

2020 GRADUATE

TAREK SAWS, M.D.



EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- **Advanced Endoscopy Fellowship:** anticipated graduation 6/30/2020
Mayo Clinic School of Graduate Medical Education, Rochester, Minnesota
- **Gastroenterology Fellowship:** anticipated graduation 6/30/2019
Mayo Clinic School of Graduate Medical Education, Rochester, Minnesota
- **Masters of Public Health, Epidemiology:** graduated 2017
Harvard University Washington Hospital Center
- **Internal Medicine Residency:** graduated 2014
Georgetown University, Washington DC
- **Medical School:** graduated 2010
University of Damascus, Syria

RESEARCH INTEREST AND CAREER ASPIRATIONS

"I am passionate about endoscopic management for upper GI malignancies. I aspire to use my skills in epidemiology and clinical research to address the challenges we face in early identification and treatment of patients with esophageal cancer. I also plan to spend a 4th year in therapeutic endoscopy to acquire various skills which will enable me to provide curative and palliative care to my patients."

PUBLICATIONS

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/?term=sawas+T>

2020 GRADUATE

ADIBA I. AZAD, M.D.



EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- **Gastroenterology Fellowship NIH-Track:** anticipated graduation 12/25/2020
Mayo Clinic School of Graduate Medical Education, Rochester, Minnesota
- **Internal Medicine Residency:** graduated 2017
Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, New York, New York
- **Medical School:** graduated 2014
Saint Louis University School of Medicine, Saint Louis, Missouri

RESEARCH INTEREST AND CAREER ASPIRATIONS

"I would like to be an academic transplant hepatologist with a research focus in translational work in liver disease. I am currently working on a basic science project about the role of apoptosis in primary sclerosing cholangitis, which I am thoroughly enjoying, and at this point I am open minded about what particular liver disease(s) I would like to study for the rest of my career."

PUBLICATIONS

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/?term=azad%2C+adiba>

2020 GRADUATE

ADAM C. BLEDSOE, M.D.



EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- **Gastroenterology Fellowship:** anticipated graduation 6/30/2020
Mayo Clinic School of Graduate Medical Education, Rochester, Minnesota
- **Internal Medicine Residency:** graduated 2018
Mayo Clinic School of Graduate Medical Education, Rochester, Minnesota
- **Medical School:** graduated 2014 with M.D.
Sanford School of Medicine of the University of South Dakota, Vermillion, South Dakota

RESEARCH INTEREST AND CAREER ASPIRATIONS

“Following fellowship training, I plan to work in academic medicine, further developing my career as a clinician educator. My passion is for clinical practice with an emphasis on enteropathies and educating the next generation of physicians. Currently, I have the privilege to work with Dr. Joseph Murray, evaluating current treatments of immune mediated enteropathies and evaluating nutritional deficiencies associated with celiac disease. I plan to further hone my clinic acumen in general gastroenterology with an emphasis on enteropathies, develop skills in teaching and medical education evaluation, and continue research into immune mediated enteropathies.”

PUBLICATIONS

[https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/?term=Bledsoe+AC+%5BAuthor%5D+OR+\(bledsoe+AND+atiq\)](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/?term=Bledsoe+AC+%5BAuthor%5D+OR+(bledsoe+AND+atiq))

2020 GRADUATE

SUSHIL KUMAR GARG, M.B.B.S.



EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- **Gastroenterology Fellowship:** anticipated graduation 6/30/2020
Mayo Clinic School of Graduate Medical Education, Rochester, Minnesota
- **Internal Medicine Residency:** graduated 2017
University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota
- **Medical School:** graduated 2011
All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi, India

RESEARCH INTEREST AND CAREER ASPIRATIONS

“My research interests lie in strategies towards early detection of pancreatic cancer and optimal management of pancreatitis. I am looking for a job which can provide me the opportunity to see patients in the clinic with pancreatic diseases.”

PUBLICATIONS

- Google scholar profile: <https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=o1ziZ2kAAAAJ&hl=en&oi=ao>
- PubMed: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/?term=sushil+garg>

2020 GRADUATE

MOIRA B. HILSCHER, M.D.



EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- **Transplant Hepatology Fellowship:** anticipated graduation 6/30/2020
Mayo Clinic School of Graduate Medical Education, Rochester, Minnesota
- **Gastroenterology Fellowship Clinical Investigator Track:** anticipated graduation 6/30/2019
Mayo Clinic School of Graduate Medical Education, Rochester, Minnesota
- **Internal Medicine Residency Clinical Investigator Track:** graduated 2016
Mayo Clinic School of Graduate Medical Education, Rochester, Minnesota
- **Medical School:** graduated 2013 M.D.
Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, New York, New York

RESEARCH INTEREST AND CAREER ASPIRATIONS

“The synergy of clinical interests and research has and continues to drive my aspiration to develop a career as a physician-scientist in Hepatology. My interests are in portal hypertension and vascular diseases of the liver, including portal vein thrombosis, congestive hepatopathy, and Fontan associated liver disease. After completing an advanced fellowship in Transplant Hepatology, I hope to continue to learn and grow from my patients and in synergy develop a translational research program studying the paracrine interactions between immune cells and resident liver cells with the goal to ultimately bring this knowledge back to the patients.”

PUBLICATIONS

https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/?term=Hilscher%20MB%5BAuthor%5D&cauthor=true&cauthor_uid=29360553

2020 GRADUATE

MENGFEI LIU, M.D.



EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- **Gastroenterology Fellowship NIH-Track:** anticipated graduated 12/25/2020
Mayo Clinic School of Graduate Medical Education, Rochester, Minnesota
- **Internal Medicine Residency:** graduated 2017
University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- **Medical School:** graduated 2014
Duke University School of Medicine, Durham, North Carolina

RESEARCH INTEREST AND CAREER ASPIRATIONS

"I am interested in a career in hepatology. I want to pursue an academic career with basic science research and clinical practice."

PUBLICATIONS

- **Chang KM, Liu M.** "Chronic hepatitis B: immune pathogenesis and emerging immunotherapeutics." *Curr Opin Pharmacol.* 2016;30:93-105.
- **Liu, M.,** Yang, G., Wiehe, K., Nicely, N., Vandergrift, N., Rountree, W., Bonsignori, M., Alam, S., Gao, J., Haynes, B., Kelsoe, G. "Polyreactivity and autoreactivity among HIV-1 antibodies." *Journal of Virology.* 2015 Jan;89(1):784-98. doi: 10.1128/JVI.02378-14. Epub 2014 Oct 29.
- Bonsignori, M., Wiehe, K., Grimm, S., Lynch, R., Yang, G., Kozink, D., Perrin, F., Cooper, A., Hwang, K., **Chen X., Liu, M.,** McKee, K., Parks, R., Eudailey, J., Wang, M., Clowse, M., Criscione-Schreiber, L., Moody, A., Ackerman, M., Boyd, S., Gao, F., Kelsoe, G., Verkoczy, L., Tomaras, G., Liao, H., Kepler, T., Montefiori, D., Mascola, J., and Haynes, B. "An autoreactive antibody from an SLE/HIV-1 individual broadly neutralizes HIV-1." *J Clin Invest.* 2014; doi:10.1172/JCI73441
- Wang, Y., **Liu, M.,** Jin, L., Lungren, M., Grimm, L., Zhang, Z. & Maxfield, C. Radiology Education in China. *J Am Coll Radiol,* 2013. 10(3): p. 213-9.

2020 GRADUATE

YI QIN, M.D.



EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- **Gastroenterology and Hepatology Neoplasia Fellowship:** anticipated graduation 6/30/2020
Mayo Clinic School of Graduate Medical Education, Rochester, Minnesota
- **Gastroenterology Fellowship:** anticipated graduation 6/30/2019
Mayo Clinic School of Graduate Medical Education, Rochester, Minnesota
- **Internal Medicine Residency:** graduated 2016
Duke University School of Medicine, Durham, North Carolina
- **Medical School:** graduated 2013
University of Florida College of Medicine, Gainesville, Florida

RESEARCH INTEREST AND CAREER ASPIRATIONS

"I have an enthusiastic interest in esophageal diseases, and in particular biomarker detection of esophageal cancer. My long term goal is to develop a minimally-invasive test that can be applied globally for screening of esophageal cancer. I aspire to follow in the footsteps of my mentors—to become an innovative and impactful physician scientist."

PUBLICATIONS

https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/?term=Qin%20Y%5BAuthor%5D&cauthor=true&cauthor_uid=28317697

2020 GRADUATE

KEVIN P. QUINN, M.D.



EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- **Gastroenterology Fellowship:** anticipated graduation 6/30/2020
Mayo Clinic School of Graduate Medical Education, Rochester, Minnesota
- **Internal Medicine Residency:** graduated 2016
Mayo Clinic School of Graduate Medical Education, Rochester, Minnesota
- **Medical School:** graduated 2014
Creighton University School of Medicine, Omaha, Nebraska

RESEARCH INTEREST AND CAREER ASPIRATIONS

“As a gastroenterology and hepatology fellow at Mayo Clinic, I aim to focus my career on the study and treatment of inflammatory bowel disease (IBD). Throughout my training thus far, I have specifically developed an interest in patients with IBD who undergo total proctocolectomy with ileal pouch-anal anastomosis (IPAA). I aspire to develop a career as an IBD-focused clinician and clinical researcher in order to continue to foster my interest and study of IPAA-related outcomes, complications, and management.”

PUBLICATIONS

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/sites/myncbi/1balsTS7qrukp/bibliography/54081735/public/?sort=date&direction=ascending>

2020 GRADUATE

ERIC J. VARGAS VALLS, M.D.



EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- **Gastroenterology Fellowship Clinical Investigator Track:** anticipated graduation 6/30/2020
Mayo Clinic School of Graduate Medical Education, Rochester, Minnesota
- **Internal Medicine Residency Clinical Investigator Track:** graduated 2017
Mayo Clinic School of Graduate Medical Education, Rochester, Minnesota
- **Medical School:** graduated 2014
Pennsylvania State University College of Medicine, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania

RESEARCH INTEREST AND CAREER ASPIRATIONS

“Academic bariatric gastroenterologist with clinical, educational, and research interests nested in primary endoscopic bariatric and metabolic interventions, post-bariatric endoscopic management as well as comprehensive obesity treatment. Obtaining a post-doctoral Master’s degree in Clinical Research and Obesity Medicine (ABOM.org) certification during the fellowship program, along with first-hand experience in managing multicenter randomized clinical trials and teaching residents and co-fellows.”

PUBLICATIONS

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/myncbi/browse/collection/54829516/?sort=date&direction=descending>

2020 GRADUATE

PRIYA VIJAYVARGIYA, M.D.



EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- **Gastroenterology Fellowship Clinical Investigator Track:** anticipated graduation 6/30/2020
Mayo Clinic School of Graduate Medical Education, Rochester, Minnesota
- **Internal Medicine Residency Clinical Investigator Track:** graduated 2017
Mayo Clinic School of Graduate Medical Education, Rochester, Minnesota
- **Medical School:** graduated 2014
Sidney Kimmel Medical College at Thomas Jefferson University

RESEARCH INTEREST AND CAREER ASPIRATIONS

“My future goal is to become a gut physiologist, focusing on understanding the etiology of upper gastrointestinal symptoms and understanding the role of fecal bile acids in patients with diarrhea and constipation predominant irritable bowel syndrome. I am working on simplifying the diagnostic testing for bile acid malabsorption. Currently, bile acid malabsorption is diagnosed with a 48 hour stool collection after following a 2 day 100 gram fat diet. We are working to simplify this to a single, random stool collection that can be conducted in any clinical or research lab.”

PUBLICATIONS

https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/?term=Vijayvargiya%20P%5BAuthor%5D&cauthor=true&cauthor_uid=29582208