



Department of Obstetrics and
Gynecology

Obstetrics & Gynecology Residents

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

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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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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: It 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 it's outstanding faculty who are dedicated and passionate about our well-being, as well as the amazing residents in the program.

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Class of 2029



Rachel Aber, MD

Hometown: Plainview, New York
Medical school: Suny Upstate Medical University
Areas of interest: All things OB/GYN! Maternal-fetal medicine, reproductive endocrinology and infertility, reproductive justice and patient advocacy
Hobbies: Running, triathlons, reading, traveling, journaling
Why I chose NYU Langone: I had an amazing experience during my away rotation and really enjoyed working with the supportive residents and faculty. This program has strong mentorship, a diverse patient population, and the perfect blend of a community feel within a large academic network that provides access to all subspecialties and research.



Elaine Avshman, MD

Hometown: Dallas, Texas
Medical school: Texas A&M University College of Medicine
Areas of interest: Family planning, urogynecology, global health
Hobbies: Backpacking, hiking, traveling, and yoga! Love being outside and spending time with friends
Why I chose NYU Langone: I chose NYU Long Island because it was the program where I immediately felt connected to the people on interview day. I remember texting my best friend saying, "the people are AMAZING!". The faculty, clinical volume, and fellowships further proved that I would receive amazing training while also being surrounded by people that come to work happy and excited. An added plus was being back in New York near so many of my friends and family!



Sierra Camburn, MD

Hometown: Quakertown, Pennsylvania
Medical school: Temple/St. Luke's School of Medicine
Areas of interest: General obstetrics and gynecology, minimally invasive gynecologic surgery, gynecologic oncology
Hobbies: CrossFit, running, traveling, spending time with friends and family (especially my niece)
Why I chose NYU Langone: I chose NYU Long Island because I wanted a training environment that promotes autonomy early on, while also providing a strong sense of belonging among residents and faculty. Additionally, I wanted to gain exposure to a wide range of subspecialties, while also developing the skills necessary to excel as a generalist.

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Lilly Drohan, MD

Hometown: Holliston, Massachusetts

Medical school: NYU Grossman Long Island School of Medicine

Areas of interest: Maternal Fetal Medicine, Critical Care in Obstetrics, Medical Education

Hobbies: Collecting candles, omakase dates, and going to Jones beach!

Why I chose NYU Langone: This program had everything I was looking for in addition to having the kindest group of close-knit residents and faculty! I was particularly drawn to the robust resident research, emphasis on ultrasound skills, and high-acuity labor floor. I knew I would get exceptional training while simultaneously enjoying my day-to-day work alongside these fantastic co-residents!



Amanda Elimian, MD

Hometown: Westchester, NY

Medical school: New York Medical College

Areas of interest: Pediatric and Adolescent Gynecology, Comprehensive Sex Education, Medical Education

Hobbies: The Sims, makeup, photography, stationery, musical theatre, dance, going on walks with my cats

Why I chose NYU Langone: I chose NYULI because of the camaraderie I saw amongst residents and how welcome I felt by them and the faculty.



Michaela Winkeler, MD

Hometown: St. James, New York

Medical school: Albert Einstein School of Medicine

Areas of interest: Minimally invasive gynecologic surgery, LGBTQ+ health, medical education, general obstetrics and gynecology

Hobbies: Swimming, tennis, music, gardening, and watching Jeopardy!

Why I chose NYU Langone: At my NYU LI interview, I felt genuine warmth and support from both residents and faculty, and it was clear that this is a program where the people truly value one another. I felt that the close-knit environment, the strong sense of community, and the high surgical volume would help me develop into a confident and well-rounded OBGYN. I was also particularly drawn to the program's commitment to reproductive justice and LGBTQ+ inclusivity, and I am excited to have the opportunity to train in an environment that aligns with my values.