



Department of Obstetrics &
Gynecology

Obstetrics & Gynecology Residents

Meet the current residents in obstetrics and gynecology at
NY Grossman Long Island School of Medicine.

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Class of 2025



Tudi-Max Brown-Thomas, MD

Hometown: Hempstead, New York

Medical school: New York Medical College

Areas of interest: Health disparities and cultural competence in medical care

Hobbies: Dance and choreography (I have been trained in tap, ballet, jazz, hip-hop, African, and Caribbean dance styles since the age of 4), DIY projects (lately I've been redesigning my apartment, my latest project was my dining room table), game nights (one of my favorite games to play is Resistance), traveling, and trying new restaurants

Why I chose NYU Langone: I grew up on Long Island, and I knew that I wanted to be close to family and friends during residency. My family lives about 15 minutes away from the hospital, so it's very easy to see them whenever I want. Also, the residents were very friendly and welcoming.



Tal Cantor, MD

Hometown: Montréal, Canada

Medical school: Technion American Medical School

Areas of interest: Gynecologic oncology, social determinants of health, healthcare policy, and reform

Hobbies: Exploring independent coffee shops, planning themed birthday parties, spending time with family, and collecting ceramic coffee mugs

Why I chose NYU Langone: After interviewing with this program, I knew I wanted to be part of the school's obgyn family; I could not picture myself at any other program. The residents are truly supportive of one another and make the long hours worth it! The program has access to all subspecialties and encourages us to explore our research and clinical interests from intern year and beyond. This program trains residents to have a strong clinical and surgical background and to be ready for life after residency.



Samantha Hill, MD

Hometown: Greenwich, Connecticut

Medical school: University of Connecticut, School of Medicine

Areas of interest: Family planning and medical education

Hobbies: Swimming, hiking, and traveling

Why I chose NYU Langone: The residents and faculty in this program are incredibly supportive of academic and career goals, patient care, and personal wellness. The curriculum is also well-rounded and evolves yearly based on resident feedback to provide the best possible and current medical education. The proximity to JFK and LGA airports is also an added bonus for traveling and vacationing!

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Veronica Kim, MD

Hometown: East Brunswick, New Jersey

Medical school: Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School

Areas of interest: Minimally invasive gynecological surgery, family planning, general obstetrics and gynecology

Hobbies: Frequenting my local Trader Joe's, exploring new bars and restaurants, plants, reading, painting, and DIY projects

Why I chose NYU Langone: The passionate and supportive residents and staff!



Mariam Wanees, MD

Hometown: Queens, New York

Medical school: Sidney Kimmel Medical College at Thomas Jefferson University

Areas of interest: Global health, physician wellness, obstetrics, and open surgery

Hobbies: Dancing, exercising, hanging out with my nieces and nephews, family game night, meditating and journaling, vegging out on the beach, hiking, Netflix binging, unplugging, and red wine drinking

Why I chose NYU Langone: At the risk of sounding too cliché - the people of course! Throughout the entire interview season, I remember reaching out to current residents who spent time on the phone with me answering all of my questions and even welcoming me into their homes. We clicked instantly and I knew I had found my people.

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Class of 2026



Dajana Alku, MD

Hometown: Brooklyn, New York

Medical school: NYU Grossman Long Island School of Medicine

Areas of interest: Family planning, global women's health, and medical education

Hobbies: Going on walks and runs, reading novels, cooking, traveling, and listening to podcasts

Why I chose NYU Langone: All the amazing people at this program and being close to home.



Katherine French, MD

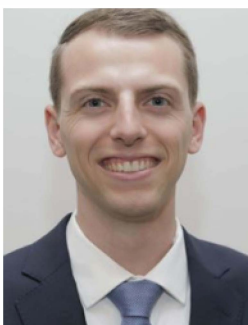
Hometown: Westport, Connecticut

Medical school: New York Medical College

Areas of interest: Family planning, general obstetrics and gynecology, and minimally invasive gynecologic surgery

Hobbies: Visiting art museums and galleries (I'm a former art historian and gallerist), exploring different neighborhoods in and around New York City, and discovering new restaurants and learning about different cultures through food

Why I chose NYU Langone: I chose this program because I wanted to complete my residency at a program that offers not only diverse opportunities in all obstetric and gynecologic subspecialties, but also boasts an incredible community of residents and faculty that are so supportive of my learning process and growth as a physician.



Sebastian Geraci, DO

Hometown: Bayside, New York

Medical school: NYIT College of Osteopathic Medicine

Areas of interest: Reproductive endocrinology and infertility, LGBTQ+ healthcare, and general obstetrics and gynecology

Hobbies: Hiking, travel, going to the beach, skiing, and knitting

Why I chose NYU Langone: I chose this program because of the wealth of training opportunities, access to diverse interests and research within obstetrics and gynecology, and the camaraderie amongst colleagues.

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Shanelle Mason, MD

Hometown: Merrick, New York

Medical school: CUNY Medical School

Areas of interest: General obstetrics and gynecology, hospitalist, minimally invasive gynecological surgery

Hobbies: Traveling, cooking, sewing, and exploring vineyards.

Why I chose NYU Langone: Excellent learning environment with supportive team members, diverse patient population, and geographically close to family and friends.



Erin Miller, MD

Hometown: West Chester, Pennsylvania

Medical school: NYU Grossman Long Island School of Medicine

Areas of interest: Intersection of female reproductive health and public health, and reproductive justice

Hobbies: I love physical activity whether it be lifting, hiking, bike riding, or skiing in the winter. I'm very social so I mostly enjoy doing those activities with others.

Why I chose NYU Langone: I chose this school for the breadth of surgical and clinical experiences in a place where the staff, residents, and attending educators are supportive and engaging. We provide the best training by offering a high volume of cases at every level of residency while maintaining a positive working environment.

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Class of 2027



Dzifa Alifo, MD

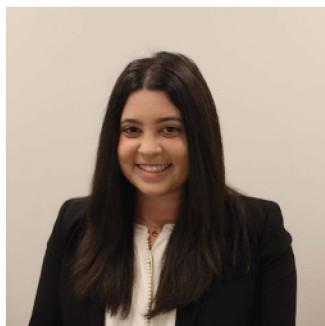
Hometown: Chestnut Ridge, New York

Medical school: Renaissance School of Medicine at Stony Brook University

Areas of interest: General OBGYN, health disparities

Hobbies: Tennis, dance, reading, puzzles

Why I chose NYU Langone: I chose NYULI because of the people. During my interview experience, I truly felt like there was a strong sense of community among the residents. I knew that coming here I would have the benefit of being close to my friends and family while also having a second family here at the program.



Carly Alterman, MD

Hometown: South Salem, New York

Medical school: NYU Grossman Long Island School of Medicine

Areas of interest: Pediatric and adolescent gynecology, healthcare policy, and addressing healthcare disparities for patients with disabilities

Hobbies: Cooking, traveling with friends, and spending time in the sun!

Why I chose NYU Langone: The residents and the patient volume.



Amberly Lao, MD

Hometown: Wallingford, Connecticut

Medical school: University of Vermont

Areas of interest: General obstetrics and gynecology, maternal fetal medicine

Hobbies: Biking, skiing, spending time outside, trying new restaurants

Why I chose NYU Langone: After I did my sub-I here, I knew I wanted to be part of a program where the residents and faculty all support one another and want each other to succeed. The days are long and can sometimes get crazy but its great to be at a place where everyone works as a team to care for our patients. There is a large volume of patients from all walks of life and there is great exposure to all the subspecialties. I feel confident that I will have the skills and knowledge to do whatever I want after I graduate from this program.

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Ioanna Katehis, MD, MPH

Hometown: Astoria, New York

Medical school: CUNY School of Medicine

Areas of interest: Maternal-fetal medicine, reproductive endocrinology and infertility, American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists involvement, and the public health realm of women's health

Hobbies: Travel, dance (I'm a former Greek traditional dancer), volleyball, pilates, and quality time with family, friends, and my dog

Why I chose NYU Langone: I chose this residency program due to the plethora of obstetrical and gynecologic cases, abundant exposure to all the Ob/Gyn subspecialties, and the academic and research opportunities it offers, all while being close to home and creating relationships that will last a lifetime!



Sim Berlene Mariano, MD

Hometown: Born in the Philippines, grew up in High Bridge, New Jersey

Medical school: Rutgers-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School

Areas of interest: Gyn surgery

Hobbies: Visiting art museums, being a retired starbucks barista

Why I chose NYU Langone: NYU-LISOM has close-knit, community hospital vibes with extensive exposure to all the sub-specialties and dedication to resident education.

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Casey Moffitt, MD

Hometown: Downingtown, PA

Medical school: Sidney Kimmel Medical College at Thomas Jefferson University

Areas of interest: Health Policy with a focus on vulnerable populations, reproductive justice, global health and integrative medicine

Hobbies: Traveling, exploring new restaurants and cocktail bars, painting, DIY projects, thrifting, and sometimes practicing yoga—while trying to keep my plants alive!

Why I chose NYU Langone: The high patient volume, diversity, and balance of training with both community and academic providers. The program's focus on resident education and wellness stood out to me and I immediately felt a sense of belonging among the residents and staff. Plus, being so close to both the city and the beach has really enhanced my quality of life.



Hailey Selikoff, MD

Hometown: Birmingham, Alabama

Medical school: University of South Alabama College of Medicine

Areas of interest: Everything right now! I would love to specifically work with the LGBTQ+ population in practice

Hobbies: Playing piano/guitar, listening to podcasts, watching The Bachelor, going on long walks, laughing with friends

Why I chose NYU Langone: The people and the training! The residents are so close, and I definitely saw how it's an extension of family when doing my sub-I here. Each subdivision of Ob/Gyn is so well established, and I knew I'd be receiving the education I needed to be a generalist or sub specialize in whatever I choose.

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Class of 2028



Alyson Dennis, MD

Hometown: Hollywood, Florida

Medical school: NYU Grossman School of Medicine

Areas of interest: Reproductive endocrinology and infertility, gynecologic surgery, and medical education

Hobbies: Hosting dinner parties, DIY projects, spending time outdoors, spending time with my nieces and family

Why I chose NYU Langone: I love the close-knit feel of the residency program. We have the best of both worlds--a community feel hospital with every possible sub-specialty and research opportunities. The case volume and diverse patient population will definitely prepare you for life outside residency.



John Dinelli, MD

Hometown: Briarcliff Manor, NY

Medical school: Albany Medical College

Areas of interest: Gynecologic oncology, medical education

Hobbies: Irish step dance, bread-baking, cooking, gardening

Why I chose NYU Langone: The high patient volume, exposure to sub-specialties, strong faculty mentorship, and opportunities for academic research, all while training with a supportive group of co-residents!



Justin Gimoto, MD

Hometown: Dededo, Guam

Medical school: New York Medical College

Areas of interest: MFM, FP, LGBTQIA+ health, health equity and community outreach

Hobbies: Volleyball, playing piano/Ukulele, taking care of my cat, Jerry

Why I chose NYU Langone: I was looking for a program that had the volume and exposure to the entire breadth of OB/GYN with a diverse community, but I really sought out a place that had a supportive community filled with passionate people who truly cared for their patients and the surrounding community. I wanted the support that would foster my growth, and could really feel that from the program during my interview!

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Class of 2028



Maria Gomez, MD

Hometown: Bay Shore, New York

Medical school: SUNY Upstate Medical University

Areas of interest: General obstetrics and gynecology, minimally invasive gynecological surgery, urogynecology

Hobbies: Traveling, reading, trying new restaurants and bars with friends, dancing, and going to the beach

Why I chose NYU Langone: This program had everything I was looking for--diverse patient population, early exposure to all sub-specialties, and a supportive academic environment. I could truly tell on my interview day how close-knit the residents were and I felt I would be strongly supported throughout my time here in all aspects of training and personal growth. Also, a plus that it's close to home!



Kevin Ho, MD

Hometown: Irvine, California

Medical school: Albert Einstein College of Medicine

Areas of interest: Global health, everything right now!

Hobbies: Photography, rock climbing, music, running, tennis, reading

Why I chose NYU Langone: Having my family and friends in the area was super important to me. The people that I met during the interview also seemed genuinely happy to be here and the program had a great diversity in patient population.



Emmanuella Kobara, MD

Hometown: Bronx, New York

Medical school: NYU Grossman Long Island School of Medicine

Areas of interest: Social determinants of health, global women's health, and academic medicine

Hobbies: Reading, knitting, pilates, and trying new restaurants

Why I chose NYU Langone: I chose NYU Grossman Long Island School of Medicine because of its outstanding faculty who are dedicated and passionate about our well-being, as well as the amazing residents in the program.