



Internal Medicine
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FACULTY GUIDE

Internal Medicine Residency Program

A quick reference guide to Internal Medicine faculty for our residents

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ASHA CHAKKA, MD, FACP

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GET TO KNOW DR. CHAKKA

Dr. Chakka, a native of India, brings a wealth of diverse perspectives to her medical practice in Ohio. Her journey and experiences have profoundly shaped her empathetic approach to patient care, which she now applies to serve the Ohio community. She has made Ohio her home and enjoys teaching residents and medical students. She emphasizes critical thinking, active learning and fostering a supportive and inclusive environment. Dr. Chakka is passionate about simplifying complex medical topics into clear and practical teaching points for resident board preparation.

EDUCATION

Fellowship

Academic Medicine 2016
Northeast Ohio Medical University

Geriatric Medicine 2011-2012
Indiana University

Residency

Internal Medicine Residency 2008-2011
Interfaith Medical Center

Graduate

Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery, 1999-2005
MBBS
Osmania Medical College

Undergraduate

Biomedical Science 1996-1998
St. Ann's College

Professional Development

Stanford Development Workshop for Clinical
Teaching 2011
Indiana University

AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS

Teaching Attending of the Year

Canton Medical Education Foundation 2020, 2021

FOCUS AREAS

- Hospital Medicine
- Ambulatory Medicine
- Mentor residents
- Board focused review and individualized study plans

EXPERIENCE

Core Faculty	Summa Health	2025-Present
Vice-Chair, Human Research Review Board	Aultman Health Foundation	2023-2025
Chair, Human Research Review Board	Aultman Health Foundation	2021-2023
Associate Professor of Clinical Medicine	Northeast Ohio Medical University	2019- Present
Assistant Program Director	CMEF IM Residency	2012-2025

LIFE OUTSIDE OF SUMMA

Outside of work Dr. Chakka enjoys spending time with family, making desserts, listening to music and playing badminton.



MICHELLE CUDNIK, PHARMD, BCACP

CLINICAL LEAD AMBULATORY CARE PHARMACIST ·
CORE FACULTY



GET TO KNOW DR. CUDNIK

Dr. Cudnik received her degree from Ohio Northern University and is a Board-Certified Ambulatory Care Pharmacist. She has been at Summa for nearly 20 years where she practices in the Internal Medicine Residency Clinic under a Collaborative Practice Agreement. She has many years of teaching experience, both at Northeast Ohio Medical University (NEOMED) and at Summa as the PGY2 Ambulatory Care Pharmacy Residency Program Director. Her clinical practice focuses on chronic disease management, with a focus in diabetes management. She enjoys working with physicians on medication reconciliation, quality improvement metrics and enhancing medication access for patients. Dr. Cudnik is always available to assist with medication-related questions and to mentor learners.

EDUCATION

Fellowship

Academic Medicine
Northeast Ohio Medical University 2013

Graduate

Doctor of Pharmacy
Ohio Northern University 1992-1998

Professional Development

Board Certified Ambulatory Care Pharmacist 2013-Present

AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS

Transformational Faculty-Interprofessional Education Award

Northeast Ohio Medical University 2022

Program Directors' Service Award

Summa Health Department of Medicine 2021

PGY1 Pharmacy Resident Preceptor of the Year

Summa Health 2021

Pharmacy-Residency Program Director Award

Ohio Society of Health System 2019

FOCUS AREAS

- Diabetes Management / Continuous Glucose Monitors
- Evidence-Based Medicine
- Medication Reconciliation

EXPERIENCE

Clinical Professor of Pharmacy Practice

Northeast Ohio Medical University 2018-Present

Associate Professor of Internal Medicine

Northeast Ohio Medical University 2018-Present

Clinical Lead Pharmacist – Ambulatory Care

Summa Health 2006-Present

Regional Medical Affairs Liaison

Sanofi-Aventis 2004-2006

Clinical Coordinator

Mercy Medical Center 1999-2004

LIFE OUTSIDE OF SUMMA

Dr. Cudnik is an Ohio native and is married with three children. She coaches high school girls basketball when she is not working. If not on the basketball court, you will find her cheering on her children at the baseball field or volleyball court. She is always up for any good sports-related conversations.



KAMAL DAYAL, MD

DIRECTOR, INTERNAL MEDICINE CENTER · CORE FACULTY



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GET TO KNOW DR. DAYAL

Dr. Dayal grew up in Gallipolis, Ohio, a town on the Ohio/West Virginia border. During his fourth year of medical school, he did a rotation at Summa and appreciated the culture of patient-centered care, respect for learners, team collaboration, and emphasis on wellness. After his residency at Summa, Dr. Dayal joined the faculty and enjoys seeing patients, didactic teaching, precepting in the clinic, and rounding on the med teams. He welcomes anyone stopping by his office to discuss patient care, career advising, or just to vent about the latest Cleveland sports drama! As medical director of the Internal Medicine Center (the outpatient residency clinic), he works with a talented group of hard-working providers and staff who train residents in all aspects of outpatient medicine and provide the best possible care to the patients of the Akron community.

EDUCATION

Residency

Internal Medicine
Summa Health 2015-2018

Graduate

Doctor of Medicine
Northeast Ohio Medical University 2011-2015

Undergraduate

Natural Science, B.S.
The University of Akron 2009-2011

Professional Development

Developing Faculty Competencies in Assessment: A Course to Help Achieve the Goals of Competency-Based Medical Education (CBME)
ACGME Conference, Chicago 2019

FOCUS AREAS

- Outpatient Medicine
- Hospital Medicine
- Challenging Medical Dilemmas
- Board Review
- Outpatient Process Improvement

EXPERIENCE

Director, Internal Medicine Center

Summa Health 2023-Present

Core Faculty

Summa Health 2018-Present

AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS

Geriatric Compassionate Care Award

Summa Center for Senior Health 2018

LIFE OUTSIDE OF SUMMA

Outside of work, Dr. Dayal enjoys spending time with family and friends. He enjoys meal-prepping semi-traditional Indian food, biking with his wife on the many bike trails in the Akron area, and watching the latest tv show in the company of his cat, Ollie. He is an avid video-game enthusiast, most specifically a life-time fan of the Donkey Kong series and holds a Gold-3 ranking in Rocket League.



MICHAEL DENTLER, MD

HOSPITALIST · CORE FACULTY



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GET TO KNOW DR. DENTLER

Dr. Dentler was born and raised in Canton, OH. His road to medicine began at John Carroll University in Cleveland, OH, when he was accepted into medical school at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine as an undergraduate freshman. After completing medical school, he returned to Northeast Ohio to complete his residency and chief residency at Summa. He then completed a pulmonary and critical care medicine fellowship at the University of Rochester in Rochester, New York. Dr. Dentler practiced pulmonary and critical care medicine for approximately 10 years in both Northeast Ohio and Indiana before deciding to return to general internal medicine and graduate medical education. He is now a core faculty member and hospitalist with the Summa's Internal Medicine Residency. He lives in the Canton area with his wife and two daughters. Residents are welcome to use him as a resource for clinical care issues in hospital medicine, pulmonology, and critical care medicine, as well as for guidance when considering fellowships and employment opportunities.

EDUCATION

Fellowship

Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine 2012-2015

Residency

Internal Medicine 2008-2011
Chief Resident 2011-2012
Summa Health

Graduate

Doctor of Medicine 2003-2008
University of Cincinnati College of Medicine

Undergraduate

Psychology, B.S. 1999-2003
John Carroll University

FOCUS AREAS

- Hospital Medicine
- Fellowship & Career Counseling

EXPERIENCE

Core Faculty, Internal Medicine	
Hospitalist, Internal Medicine	
Summa Health	2025 - Present
Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine	
Unity Health Network	2023-2024
Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine	
Community Health Network	2018-2023
Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine	
Unity Health Network	2015-2018

LIFE OUTSIDE OF SUMMA

Married to my wife Stacey of 22 years, two daughters Cassidy and Tatum and the house is rounded out by Lucy the dog and Ricky the cat. I spend any free time away from Summa working out, eating out, nerding out over ACP and board prep materials, or binging Netflix.



KYLE DEVAULT, DO, MS

CHIEF RESIDENT



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GET TO KNOW DR. DEVAULT

Dr. DeVault has an open-door policy and is always willing to help with any questions or concerns. He has two young kids at home that he enjoys spending the majority of his time with, as well as two English Mastiffs, Azzia and Athena.

EDUCATION

Residency

Internal Medicine 2022-2025
Summa Health

Graduate

Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine 2019-2022
Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine

Physician Assistant Studies, M.S. 2012-2014
University of Mount Union

Undergraduate

Biology, B.S. 2007-2011
Ohio University

FOCUS AREAS

- Academic Medicine

EXPERIENCE

Chief Resident, Internal Medicine Residency
Summa Health 2025-2026

Physician Assistant
University Hospitals 2015-2019

Physician Assistant, Emergency Medicine
Blanchard Valley Health System 2014-2015

LIFE OUTSIDE OF SUMMA

I like to hunt, work on cars, fish, or do really anything outdoors, but mostly I enjoy spending time with my family. I also enjoy watching Mopland and cheering on the Buckeyes



CLAIRE DOLAN, MD

HOSPITALIST · CORE FACULTY



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GET TO KNOW DR. DOLAN

Dr. Dolan is an Ohio native who spent her first five years as an attending living and working in Chicago as an academic hospitalist. She has experience in medical student and resident education as well as career counseling and contract negotiation. She brings a unique perspective to the residency program with her outside and hospitalist-focused work experience, emphasizing practical management tips and hospital systems guidance to her team. The management of perioperative patients holds a soft spot in her heart as she is married to Summa neurosurgeon Dr. Palmer. Her door is always open, whether in search of career or life advice or a sparkling water.

EDUCATION

Residency

Internal Medicine	2016-2019
Leadership in Medical Education Pathway	
Case Western Reserve University	

Graduate

Doctor of Medicine	2012-2016
Wright State University	

Undergraduate

Biomedical Science, B.S.	2008-2012
The Ohio State University	

Professional Development

Cert. of Leadership in Medical Education	2016-2019
Case Western Reserve University	
Principles of Medical Education	2018
Harvard Medical School	

FOCUS AREAS

- Hospital Medicine
- Career Counseling
- Contract Negotiation
- Arts & Humanities in Medicine

EXPERIENCE

Academic Hospitalist

Summa Health 2024-Present

Physician Hospitalist

Rush University Medical Center 2019-2024

Assistant Professor

Rush University Medical Center 2019-2024

Co-PI

Rush University Medical Center 2022-2024

Clinical Curriculum Committee

Rush University Medical Center 2022-2024

AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS

Medical Student Teaching Award

Rush University Medical Center	2019- 2024
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Resident Clerkship Teaching Award

University Hospitals Cleveland Medical Center	2019
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LIFE OUTSIDE OF SUMMA

Outside of work you can expect to find Dr. Dolan elbow-deep in her garden or experimenting with new (usually vegan) recipes in the kitchen. When not covered in dirt or kitchen smells, Dr. Dolan is either at the farmer's market, the Pilates studio, or traveling. She loves supporting local businesses and continues to hunt for good dining options in the Akron area. A former cat lady (RIP Scarlet), she remains hopeful that the cat distribution system will choose her, soon.



JORDAN GROUBERT, DO

CORE FACULTY



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GET TO KNOW DR. GROUBERT

Dr. Groubert is a Northeast Ohio Native who attended Ohio University for medical school and completed his IM residency at Summa in 2021. He joined the Summa Internal Medicine Residency Core Faculty in 2021 after graduating from residency. He has interest in both inpatient and outpatient medicine and can be found rounding on the medicine teams and staffing in the IMC. He has particular interests in point-of-care ultrasound (POCUS), board preparation, quality metrics and helping residents and medical students develop their clinical reasoning skills.

EDUCATION

Residency

Internal Medicine Residency
Summa Health
2018-2021

Graduate

Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine
Ohio University
2014-2018

Undergraduate

Chemistry B.S.
Walsh University
2009-2013

FOCUS AREAS

- Hospital Medicine
- Outpatient Medicine
- Board Review & Preparation
- POCUS
- Mentorship

EXPERIENCE

Internal Medicine Residency POCUS Director
Summa Health
2025-Present

Core Faculty, Internal Medicine
Summa Health
2021-Present

LIFE OUTSIDE OF SUMMA

Dr. Groubert is married with 3 kids (Lucy, Luka and Logan) and 2 cats (Chex and Steel). His main hobby is spending time with his family, however he also enjoys exercising, working on home improvement projects and playing guitar. After putting the kids to bed he can often be found wearing headphones and trying to learn hard rock and metal riffs on his guitar. His family will tell you that the headphones are a necessity and that "trying" is indeed the correct term when it comes to his guitar playing.



BRADLEY A. MOORE JR., MD, FACP

PROGRAM DIRECTOR, INTERNAL RESIDENCY · ASSISTANT
PROFESSOR OF IM, NEOMED



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GET TO KNOW DR. MOORE

Dr. Moore was born and raised in Mansfield, Ohio, and completed his undergraduate studies at Malone University before earning his medical degree at NEOMED. He rotated at Summa as a clerkship student and was drawn to the hospital, residency program, and academic environment, ultimately completing his Internal Medicine residency and serving as Chief Resident. He then spent nine years as Clerkship Director, mentoring and recruiting medical students, before becoming Program Director in July 2023. He is passionate about working with both students and residents, loves being on the wards and in clinic with learners and finds great joy in seeing them reach their full potential. Residents can come to him for mentorship, career advice, and clinical pearls, particularly in inpatient and outpatient medicine as well as point-of-care ultrasound.

EDUCATION

Residency

Internal Medicine
Summa Health 2010-2013

Graduate

Doctor of Medicine
Northeast Ohio Medical University 2006-2010

Undergraduate

Biology, B.A.
Malone University 2002-2005

Professional Development

ACP Yearlong POCUS Mentorship Course 2020-2021

National Procedure Institute: Office-Based Procedures Curriculum 2016

ACGME Developing Faculty Competencies in Assessment Course 2015

Co-developer & leader, Point-of-Care Ultrasound (POCUS) Curriculum, Summa Health

Reflective Practice Instructor, NEOMED

Clinical Bootcamp Instructor, NEOMED

FOCUS AREAS

- Inpatient & Outpatient Medicine
- Resident Recruitment
- Career Counseling
- POCUS
- Office Based Procedures

AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS

Excellence in Clinical Teaching Award

Northeast Ohio Medical University 2023

College of Medicine Commencement Hooder

Northeast Ohio Medical University 2018, 2022

General Internist of the Year Teaching Award

Summa Health 2017-2018, 2015-2016

Medical Student Teacher of the Year Award

Summa Health 2012-2013

Ideal Physician Award

Northeast Ohio Medical University 2010

EXPERIENCE

Program Director, Internal Medicine Residency

Summa Health 2023-Present

Assoc. Program Director, Internal Medicine Residency

Summa Health 2021-2023

NEOMED M3 Clerkship Site Director

Summa Health 2014-2023

Core Faculty, Internal Medicine Residency

Summa Health 2014-2021

Assistant Clinical Professor of Medicine

Northeast Ohio Medical University 2013-Present

Chief Resident / Assistant Program Director,

Internal Medicine Residency 2013-2014

LIFE OUTSIDE OF SUMMA

Outside of work, Dr. Moore is raising six awesome children with his beautiful wife. His family and faith are important anchors in his life. He is a bit obsessive about golf—both playing and exploring a variety of courses and course architecture—and also enjoys running, woodworking, and reading. He cheers faithfully (and often heartbreakingly) for Cleveland sports teams.



JOSEPH MYERS, MD

CORE FACULTY



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GET TO KNOW DR. MYERS

Dr. Myers is originally from a small farming town in NW Ohio, completed his undergraduate studies at the University of Notre Dame, graduated from the Ohio State University College of Medicine, and did his Internal Medicine training at OhioHealth Riverside Methodist Hospital, and completed Infectious Disease training at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine and Medical Center. His career took him from the University of Michigan Medical Center (1980-1981) to Youngstown Hospital Association (1981-1985) and then to Akron holding ID positions at St. Thomas Medical Center (1985-1987), Akron General (1987-1996), and then to Summa Health where Dr. Myers has held various positions since 1996. He is interested in mentorship through partnership in providing guidance for abstract writing, poster and oral presentation assembly, and manuscript preparation and review. Dr. Myers also loves anything ID – He says he hasn't had a boring week in his life in ID since 1978! Dr. Myers also enjoys providing curbside consultation in cases that require detailed ID guidance.

EDUCATION

Fellowship

Infectious Diseases 1978-1980
University of Cincinnati Hospitals

Residency

Internal Medicine 1975-1978
OhioHealth Riverside Hospital

Graduate

Doctor of Medicine 1972-1975
The Ohio State University College of Medicine

Undergraduate

Preprofessional Studies and Mathematics 1968-1972
University of Notre Dame

Professional Development

Certification Board in Infection Control 1984
Certification by American Society of HIV Medicine 2002
Lean Six Sigma Green Belt Training 2014
Summa Health
Lean Six Sigma Yellow Belt Training 2017
Summa Health

AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS

Award for Performance Excellence

Summa Health 2025

Subspecialist Excellence in Teaching Award

Summa Health 2025

Mastership

American College of Physicians 2025

FOCUS AREAS

- Infectious Disease
- Fellowship Acquisition Skills
- Curriculum Vitae Preparation
- Chocolate Provisions for Department

EXPERIENCE

Master Teacher, Master Teacher Guild

Northeast Ohio Medical University 2002-Present

Professor of Internal Medicine

Northeast Ohio Medical University 1995-Present

LIFE OUTSIDE OF SUMMA

Dr. Myers (he/him) enjoys the “toybox of adult life”—sports—along with spending time with his wife, their dog, and his favorite hobbies: reading history, learning new computer skills, and woodworking. His four children are spread across the Eastern U.S. (Pittsburgh, PA; Chatham, NJ; Cambridge, MA; and Elizabeth City, NC), and he is a proud grandfather of five. Now partially retired, he also takes pride in his famously nicknamed office—“Betty’s Office”—in honor of long-time administrative assistant Betty, who supported several department chairs over the years. Visitors can find it by following the hall display of chocolate products (and, by popular demand, caramel cremes).



BRYAN O'CONNELL, MD

CORE FACULTY



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GET TO KNOW DR. O'CONNELL

Born and raised in Ohio, originally from Youngstown. Dr. O'Connell went to undergrad at OSU followed by med school at NEOMED and then finally residency here at Summa. Having gone into private practice/primary care, he's been able to bring some knowledge of how the business of medicine operates, which has led Dr. O'Connell to create the business curriculum for the residency program. He is always happy to talk to residents about anything but is always happy to talk about financial planning, career planning, and burn out related topics. Dr. O'Connell loves traveling and just about every sport and is always happy to talk!

EDUCATION

Residency

Internal Medicine
Summa Health
2011-2014

Graduate

Doctor of Medicine
Northeast Ohio Medical University
2007-2011

Undergraduate

Biology, B.S., History B.A.
The Ohio State University
2003-2007

FOCUS AREAS

- Primary Care
- Financial Literacy

EXPERIENCE

Core Faculty, Internal Medicine Summa Health	2023-Present
Primary Care & Hospital Medicine Summa Health	2014-2023

AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS

Outstanding General Internist of the Year

Summa Health
2024-2025

Community Based Teacher of the Year

Summa Health
2017-2018

LIFE OUTSIDE OF SUMMA

I love to travel, and I've been to 35+ countries from all over the world. I was inspired by Anthony Bourdain to travel, and I try to emulate his style of travel. I am also a sports fanatic and follow The Ohio State Buckeyes, Columbus Blue Jackets, and Tottenham Hotspur the closest but always have time for the Cavs, Guardians, Crew, and more. I've also found that my favorite thing to do while traveling is to see sporting events, which is the best way to mingle with the locals, and I've been to Korean baseball, Mexican jai alai, Muay Thai boxing, Gaelic football, and soccer games in several different countries!



JOEL RAYL, MD, FACP

ASSOCIATE PROGRAM DIRECTOR, IM RESIDENCY
· CORE FACULTY



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GET TO KNOW DR. RAYL

Dr. Joel Rayl is a proud Akron native who completed his medical training and residency at Summa Health, where he now serves as Associate Program Director for the Internal Medicine Residency Program. With a background in inpatient medicine, medical education, and ultrasound innovation, he brings a strong commitment to resident development and clinical excellence. Dr. Rayl is known for his mentorship in professional growth, bedside teaching, and direct observation feedback. Residents often seek him out for guidance on teaching skills, career planning, and navigating residency challenges. He's also a passionate advocate for wellness and community engagement, and his office is always open—whether for a clinical consult or a conversation over coffee.

EDUCATION

Residency

Internal Medicine 2015-2019
Summa Health

Graduate

Doctor of Medicine 2011-2015
Northeast Ohio Medical University

Undergraduate

Combined Sciences, B.S. 2009-2011
Youngstown State University

Professional Development

ACP Point of Care Ultrasound Mentorship Program 2021

FOCUS AREAS

- Hospital Medicine
- Medical Education
- Point-of-Care Ultrasound
- Resident Mentorship
- Direct Observation Feedback

AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS

Presenter

ACGME Annual Conference 2020, 2025

Presenter

Academic Internal Medicine Week, AAIM 2025

Outstanding Internal Medicine Center Teacher of the Year
Summa Health 2023-2024

General Internist of the Year

Summa Health 2019-2022

Medical Student Teacher of the Year

Summa Health 2017-2018

Alpha Omega Honor Society

Northeast Ohio Medical University 2016

Humanism and Excellence in Teaching Award

Northeast Ohio Medical University 2016

EXPERIENCE

Assoc. Program Director, Internal Medicine Residency
Summa Health 2023-Present

Expert Medical Services Prover
Teladoc Health, Inc. 2023

POCUS Director, Internal Medicine Residency
Summa Health 2019-2024

Core Faculty, Internal Medicine Residency
Summa Health 2019-Present

Asst. Program Director, Internal Medicine Residency
Summa Health 2018-2019

Asst. Professor of Internal Medicine
Northeast Ohio Medical University 2016-Present

LIFE OUTSIDE OF SUMMA

Outside of medicine, Dr. Rayl enjoys spending time with his wife Amy-Kaye and their three children—Mackenzie, Benjamin, and Henry—often heading out for fishing, kayaking, or backpacking adventures together. He's also a DIY home improvement enthusiast, having tackled projects like building a two-story shed, renovating multiple bathrooms, and finishing a basement. Weekends often include board games with friends and time spent in community leadership roles at Grace Church in Bath. Whether mentoring residents or coaching youth, Dr. Rayl brings the same energy and thoughtfulness to his personal life that he does to his professional one.



MICHAEL RICH, MD, FACP

CHAIR, DEPT. OF MEDICINE; ASSOC. PROGRAM DIRECTOR,
IM RESIDENCY; PROFESSOR OF IM, NEOMED



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GET TO KNOW DR. RICH

Dr. Rich is a graduate of Brown University and The University of Toledo College of Medicine, where he was elected to the Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honor Society. He completed his internal medicine residency at Summa Health, subsequently serving as a full-time member of the core faculty. A recipient of numerous teaching awards, he was selected in 2007 as a Master Teacher by the Ohio Chapter of the American College of Physicians. Dr. Rich is widely published in both peer-reviewed medical journals and American history journals. In that regard, he has the distinction of having his work cited by both The New England Journal of Medicine and by Pulitzer Prize winning historian Ron Chernow in his biographical book *Grant*. Having led many hospital committees, he can provide insights into hospital administration.

EDUCATION

Residency

Internal Medicine 1990-1993
Summa Health

Professional Development

Lean Six Sigma Yellow Belt Certification 2019

Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI) for Biomedical Research Certification 2009-Present

Graduate

Doctor of Medicine 1986-1990
University of Toledo

Undergraduate

Biology, B.A. 1982-1986
Brown University

FOCUS AREAS

- Medical Presentations and Publications
- Committee Service
- Primary Care Procedures

EXPERIENCE

Chair, Department of Medicine
Summa Health 2019- Present

Vice Chair, Department of Medicine
Summa Health 2014-2019

Professor of Internal Medicine
Northeast Ohio Medical University 2012-Present

Medical Director, Internal Medicine Center
Summa Health 2007-2023

Assoc. Program Director, Internal Medicine Residency
Summa Health

AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS

Dept. of Medicine Program Directors' Service Award
Summa Health 2019-2020

Most Caring Physician Award
Summa Health 2009

Master Teacher Award
Ohio Chapter of the American College of Physicians 2007

Dept. of Medicine Teaching Award
Summa Health '95, '96, '99, '01, '02, '06, '07, '08, '12

Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society
University of Toledo College of Medicine 1990

LIFE OUTSIDE OF SUMMA

Dr. Rich was nicknamed “Conan the Librarian” in college for splitting his time between the weight room and the library. An avid collector of antiquarian maps, books, sports cards, coins, and stamps, he proudly maintains his collection in a meticulously organized, climate-controlled space—much to the playful protest of his wife, who calls him a hoarder. His four children affectionately tease him about his passion for genealogy, citing it as further evidence of his “nerd” status. A lifelong Cleveland Browns fan, Dr. Rich was born in 1964, the same year the team last won a championship—a connection he leaves open to interpretation.



STEPHANIE NG TAN, MD

CORE FACULTY



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GET TO KNOW DR. TAN

As the daughter of Dr. James S. Tan, Stephanie Tan has been lurking the halls of Summa Health System since her childhood when it was called Akron City Hospital. As a teen, she spent every weekend working in the Infectious Research Lab, where she measured antibiotic levels and learned to ignore the smell of Klebsiella. She also grew up creating graphics and editing her father's research submissions. After studying art history in college and graduate school, she returned to Northeast Ohio to pursue a career in medicine and teaching. She has spent her entire medical career at Summa. Given her nontraditional background, she is skilled at visual and physical diagnosis, writing and editing, and creative problem-solving.

EDUCATION

Residency

Internal Medicine 1994-1997
Summa Health

Graduate

Doctor of Medicine 1990-1994
Northeast Ohio Universities College of Medicine
(NEOMED)

Art History (PhD not completed) 1987-1988
University of Michigan

Undergraduate

Postbaccalaureate pre-medical study 1989-1990
University of Akron

Studio Art and Art History, B.A. 1983-1987
College of Wooster

FOCUS AREAS

- Internal Medicine
- Ambulatory Care

EXPERIENCE

Physician

Summa Physicians Incorporated/Summa Health
Medical Group 2008-Present

Assistant Professor of Clinical Internal Medicine

Northeast Ohio Medical University 1998-Present

Faculty Physician

Summa Health 1997-Present

Physician

Summit County Internists 1997-2008

LIFE OUTSIDE OF SUMMA

• I met my husband (Gary Pinta) in medical school, and we have three adult children who never had any interest in becoming doctors. Subsequently, our current life involves a lot of traveling to Columbus (where my son is a lawyer), San Francisco (where my younger daughter is a marketing coordinator for Fenty Cosmetics) and Los Angeles (where my older daughter is in film school). When my husband isn't dragging me to Browns, Guardians or Cavs games, I'm usually at home cooking, working in the garden, doing something creative, completing menial tasks or trying to beat my sister's Duolingo score. But my favorite things to do are outside, and we are lucky to be close to great parks for walking and Lake Erie for boating.

- With some friends, I started the recycling program at the College of Wooster. So yes, I am that person who always has a reusable bag and composts her kitchen and yard waste.
- I love animals, but I am allergic to everything. My only "grandchildren" thus far have fur and I have a permanent babysitting gig for one cat. If you hear someone coughing or sneezing in the IMC, it is probably me.

AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS

IMC Teacher of the Year Award

Summa Health '07, '10, '11, '12, '15, '23

Fellow

American College of Physicians 2007



KATHERINE TATAR, MD, FACP

CLERKSHIP DIRECTOR · CORE FACULTY



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GET TO KNOW DR. TATAR

Dr. Tatar is originally from Northeast Ohio and came to Summa for her residency training, where she later served as chief resident before joining as core faculty for Summa's IM Residency. She oversees residents in both the outpatient clinic and on the inpatient teaching service. She serves as the Clerkship Director for the third-year medical students from Northeast Ohio Medical University and works closely with the fourth-year sub-interns. Her passions include direct observation, effective feedback, student and resident evaluations, clinical reasoning, and patient-centered care. She is always willing to talk through clinical questions, listen with empathy, or help think through tough decisions—often bringing her love of decision matrices into the process. Unique to her, she has a lifelong love of math and spicy foods, and she is deaf in her right ear. Outside of medicine, she treasures time with her family and enjoys anything to do with cats, foxes, or red pandas.

EDUCATION

Residency

Internal Medicine 2014-2017
Summa Health

Graduate

Doctor of Medicine 2010-2014
University of Toledo College of Medicine

Undergraduate

Biological Chemistry, B.S. 2006-2010
Kent State University

Professional Development

Lead Instructor and Course Developer, Serious Illness
Conversations Course 2020-Present
Summa Internal Medicine Residency
Developing Faculty Competencies in Assessment 2018
Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education

FOCUS AREAS

- Clinical Reasoning
- Medical Student Education
- Resident and Student Feedback Evaluations

EXPERIENCE

Clerkship Director Internal Medicine Summa Health 2023- Present

Associate Professor, Dept. of Internal Medicine Northeast Ohio Medical University 2018-Present

Director of Community Based Teaching Summa Health Internal Medicine Residency 2018- Present

Chief Resident, Internal Medicine Summa Health 2017-2018

LIFE OUTSIDE OF SUMMA

Outside of work, Dr. Tatar enjoys spending time outdoors with her husband and son, whether fishing, hiking, or simply exploring nature. You may catch her playing cards or board games with her family (including a game of "Uno" with her son for the 100th time) or relaxing at home with her three cats. A fan of bold flavors, she is often seeking out new spots to find spicy food paired with a delicious hazy IPA. She enjoys a good suspenseful audiobook while cleaning and exercising and is always looking for a new series on Netflix to binge. Dr. Tatar always gives her students and residents the disclaimers that she is not ignoring them but rather just deaf in her right ear, that she makes a lot of facial expressions, and that she often incorporates a good sentence-enhancer into her vocabulary.

AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS

Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Faculty Award, Arnold P. Gold Foundation
Northeast Ohio Medical University 2024

General Internist of the Year Teaching Award
Summa Health, Internal Medicine Residency 2023

Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society
University of Toledo College of Medicine 2013



ADRIENNE WOLFE, MD, CHSE

CORE FACULTY · ASSISTANT MEDICAL DIRECTOR OF VIRTUAL CARE SIMULATION LABORATORY (VCSL)



Internal Medicine
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GET TO KNOW DR. WOLFE

Dr. Wolfe was born and raised in Northeast Ohio and is the first physician in her family. She completed her residency at Summa Health. She served as Chief Resident following graduation and chose to stay on as faculty following her Chief year. She also brings the unique experience of having completed a Fellowship in Medical Simulation. This training reflects Dr. Wolfe's interest in medical education, mentoring, curriculum development, and the use of simulation as a training modality in medicine. Dr. Wolfe is happy for residents to come by her office for anything, so long as they also want to look at pictures of her Mini-Bernedoodle, Maisy.

EDUCATION

Fellowship

Medical Simulation
Summa Health 2024-2025

Residency

Internal Medicine
Summa Health 2020-2023

Graduate

Doctor of Medicine
Northeast Ohio Medical University 2016-2020

Undergraduate

Combined Sciences, B.S.
Youngstown State University 2014-2016

Professional Development

Certified Healthcare Simulation Educator (SSH)
Society of Simulation in Healthcare 2025

Healthcare Simulation Essentials: Design & Debriefing
Center for Medical Simulation, Boston MA 2024

Organon Clinical Training for Nexplanon 2024

FOCUS AREAS

- Curriculum Development
- Constructive Feedback
- Medical Simulation
- Physician Wellness

EXPERIENCE

Assistant Medical Director of Virtual Care Simulation Lab

Summa Health 2025-Present

Core Faculty, Internal Medicine Residency

Summa Health 2023-Present

Assistant Professor of Clinical Internal Medicine

Northeast Ohio Medical University 2023-Present

Chief Resident

Northeast Ohio Medical University 2023-2024

AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS

Featured Speaker for Society of Simulation in Healthcare

IM Affinity Group Quarterly International Meeting 2025

Panel Participant

Women in Leadership Panel, AMWA 2025
Provider Mental Health: Prevalence and Personal Experience, Patient, Physician and Community Course at NEOMED 2025

Peer Reviewer

Educator Course Proposals for IMSH 2026 Unbound
Articles for publication for MedEdPortal, AAMC Journal of Teaching and Learning Resources

Fellow of the Year, Medical Simulation

Summa Health 2024-2025

LIFE OUTSIDE OF SUMMA

Dr. Wolfe enjoys traveling with friends or family, when she can find someone to dog-sit her pup Maisy. When she is at home in Ohio she likes to bake and take Maisy on walks if the weather is nice. If the weather isn't amenable to walks, she also enjoys playing video games or reading, especially things in the fantasy genre, let her know if you have recommendations!



STEPHANIE ZAUGG, DO, PHARMD, FACP

PROGRAM DIRECTOR, TY · ASSOC. PROGRAM DIRECTOR, IM
VICE CHAIR DEPT. OF MEDICINE



Internal Medicine
Residency

GET TO KNOW DR. ZAUGG

Dr. Zaugg is a proud Northeast Ohio transplant who found her professional home in the Summa Health System, where she has thrived for over 12 years. After falling in love with the system during her residency and chief residency, she now serves as Core Faculty for the Internal Medicine Residency and as the Program Director for the Transitional Year Residency. Her commitment to resident education and mentorship is unwavering, and she's passionate about shaping the future of medicine. In addition to raising her family with her spouse, Dr. Zaugg's spare time includes serving as Associate Program Director of Internal Medicine, Vice Chair of the Department of Medicine, and Chair of the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee. She actively participates in advocacy by serving as a member of the Ohio ACP's Governor's Advisory Council. In her practice, Dr. Zaugg sees patients in both inpatient and outpatient settings, blending her clinical expertise with a patient-centered approach. Outside of the hospital, she's all about family adventures—whether that's hiking with her family, making her traditional Sunday night pizzas, or working in her garden.

EDUCATION

Residency

Internal Medicine	2013-2016
Chief Resident	2016-2017
Summa Health	

Graduate

Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine	2008-2013
Primary Care Educational Associateship	2011-2013
Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine	

Undergraduate

PharmD, Biology, B.S., Spanish B.A.	2002-2008
Ohio Northern University	

Professional Development

ACP Well-being Champion – Class of 2025	2025
Developing Faculty Competencies in Assessment	2017
Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education	

Cert. Trainer, Professional Development in Cultural Competence	2008-2010
Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine	

FOCUS AREAS

- Women in Medicine
- Medical Education
- Hospital Systems Quality Improvement

EXPERIENCE

Program Director, Transitional Year	
Associate Program Director, Internal Medicine	
Summa Health	2023-Present
Vice Chair Dept. of Medicine	
Summa Health	2020- Present
Assistant Professor, Internal Medicine	
Northeast Ohio Medical University	2019- Present
Core Faculty, Internal Medicine	
Summa Health	2017- Present
Walmart Pharmacist	
Summa Health	2008-2013

LIFE OUTSIDE OF SUMMA

Outside of work, Dr. Zaugg spends much of her time chasing her two free-spirited kids, walking her fur babies in the woods, and experimenting with all the sourdough recipes she can find (her family's favorites include her homemade pizza dough and sourdough discard chocolate chip cookies). Dr. Zaugg dreams of the day she can hike the Appalachian Trail with her children.

AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS

Outstanding General Internist Teacher of the Year	
Summa Health, Dept. of Medicine	2023-2024
General Internist of the Year	
Summa Health, Dept. of Medicine	2018-2019