Aurora Graduate Medical Education Resident Biographies

Family Medicine Residency ● Third Year Residents

Fatya Amiri, DO (Fa-tee-a A-meer-e)

- Hometown: Irvine, California
- Undergrad degree: St. Bonaventure University, Biology
- Medical School: Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine

I chose Family Medicine because I enjoyed the majority of my rotations throughout third year. The ability to develop long term relationships with patients of all ages and medical backgrounds has always sparked my interest and has allowed me to develop a strong appreciation for this specialty. I am particularly interested in preventive and integrative medicine and I know through Family Medicine I can pursue these interests. I chose this program because on my interview day I truly felt at home. This program offered a welcoming and learning environment as well as the opportunity to work with passionate faculty and residents. My fiancé is native to Wisconsin and having family around was also important; and it helps that I’ve become quite the Packer and Bucks fan. During my free time, I enjoy cooking, finding new restaurants, and exploring the outdoors with my adorable rescue Max. In the future, I hope to practice in an underserved setting with a focus on prevention, women’s health, pediatrics, integrative medicine and addiction.

Ada Celik, DO (Ah-dah Seh-lick)

- Hometown: Ankara, Turkey
- Undergrad degree: UW-Whitewater, Biology
- Medical School: Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences

During the 3rd year of medical school, my family medicine rotation was one of the latest ones that I completed. Before starting my family medicine rotation, I had enjoyed every rotation that I had previously finished and could potentially see myself doing a residency in any of those specialties. However, when I began my family medicine rotation, I knew that it was the path that I wanted to pursue. Being able to combine many different aspects of medicine into one’s care while forming life-long and meaningful connections with patients was what drew me to family medicine.

When I was applying for residency, I specifically looked for programs that provided a well-rounded education that is strong in every aspect of family medicine. After I interviewed at Aurora, I realized that the program had everything that I was looking for. I was also very impressed with the diverse patient population as well as the emphasis on resident wellness.

I am excited to come back to Wisconsin where I completed my undergrad. A fun fact about me is that I was 20 years old the first time I went trick or treating. In my spare time, I love playing or watching soccer and basketball as well as spending quality time with my family. After residency, I plan to work in an inpatient and outpatient setting.
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Meinuo Chen Baca, MD (Meh-new Ch-eh-n B-ah-k-ah)

(Senior Chief)

- Hometown: Zhanjiang, China/Madison, WI
- Undergrad degree: University of Wisconsin Madison-Pharmacology & Toxicology
- Medical School: Medical College of Wisconsin

I first became interested in Family Medicine while studying Pharmacology and Toxicology during undergrad, where I developed a passion for preventative medicine and chronic disease management. In medical school, it was confirmed that Family Medicine was perfect because I loved forming continuous patient relationships while providing full scope care including obstetrics, pediatrics, addiction medicine, and community medicine. While living in Milwaukee during medical school, I found a wonderful community both in and outside of medicine and knew I wanted to keep planting roots here during residency training. I was fortunate to enough to rotate with residents from Aurora Family Medicine during third year medical school. Not only were these residents’ wonderful mentors but they also expressed how much they loved their program as Aurora provides excellent medical training in addition to genuinely caring for resident wellbeing. On interview day, I knew Aurora Family Medicine was the program for me as I was impressed by its dedication to surrounding community, its patient population diversity, and its nurturing family atmosphere of all faculty, residents, and staff! Outside of medicine, I love spending time with my husband and church community, trying to improve my guitar playing, being active outdoors, and cooking new instant pot/cast iron skillet/one-pot meal recipes. After residency, I hope to provide full spectrum primary care, be community engaged, and possibly further specialize in addiction medicine. Being a childhood immigrant from China, I hope to also become involved in refugee/immigrant health and global health.

Kailash Dhir, DO (Kay-laash Deer)

- Hometown: Ann Arbor, Michigan
- Undergrad degree: B.S. University of Michigan
- Medical School: Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine

My principal inspiration for pursuing a career in family medicine centers on my interest in preventive care. I am passionate about the process of advising and supporting the development of healthy lifestyle behaviors through a focus on diet and nutrition, exercise, mental health, and medical compliance, while at the same time acknowledging the barriers that one might face at both personal and systemic levels. As family physicians, we are in a unique position to offer this type of care because we are allowed the time and space for building trusting relationships with our patients and their families over the course of their lives. Aurora’s family medicine residency appealed to me because it provides all the opportunities that come with a well-established program in a large health care system serving an ethnically, socially, and economically diverse patient population. On my interview day, it became immediately apparent that the Aurora learning environment is both extremely supportive and dynamic. In my free time, I enjoy cooking with my fiancé, running, CrossFit training, and equestrian-related activities. For my future endeavors, I envision myself working in a full-spectrum family practice with a focus on lifestyle medicine, integrative medicine, and osteopathic manipulative medicine.
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Dulce Griego, MD (Dool-say G-r-ai-g-oh)

- Hometown: Pharr, TX
- Undergraduate Degree: University of California-Santa Barbara, Art History
- Medical School: St. George’s University School of Medicine

My interest in primary care started at a young age. I was born and raised in a small border town in Texas with a large, underserved population and it became evident just how crucial primary/ community care is. Over the years, after further experiences in global health my passion for family medicine was cemented. I enjoy everything family medicine has to offer, from being able to provide longitudinal care and building long-term relationships with patients to having the opportunity to work with patients of all ages and with a wide array of chronic illnesses. I’m proud to be joining the Aurora family medicine team, the program is everything I was looking for. The diversity of the patient population, a truly dedicated team with a focus and commitment to the underserved population of Milwaukee, and how well they prepare residents really attracted me to the program. There is a genuine family-like environment within the program and among its residents and I am thrilled to start this new adventure. After residency I hope to practice in a full-spectrum outpatient setting with a strong community outreach presence. Outside of medicine, I enjoy spending time with my Cane Corso (who will always be puppy in my eyes), being active, exploring the outdoors and cooking Latin food. I am also a big fan of tennis and basketball and am looking forward to all that Milwaukee has to offer.

Pang Hang, MD (Pay-ng Ha-ng)

- Hometown: Manitowoc, WI
- Undergraduate Degree: University of Wisconsin-Madison, BA in Psychology, Certificate in Gender and Women Studies
- Medical School: Medical College of Wisconsin- Green Bay Campus

Growing up in a Hmong-American household that practiced animism, the belief that all natural things have a soul, my family and community had a poor understanding of preventative health and disease processes. Thus, I naturally became drawn to family medicine because of my passion for preventative care and desire to improve the health of underserved communities. As a primary care provider, I would be able to build relationships with patients of all ages and guide them to take charge of their own health.

I knew Aurora was the perfect fit for me because of their dedication to community health. The diverse patient population and supportive workspace create an environment in which I will thrive personally and professionally. I am excited to work alongside a team of doctors and staff who share similar commitments to the local public health.

Aside from medicine, my second love is cooking. In my spare time, I enjoy testing new recipes, cooking for my loved ones and spending time with my family. Being able to share this passion with my daughter while she grows and learns about the world and herself has been the joy of my life.

After residency, I plan to work in an underserved area practicing full scope medicine. My interests include preventative medicine, women’s health, and outpatient procedures.
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Lauren Oberbroeckling, DO (Lor-en O-ber-bre-k-ling)
(Senior Chief)
- Hometown: Palatine, IL
- Undergrad degree: Integrative Biology, University of Illinois
- Medical School: Midwestern University Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine

I chose family medicine because with it, I get to do a little bit of everything. In one day of clinic, I have the opportunity to treat both acute and chronic diseases, perform procedures, counsel my patients, and treat a wide variety of ages. Family medicine challenges me to continually learn and better myself for the good of my patients. After interviewing at Aurora, I knew it would be a good fit for me due to the camaraderie and enthusiasm of the residents and faculty.

In my free time I enjoy being active with activities such as running and yoga. Additionally, I am looking forward to participating in the outdoorsy activities that Wisconsin has to offer! After residency, I plan to work in an urban environment in either an urgent care or outpatient setting.

Agnes (Suzanne) Prospere, MD (Ag-nuhs Pros-pehr)
- Hometown: Castries, Saint Lucia
- Undergrad: University of South Florida, BS in Interdisciplinary Natural Sciences
- Medical School: American University of the Caribbean School of Medicine

My interest in primary care developed from my experiences growing up in a country with insufficient access to medical resources. I quickly learned of the importance of developing a trusted relationship with these first-line providers. During clinical rotations, I realized that family medicine was the most fulfilling way for me to approach primary care. The specialty allows for wide range of medical knowledge, longevity of care across lifespan, provision of preventive care, collaboration, and community engagement. In addition, the development of significant relationships between physician and patient permits better patient advocacy. I chose Aurora because I immediately felt at home. Interactions with faculty, staff and residents on interview day gave the impression that I will be well-trained in a supportive environment. The diverse and underserved population that the program serves was also a highlight. The curriculum includes opportunities to focus on some of my interests such as integrative medicine and women’s health with the added flexibility to structure my residency experience to suit my ideal future practice. Prior to medical school, I worked in ultrasound, so the use of point-of-care ultrasound (POCUS) is a keen interest of mine and a skill that I would hope to put into practice. Outside of work, I enjoy spending time with my husband and dog, cooking, trying new cuisine, traveling and dance. My husband has also become part of the Aurora Health family and we are thrilled to make Milwaukee our new home and explore what this diverse city has to offer!
Stephenie Quirke, DO (Stef-uh-nee K-wurk)

- Hometown: Franklin, WI
- Undergrad Degree: Biomedical Sciences, Marquette University
- Medical School: Nova Southeastern University Kiran C. Patel College of Osteopathic Medicine

My interest in family medicine developed during my undergraduate years and grew as I continued in my medical studies. Prior to medical school I worked as a certified nursing assistant, and one of my favorite aspects of the job was the opportunity to develop relationships with patients over time. Family medicine is unique because physicians are able to really get to know their patients, especially the ones that they treat over many years. During my time at Nova Southeastern University, I really enjoyed learning about multiple specialties. Pediatrics and obstetrics are very fulfilling to me, after having gone through a pregnancy and having a child of my own. I also really enjoyed working with the geriatric population, since that is where my CNA roots lie. The more I learned about osteopathic medicine I knew that I wanted to use it to benefit my patients. Family medicine gives me the opportunity to learn and practice each of these aspects of medicine, which is one of the many reasons I find it so appealing! I was raised in the Milwaukee area, and I was even born at Aurora St. Luke’s! It is such an honor to return to and serve my hometown after spending 4 years in South Florida studying medicine. Outside of medicine my hobbies include knitting, cross stitching, baking, and spending time with my family and my cats. After residency I plan on pursuing fellowships in geriatrics as well as hospice and palliative care.

Nada Zahir, DO (Nah-duh Za-er)

- Hometown: Chicago, IL
- Undergrad degree: University of Wisconsin, Madison – Biology and Psychology
- Medical School: Arizona Midwestern College of Osteopathic Medicine

I chose Family Medicine because of the wide scope in practice and the long-lasting connections we make with our patients. We are able to treat everyone from pediatrics to laboring mothers and the elderly. Essentially, there is never a dull moment in family medicine. I chose Aurora St. Luke’s because of the opportunities to pursue my individual interests while developing the skills to become a full spectrum family medicine physician. Everyone is extremely welcoming, and the camaraderie is definitely present. I was born in Milwaukee and raised in Chicago. However, every time I visited Milwaukee it always felt like a home away from home. I am excited to be back in Wisconsin! Outside of medicine, I enjoy spending time with family, watching movies and TV shows, baking, and traveling. My future goals are to practice full spectrum family medicine in both an inpatient and outpatient setting.