

GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION

Resident and Fellow of the Month: June 2025



Neema Patel, MD

Resident (PGY3), Surgery
Mount Sinai South Nassau

Service to patients and/or families; Service to their peers: "Dr. Patel is the definition of a team player. As my senior, her leadership has been instrumental in developing my skills both in and out of the OR. She is the resident who will consistently volunteer to guide a junior through confusing procedure or explain a complex clinical case. She is clearly guided by a strong work ethic and sense of duty to serve her patients and her co-residents." "One recent case comes to mind: an otherwise healthy patient presented with a severe, life-threatening condition and was ultimately diagnosed with a new malignancy. Neema not only managed the surgical issue, but also took the time to communicate this life-altering news with clarity and empathy. She navigated an emotionally charged situation with a highly anxious patient and family, setting expectations honestly while offering reassurance and support. Her composure and compassion left a lasting impression on both the patient and the family." "She is a constant advocate for her patients, ensuring patients' receive the best care possible and that patients and their families are always part of the treatment plan and as comfortable as possible during their admission."



Eric Abello, MD

Fellow (PGY6), Otolaryngology-Microvascular
The Mount Sinai Hospital

Service to their peers: "Among the many qualities that set Dr. Abello apart, one moment stands out that speaks volumes about his character. After two difficult patient encounters-one involving a terminal head and neck cancer patient-I was feeling emotionally overwhelmed but hadn't shared how I was doing. Eric sensed something was wrong and, without hesitation, found me in a quiet space to check in. He offered compassion, perspective, and reassurance, reminding me that it's okay to feel deeply in a field that often asks us to stay composed. That moment meant more than he likely knows." "What truly sets him apart is his gift for teaching. Great teachers are few and far in between, and we all remember those who leave a lasting impact on our education and careers. Dr. Abello has undoubtedly earned his place among them. He has a keen ability to understand his juniors, and in doing so, adapts his teaching style to best suit our needs. I have learned more operating alongside him than I have from anyone else this year."

Resident and Fellow Peer Nominees for June

Nicole Andrie, MD

MSSN Family Medicine

Salam Bachour, MD, MSc

MSH Gastroenterology

Alka Bapat, MBBS

QHC Obstetrics and Gynecology

Ivana Capin, MBBS

MSH Pediatric Cardiology

Jaydee Choompoo, MD

MSM/MSW Psychiatry

Sara Dehbogorzi, MD

MSM/MSW Internal Medicine

Eric Epstein, MD

MSH Clinical Informatics

Alexander Ferrera, MD

MSM/MSW Anesthesiology

Solomon Friedman, MD

MSH Diagnostic Radiology

Marya Ghazzi, DO

MSH Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation

Ricki Gottlieb, MD

MSH Interventional Radiology-Integrated

Madeleine Granovetter, MD

MSH Psychiatry

Jeremiah Hyslip, MD

MSH Neurology

Hyunjoo Ko, MD

MSH Anesthesiology

Niurka Liranzo Tejera, DO, MSc

MSM/MSW Internal Medicine

Victor Mensah, MD

MSM/MSW Psychiatry

Robert Myers, MD, PhD

MSH Pathology

Hariharasudan Natarajan, MBBS

MSH Nephrology

Sail Polineni, MD, MPH

MSH Neurology

James Prince, MB.Ch.B.

MSM/MSW Emergency Medicine

Norah Sadek, MD

MSM/MSW Internal Medicine

Michael Sapienza, DPM

MSBI Podiatric Medicine and Surgery

Nicholas Scibetta, DO

MSH Pathology

Rachel Silverman, MD

MSH Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine

Michelle Tong, MD

MSH Psychiatry

Giacomo Waller, MD

MSH Complex Surgical Oncology

Monica Wassell, MD

MSH Radiation Oncology

Xinyang Xu, MD

MSH Pathology