

2023 Copello Health Advocacy Fellowship



Cynthia Davis, MD

Cynthia Davis served her residency at the University of Colorado in Denver where a county indigent hospital and the university system helped her understand the different systems of care. She experienced 21 years in Sioux Falls, MO in a group practice (1999 – 2006) followed by her own practice (2006-2020).



Rebecca Fujimura, MD

Rebecca Fujimura attended Ohio State University and went on to medical school at Wright State University Boonshoft School of Medicine, where she earned her MD and completed the international health program. During this time she did medical missions to Eswatini and Moria Refugee Camp. She completed family medicine residency at MedStar/ Georgetown- Washington Hospital Center in DC.



Joel Burnett, MD

Dr. Joel Burnett, MD is an Assistant Professor of Medicine at Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU) in Portland, Oregon, where he practices general internal medicine. He is Co-Director of the Advocacy Curriculum for the OHSU Internal Medicine Residency Program. He currently serves as Chair of the Health & Public Policy Committee for the Oregon Chapter of American College of Physicians.



Subhjit Sekhon, MD

Dr. Subhjit Sekhon was raised in Fresno, California. After high school, she attended the 6 year combined BA/MD program at the University of Missouri-Kansas City. Between her 5th and 6th years of medical school, Subhjit took a gap year to obtain her MSCI at Washington University in St. Louis. She is currently a third year Obstetrics and Gynecology resident at University of Missouri-Kansas City.



Reuben Mathew
Medical Student

Reuben Mathew is a 4th year medical student at St. George's University School of Medicine. He received his MSPH in International Health at Johns Hopkins where he first became involved in affordable prescription drug advocacy at the Maryland legislature. He later worked with an organizing nonprofit and co-authored a report on price variation on common medications.



Spencer Asay
Medical Student

Spencer Asay is a second-year medical student at the University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine. Originally from northern Utah, he spent two years as a volunteer in Cambodia before completing his bachelor's degree and subsequently moving to Chicago to attend medical school. He aspires to be a general internist with a special interest in health and social care integration strategies to improve population health.



**Tejasvi
Gowda, MD**

Dr. Tejasvi Gowda (she/her) is a future abortion provider and third year resident physician in Obstetrics & Gynecology at Rochester General Hospital in Rochester, NY. She received her medical degree from the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. Her professional interests include family planning, advocacy, and increasing reproductive health access for marginalized communities.



Alyssa Lambrecht
Medical Student

Alyssa Lambrecht is a 3rd year medical student at Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine. After helping to create a health policy advocacy student organization at her medical school, she found a passion for health equity and action-oriented leadership roles. As an aspiring oncologist and osteopathic student, she aims to facilitate physical, emotional, and spiritual healing by providing holistic, patient-centered care.



Itisha Jefferson
Medical Student

As a policy strategist and legislative advocate, Itisha Jefferson played a pivotal role in securing the first-ever ICD-10-CM codes for Central Centrifugal Cicatricial Alopecia and Frontal Fibrosing Alopecia, a groundbreaking achievement that reshaped the landscape of dermatology and insurance coverage for medical hair loss. She also led efforts to expand state-level insurance coverage for wigs for patients experiencing hair loss due to medical conditions in Illinois.



**Kelsi
Manley, MD**

Kelsi Manley is a hospitalist and assistant professor at OHSU where she provides clinical care, teaches residents on the wards, and co-directs the Social Medicine rotation and the Internal Medicine Advocacy Curriculum. Her primary interests include caring for patients with use disorders and socioeconomic inequities, and she is interested in teaching core advocacy skills to physicians and physicians-in-training.



**Shetal
Shah, MD**

Shetal Shah, MD, FAAP, is a Clinical Professor of Neonatology and Pediatrics in the Division of Neonatology at the Maria Fareri Children's Hospital of New York Medical College and a practicing neonatologist, researcher and child-health advocate. He earned his AB from Princeton University Magna Cum Laude in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology followed by an MD with Honors at Cornell University School of Medicine. He completed his pediatric residency at Duke University Medical Center and a fellowship in Neonatology at New York University. He is board-certified by the American Board of Pediatrics in General Pediatrics and Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine.