



**Ryan Kendziora, M.D.**  
2019 - 2023

**How did you come to decide to pursue Pathology as a career?**

I became interested in Pathology in college when I did a summer internship in Forensic Pathology in my home county. My father was a police officer, and I enjoyed the detective work and education of law enforcement that the field involves. Plus, autopsies are cool! Later, in medical school, I became enamored with the teaching opportunities and intellectual depth of Surgical Pathology, which cemented my decision to go into Pathology.

**Which sub-specialty are you planning to specialize?**  
Surgical Pathology

**What drew you to Mayo Clinic for your training?**

Mayo Clinic has a tradition of being a world-class reference laboratory and of fostering inter-specialty discourse between physicians. I was really drawn in by the frozen section laboratory, which is the paradigm of those qualities. I felt that Mayo offers excellent training that could prepare me to be both a diagnostician and an educator.



**Michael Mc Carthy, M.D.**  
2019 - 2023

**How did you come to decide to pursue Pathology as a career?**

I have wanted to be a pathologist since I was 12 years old. My fascination began during mother-son bonding while watching the television program Dr. G: Medical Examiner. While my specific interests in pathology have since moved on from becoming chief medical examiner of Orlando, I still love pathology.

**Which sub-specialty are you planning to specialize?**  
Surgical Pathology

**What drew you to Mayo Clinic for your training?**

Mayo Clinic's AP/CP residency program was a step above the majority of programs at which I interviewed. In particular, the instant gross-histopathologic correlation allowed for on the "sink" rotation is an incredibly valuable resource unique to Mayo Clinic. The CP curriculum is well-developed and keeps the resident involved with what is clinically relevant. Finally, I was treated very kindly by the residents, fellows, consultants, and other faculty. It was evident that they loved Rochester and working at the Mayo Clinic.



**Fabiola Righi, D.O.**  
2019 - 2023

**How did you come to decide to pursue Pathology as a career?**

During my undergraduate training I developed an interest in forensics, which led me into considering the field of pathology. The more exposure I had to pathology during rotations in medical school, the more I became interested in the field as a whole.

**Which sub-specialty are you planning to specialize?**

Forensic Pathology. I am also interested in Neuropathology, and how that can be used as an adjunct to forensics.

**What drew you to Mayo Clinic for your training?**

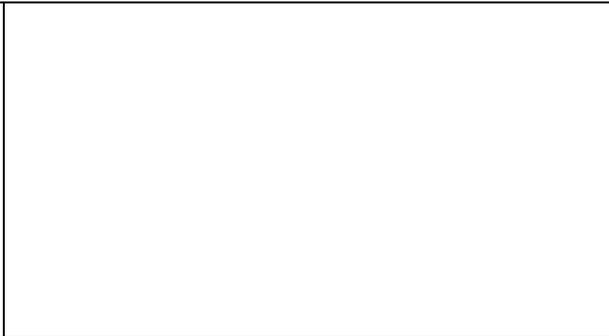
Mayo's pathology program offers a unique exposure to all types of unusual cases throughout the pathology field, but one of the things that really drew my attention is the way the autopsy service is run. During your entire time on Autopsy here, you get to be a part of hospital, as well as, forensics cases, as opposed to most of other programs, where your only exposure to forensics is for 1 month. Getting continuous exposure to these cases seemed like an amazing opportunity for someone interested in pursuing a

<p><b>Is there anything that surprised you about Rochester, MN?</b> I love how nice everyone is here! My wife and I came from Chicago and we were pleasantly surprised that we can say hello and chat with random people around town.</p>	<p><b>Is there anything that surprised you about Rochester, MN?</b> I was surprised by how beautiful and green Rochester is during the spring and summer. My wife and I regularly take our corgi on hikes around Silver Lake and Quarry Hill.</p>	<p>career in forensics.</p> <p><b>Is there anything that surprised you about Rochester, MN?</b> Despite being a smaller town, Rochester seems to always have a large variety of events going on. Anything from local bands and interesting foods, to some more peculiarly named events... Looking forward to attending the “Nerdin Out Con” this year.</p>
---	---	--

	
<p align="center"><b>Burak Tekin, M.D.</b> 2019- 2023</p>	<p align="center"><b>Maria Adelita Vizcaino Villalobos, M.D.</b> 2019 - 2023</p>
<p><b>How did you come to decide to pursue Pathology as a career?</b> I have always felt a passion for unraveling the mysteries of various diseases by using visual clues. This was the major reason that led me to specialize in Dermatology in my hometown of Istanbul. The more I practiced Dermatology, the more I became aware of the vital role Pathology plays through utilizing visual conceptualization in guiding clinical medicine. With time, my awe for Pathology continued to expand, and I decided to pursue a life-long career in this amazing field.</p> <p><b>Which sub-specialty are you planning to specialize?</b> Dermatopathology, Bone and Soft Tissue Pathology</p> <p><b>What drew you to Mayo Clinic for your training?</b> As a world-renowned institution that prioritizes excellent patient care, Mayo Clinic offers a diverse and collegial learning environment with ample training and research opportunities. All faculty members at the Department of Laboratory Medicine and Pathology are pioneers in their fields and dedicated to teaching, making it an excellent place to train.</p>	<p><b>How did you come to decide to pursue Pathology as a career?</b> I cannot think of any other specialty that integrates basic and clinical knowledge as pathology does. Furthermore, I am big fan of the cells, so working to get a better understanding of how they behave and interact under normal and abnormal circumstances is just amazing!</p> <p><b>Which sub-specialty are you planning to specialize?</b> Neuropathology/Ophthalmic Pathology</p> <p><b>What drew you to Mayo Clinic for your training?</b> Its appealing academic program, as well as its friendly and collaborative work environment</p> <p><b>Is there anything that surprised you about Rochester, MN?</b> The warmth and diversity of its people</p>

From a trainee standpoint, Mayo Clinic provides an outstanding support system and a great work-life balance. All residents and fellows I have met here are genuinely happy, which speaks volumes about how much Mayo Clinic cares about its trainees.

**Is there anything that surprised you about Rochester, MN?**  
 I have been pleasantly surprised by the endless hiking trails, beautiful parks, and numerous dining options!



	
<p align="center"><b>Kyriakos Chatzopoulos, M.D.</b> 2017-2020</p>	<p align="center"><b>Elise R. Venable, M.B.B.S.</b> 2017 - 2021</p>
<p><b>How did you come to decide to pursue Pathology as a career?</b>      Accurate and timely diagnosis is the cornerstone of clinical practice.</p> <p><b>Which sub-specialty are you planning to specialize?</b>      Head and Neck Pathology</p> <p><b>What drew you to Mayo Clinic for your training?</b>      Unique culture, organization and people</p> <p><b>Is there anything that surprised you about Rochester, MN?</b>      Snowfall can be as exotic as bright sunshine</p>	<p><b>How did you come to decide to pursue Pathology as a career?</b>      I had an excellent mentor during my undergraduate education who led me to know and love pathology. I enrolled in medical school knowing I would be choosing a career in pathology.</p> <p><b>Which sub-specialty are you planning to specialize?</b>      Hematopathology and Molecular</p> <p><b>What drew you to Mayo Clinic for your training?</b>      Mayo Clinic is a very special place for patients and learners. As a patient, myself, I never feel as though my care is hindered by residents or other trainees. As a trainee myself, I don't believe that my education could be surpassed by any other institution.</p> <p><b>Is there anything that surprised you about Rochester, MN?</b>      While Rochester has a very intense Winter, the Spring and Summer make up for everything!</p>



**Holly Berg, D.O.**  
2018 - 2022

**How did you come to decide to pursue Pathology as a career?**

I spent several years working closely with Pathologists as a Medical Laboratory Scientist.

**Which sub-specialty are you planning to specialize?**

Hematopathology and possibly Surgical Pathology

**What drew you to Mayo Clinic for your training?**

Mayo has a unique combination of routine pathology cases as well as a healthy reference lab volume to provide fairly frequent exposure to the rarer pathologic entities other facilities simply don't see very often.

**Is there anything that surprised you about Rochester, MN?**

The vast number and diverse types of cultural and social community events happening ALL the time! If these events aren't enough for you, then the cities are only an hour away.



**Sara L. Cook, M.D., Ph.D.**  
2017-2022

**How did you come to decide to pursue Pathology as a career?**

Coming into medicine with experience in basic science research, I was fascinated with the specialty of pathology as it is an essential bridge between the basic sciences and clinical specialties, providing scientific foundation for clinical practice.

**Which sub-specialty are you planning to specialize?**

Molecular Genetics

**What drew you to Mayo Clinic for your training?**

The Anatomic and Clinical Pathology Residency Program at Mayo Clinic is outstanding training. There are many fellowship programs offered at Mayo Clinic, and there are many fantastic opportunities in basic science research as well as translational and clinical research.

**Is there anything that surprised you about Rochester, MN?**

No, I was a visiting medical student at Mayo Clinic prior to coming to Rochester as a resident. As a student, I lived in Rochester for four weeks and quickly realized that Rochester is a nice community that is great for families with young children.



**Kathryn Eschbacher, M.D.**  
2018 - 2022

**How did you come to decide to pursue Pathology as a career?**

I initially was introduced to pathology when I shadowed a PA as an undergraduate. From there, I went on to spend subsequent summers shadowing a pathologist at a tissue bank. By the time I entered medical school, I knew pathology was the career for me and I completed a post-sophomore fellowship year. This helped me decide to pursue neuropathology!

**Which sub-specialty are you planning to specialize?**

Neuropathology

**What drew you to Mayo Clinic for your training?**

The main thing that drew me to Mayo Clinic was the frozen section practice. Frozen section is one of the most high pressure situations that a practicing pathologist can encounter. By having the opportunity as a resident to sit in the "hot seat" I felt this would better prepare me for my future career.

**Is there anything that surprised you about Rochester, MN?**

Rochester definitely has the best "Midwest sushi" I've ever had (and I've had a lot.



**Alessia Buglioni,  
M.D.  
2016 – 2020**



**Matthew J. Woge,  
M.D.  
2016 - 2020**

**How did you come to decide to pursue Pathology as a career?**

Pathology is the perfect connection between basic science research and clinical medicine. I love both, thus I will love to be a pathologist!

**Which sub-specialty are you planning to specialize?**

Renal and Molecular Genetic pathology

**What drew you to Mayo Clinic for your training?**

The unique excellence that characterize Mayo, in research as well as in clinical medicine

**Is there anything that surprised you about Rochester, MN?**

Beautiful parks and biking paths!

**How did you come to decide to pursue Pathology as a career?**

Exposure through research and medical school.

**Which sub-specialty are you planning to specialize?**

Surgical pathology

**What drew you to Mayo Clinic for your training?**

Strong recommendations from the people from then current trainees of the program.

**Is there anything that surprised you about Rochester, MN?**

No. That is what is so nice about it. :)