

Cardiology at USA Health

Muhammad Dawood Sheikh, MD

Hospice & Palliative Care at University of Texas MD Anderson Medical Center

New Department Faculty

We want to welcome our new department faculty to the USA Internal Medicine Family!

Adriana Betancourth, MD

Infectious Disease

Jerry Bradley, MD, EdD, MDiv

Geriatrics

Chris Bui, MD

Nocturnist

Justin Ellerman, MD

Pulmonology/Critical Care

Mohammed Elzeneini, MD

Cardiology

Gerardo Eman, MD

Pulmonology

Sagar Kumar, MD

Pulmonology/Critical Care

Urshita Sinha, MD

Nephrology

Blake Van Court, MD

Hospitalist

Residents At Conferences

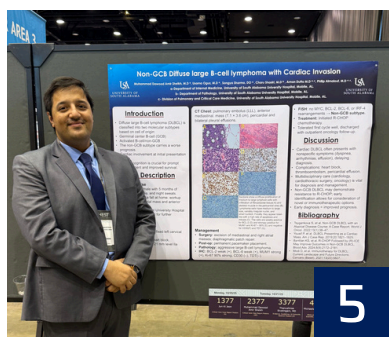
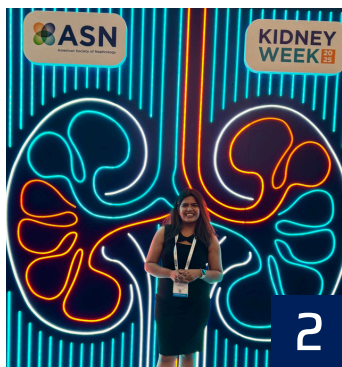
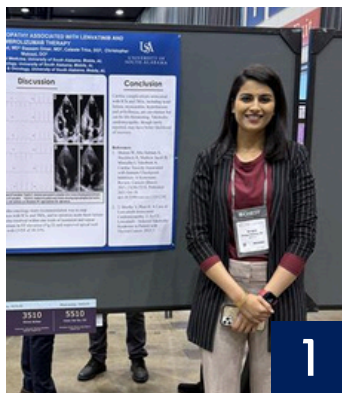
ACG, CHEST, Kidney Week, and More

CHEST 2025 (1, 4, 5) - From October 19th-22nd, Drs. José Acevedo Echevarría, Pavel Hurtado, Aariez Khalid, Sangya Sharma, and Dawood Sheikh represented at the CHEST Conference in Chicago, Illinois.

Kidney Week 2025 (2) - From November 6th-9th, Dr. Ekta Khubchandani represented at the Kidney Week Conference in Houston, Texas.

ACG 2025 (3) - From October 24th-29th, Drs. Rida Ahmad, Will Basegoda, Shausha Farooq, Lauren Healey, Comfort Jack, Omsai Meka, and Adriana Reyes represented at the ACG Conference in Phoenix, Arizona.

AHA 2025 (6) - From November 6th-9th, Dr. Pavel Hurtado represented at the AHA Scientific Sessions Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana.



Resident Wellness

Internal Medicine Resident Friendsgiving



With generous donations from our faculty, our residents hosted their own Friendsgiving, with over 40 residents in attendance. They rented a space and secured catering, and the resident-led initiative was well received by all who attended. Your donations help make events like this possible!

From The Coordinators

We would love to hear from you! Feel free to write, email, or call us at the contacts below.



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Practice Readiness Survey



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Your donations go directly into helping the residents. They can be used for supplies in the doctor's lounge, new equipment, education resources including curriculum, conference materials, etc. We sincerely appreciate your contribution towards academic medicine and to the doctors of tomorrow!

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