INTERNAL CONNECTIONS

NEW INTERN CLASS SUMMER 2022

Kate Ducker, D.O.
Harvest, AL
Medical School: Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine - Auburn, Alabama

Chad Gibbs, D.O.
Conyers, GA
Medical School: Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine - Auburn, Alabama

Sarah Grant, D.O.
Mesa, AZ
Medical School: A.T. Still University of Health Sciences School of Osteopathic Medicine

Will Hardwick, D.O.
Birmingham, AL
Medical School: Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine - Auburn, Alabama

Major Hargrove, D.O.
Northport, AL
Medical School: Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine - Auburn, Alabama

Sameer Khan, D.O.
Marietta, GA
Medical School: Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine - Auburn, Alabama

Edward Kim, M.D.
Roslyn, NY
Medical School: Ben-Gurion University of the Negev Faculty of Health Sciences

Arsh Patel, D.O.
Moody, AL
Medical School: Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine - Auburn, Alabama

Kevin Wortman, D.O.
Lakeland, FL
Medical School: Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine - Auburn, Alabama

Chris Wyatt, D.O.
Huntsville, AL
Medical School: Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine - Auburn, Alabama

House-wide IM Residency Program Update
Thursday, July 28
7 a.m. and 5 p.m.
EAMC Basement - Classroom C
The East Alabama Health Internal Medicine (Resident Continuity) Clinic is growing and meeting the needs of the underserved/unattached patients in our catchment area. We have already enrolled over 150 patients and continue to accept new patients. Upper-level residents see patients in clinic twice a week. Interns see patients in the clinic one half-day per week.

The IM Residency Clinic attendings for the upcoming year including the following:

- Nathan Douthit, M.D.
- Mike Hall, M.D.
- Park McGehee, M.D.
- Jordan Nickols, M.D.
- Chris Old, M.D.
- Steven Presley, M.D.

Pamela Rodgers, LPN, serves as the nurse coordinator, and Courtney Yielding serves a clinic clerical coordinator.

PharmD residents assist in the clinic, supervised by East Alabama Medical Center PharmD faculty including Kayla Brown, Elan Champion, Evan Nix and Margaret Williamson.

The clinic is managed by John P. Adams. Though most patients are enrolled in clinic after admission to the hospital teaching service (IMRT), new patient referrals to clinic are accepted by calling 334-364-3300.

"CALLING CONSULTS" TO THE INTERNAL MEDICINE RESIDENT TEAM (IMRT):

If you are needing to consult the IMRT for an inpatient who doesn't have a primary care provider, you can look in “Halo” for the name listed as “IM Resident Team Attending”. That’s the name you enter the consult under in Cerner so that the name populates our Cerner list correctly. Then, if you need to reach out to someone to talk about the consult, you can either contact the attending or the resident physician listed as “IM Resident Team Upper-level Resident Admissions” in Halo.
Jordan Nickols, M.D. is a hospitalist at East Alabama Medical Center and is also a part of East Alabama Health’s Internal Medicine (IM) Residency Program. Dr. Nickols received his undergraduate degree from Troy University. He then earned his medical degree from the University of South Alabama College of Medicine and completed his residency with Prisma Health Upstate. He is board certified in internal medicine and pediatrics.

Wanting to challenge himself while also making a difference in the lives of others, Dr. Nickols chose a career in medicine. He specifically chose to practice at East Alabama Medical Center because of his desire for an environment that would nurture growth and motivate persistent learning and training.

Dr. Nickols looks forward to the opportunity to develop as a hospitalist, as well as the opportunity to work with residents and students through the IM Residency Program.

Dr. Nickols’ medical interests include Point of Care Ultrasound (POCUS), hospitalist medicine, and academic medicine. Outside of medicine, Dr. Nickols was on the collegiate rugby team at Troy University for four years. He and his wife, Hope, have two sons, Charlie and Sam. In his spare time, he enjoys fine woodworking and training his three dogs.

2022 INTERN OF THE YEAR

Congratulations!
2022 Intern of the Year

Haley Clay, D.O. (PGY-2)
Bainbridge, GA

Medical School: Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine - Auburn, Alabama
Thank you so much to everyone who’s played a role in supporting the IM Residency Program this past year! We are pleased to have completed our first full year and excited about continued growth and improvement in the years ahead.

At the risk of omitting someone, we wanted to take this opportunity to thank the following medical staff members who’ve served in various capacities this past year:

**Physicians who helped proctor Morning report:**
- Dr. Grant Nelson
- Dr. Greg Shields

**Those who precepted residents:**
- Alabama Imaging (Radiologists at EAMC)
- Dr. Tom Carter
- Dr. Jon Commander
- Dr. Linda Dansby
- Dr. Charlie Diskin
- Dr. Dyer Diskin
- EmSouth Emergency Physicians Group
- Dr. David Holmes
- Dr. Kevin Jackson
- Dr. Brandon Johnson
- Dr. Jose Leon
- Dr. John Mitchell
- Dr. Lautrec Radcliffe
- Dr. Dusty Rhodes
- Dr. Neil Schaffner
- Dr. Nojan Valadi
- Dr. Meshia Wallace

**Those who assisted with Night Coverage: (**served the full year**)**
- Dr. Ben Drake
- Dr. David Erchak**
- Dr. Kevin Henderson
- Dr. Kevin King
- Dr. Grant Nelson, with special thanks for also providing procedural back up assistance
- Dr. Michael Roberts**
- Dr. Chris Spiker
- Dr. Jason Tsai

**Core Faculty:**
- Dr. Nathan Douthit
- Dr. Mike Hall
- Dr. Rekha Lall
- Dr. Chris Old
- Dr. Steven Presley

**DIOs:**
- Bill Golden, MD
- Sarah Nunnelly

**EAMC Physicians who assisted with Noon conference lectures:**
- Dr. Chris Adams
- Dr. Daniel Barlow
- Dr. Aleiya Butler
- Dr. Charlie Diskin
- Dr. Dyer Diskin
- Dr. Greg Gilbert
- Dr. Michael Hamer
- Dr. David Holmes
- Dr. Chris Hope
- Dr. Olivia Hull
- Dr. Brandon Johnson
- Dr. Jose Leon
- Dr. Ricardo Maldonado
- Dr. Park McGehee
- Dr. Justin Phillpott
- Dr. Scott Reames
- Dr. Mandy Reimer
- Dr. Dusty Rhodes
- Dr. Allan Schwadron
- Dr. Neil Schaffner
- Dr. Lee Sharma
- Dr. Shashi Sharma
- Dr. Greg Shields
- Dr. John Stewart
- Dr. Nojan Valadi

**Physicians who served as Individual Mentors:**
- Dr. Amanda Austin
- All Core Faculty
- Dr. Olivia Hull
- Dr. Ann Shannon
- Dr. Meshia Wallace
- Dr. Anna Zouhary

**Others:**
- Dr. Boogs Burandt
- Darrell Childress, PharmD
- Dr. Rich Giannotti
- Kathryn Guthrie
- Amanda Hamer
- Shelby Harris, PharmD
- Dr. Tarah Henderson
- Lucy Walton and Stefanie Ledbetter RN
- Bill Pearson, PhD
- Dr. Starr Steinhilber
- Dr. Frank Sutton