

Graduate Medical Education Graduation and Awards Ceremony

2026



Friday, June 5 | 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.

Masur Auditorium

2026 NIH Graduate Medical Education

Allergy and Immunology

Alexis Katz, DO, MS
James Readler, MD, PhD
Kittipos Visitsunthorn, MD, MMSc

Anatomic Pathology

Evsen Apaydin Arikan, MD
Khaled Bin Satter, MD, PhD
Wanrun Lin, MD, PhD

Blood Banking/Transfusion Medicine

Roya Zarpak Sweeney, MD, MS

Clinical Neurophysiology

Yung-Tian Gau, MD, PhD

Clinical Neurosciences

Deborah Rose, MD, MSCR

Critical Care Medicine

Amarpreet Ahluwalia, MD
Zaneta Franklin, MD
Ethan Fraser, MD
Daria Nikolaeva, MD, DPhil
Zaid Safiullah, MD, MHSc

Critical Care and Pulmonary Medicine – NHLBI/UMD

Eric Robbins, MD

Cytopathology

Matthew Hogan, MD

Dental Clinical Research

Azeez Alade, DDS, MS, PhD
David Fraser, DDS, MS, PhD

Dental Public Health Research

Fatemeh Pour, DDS, MPH

Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism

Hussam Alkaissi, MD
Ashna Grover, MD
Deema Kamal Abdel Hamid Al Souri, MD
Kelara Samuel, MD
Geethika Thota, MD
Freddy Jean Toloza-Bonilla, MD

Epilepsy

Tilman Rosales, MD, PhD

Gastroenterology

Alla Turshudzhyan, DO
Xixi Xu, MD, MSc

Hematology and Oncology

Hematology

Fieke Hoff, MD, PhD

Medical Oncology

Miles Hsu, MD
Brooke Kania, DO
Sabin Kshattri, MD, PhD
Amanda Walker, MD
Aanika Warner, MD, MPH

Hematology and Medical Oncology

Catarina Martins Maia, MD
Anna-Lena Meinhardt, MD, PhD
Chirayu Mohindroo, MD
Catherine Ostos Perez, MD
Gonca Ozcan Dannehy, MD
Kanak Parmar, MD

Medical Oncology and Pediatric Hematology-Oncology

Ira Lignugaris Kraft, MD

Hematopathology

Ahmad Alshomrani, MD
Hanan Hamdan, MD
Yukiko Kitagawa, MD, PhD

Hospice and Palliative Medicine

Megan Bryant, DO
Mikayla Dennison, DO

Immunotherapy

Matthew Rosenthal, MD

Infectious Diseases

Mitchell Dumais, MD
Alex Hosse, MD

Clinical Fellow Graduates

Transplant Infectious Diseases

Shipra Goel, MD

Laboratory Genetics and Genomics

Pankaj Sharma, PhD

Fiona Shaw, MD

Liver Diseases/Hepatology

Mohammed Rifat Shaik, MD

MedStar Georgetown–NIH Neurology

Crystal Ashley, MD, PhD

Medical Genetics and Genomics

Maria Barros Perez, MD

Medical Retina

Mélanie Hébert, MD, *fellow speaker*

Neurogenetics

Ruchee Patel, MD

Neuroimmunology and Neurological Infections

Violet Awori, MD

Neurological Surgery

Joshua Diamond, MD, *resident speaker*

Ophthalmic Genetics

Michael Sibulo, MD

Pediatric Stem Cell Transplantation and Cellular Therapy

Henna Butt, MD, MHSc

Pediatric and Adolescent Gynecology

Carolyn Brookhart, MD

Eugenie Lehembre-Shiah, MD

Pediatric Hematology-Oncology

Roa Bashtawi, MBBS

Ira Lignugaris Kraft, MD

Marina Mitrou, MD

Megan Murphy, MD

Chelsea O'Koren, MD

Umar Qadri, MD

Psychiatry

Adam Fijtman, MD, PhD

Gregory Jones, MD

Shrey Patel, MD

Aryan Tafreshi, MD

Tyler Torrico, MD

Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility

Kiley Hunkler, MD

Howard Li, MD

Alexandra Poch, MD

Rheumatology

Hannah Berrett, MD, PhD

Casey Stein, MD

Urologic Oncology

Ruben Blachman Braun, MD, MSc

Braden Millan, MD

Jaskirat Saini, MD

Vascular Neurology

Melissa Bucheli, DO

Mohammad Ghani, MD

Schedule

9:30 AM

Participants and guests arrive

10:00 AM

Welcome by NIH Clinical Center Chief Executive Officer Dr. Jonathan Green and Dr. M. Jennifer Cheng, Chair, Graduate Medical Education Committee.

10:10 AM

Keynote Speaker Dr. Matthew Memoli, Principal Deputy Director, National Institutes of Health.

10:20 AM

Clinical Fellow Speakers, Dr. Joshua Diamond (resident), Dr. Mélanie Hébert (fellow).

10:30 AM

Awards to the Resident and Fellow speakers.

Commendation Letters to the ClinFelCom Co-chairs, Dr. Natalie Atyeo and Dr. Aanika Warner, and recognition of ClinFelCom Executive Team.

10:40 AM

Program presentation of certificates to graduating fellows.

1 SE Patio

Immediately after the ceremony

Group photo: graduates and program directors.

FAES Terrace

11:15 AM

Reception on FAES Terrace for attendees.

Ceremony will be streamed live
videocast.nih.gov



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