

Scripps Mercy Family Medicine Residents – Class of 2018



Peter Baum, DO

Western University of Health Sciences – College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific

Peter was born and raised near Syracuse, New York. He has always been an avid outdoorsman, environmentalist and community activist at heart. From a young age he always knew he wanted to go into medicine, yet had many additional passions. Prior to medical school, Peter received his bachelor's degree in Behavioral Neuroscience from Connecticut College where he was active in a variety of student-led social justice organizations.

Upon completion of his undergraduate degree, he worked as an AmericorpsVISTA member directing and implementing afterschool education programs for at-risk youth in New London, Connecticut. His desire to positively impact the world, improve his Spanish and immerse himself in Latino culture, later led him to Quito, Ecuador where he lived for three years prior to starting medical school. During his time in Ecuador he worked for the environmental international development organization called Sun Mountain International, often in coordination with the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), and later as a high school biology teacher at the American School of Quito.

Peter studied medicine at Western University of Health Sciences – College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific. In medical school, he was actively involved in and led student-run free clinics and taught medical Spanish to his peers. Peter chose to join the Scripps Chula Family because of its awesome, inspiring people who share similar values and a mission of serving marginalized and vulnerable communities through a community-oriented primary care approach.

Upon completion of his residency training, he has committed, as a National Health Service Corps (NHSC) Scholarship recipient, to provide healthcare in underserved communities in the United States. In his free time, he enjoys trying new foods, cultural immersion, live music, traveling, surfing and outdoor activities with his wife, their dog Luna, and friends.



Vanessa Cobian, MD

University of California, San Diego – School of Medicine

Vanessa was born and raised in San Diego County. She attended Columbia University for college.

She found her love of women's health and adolescent health prior to medical school when she joined Planned Parenthood to work as a reproductive health assistant. This experience motivated her to

pursue a career in medicine. She participated in the UCLA/Charles Drew post-baccalaureate program where she found other people who were also interested in underserved care.

She is a graduate of the University of California, San Diego School of Medicine's Program in Education for Health Equity. During medical school, she was a women's health manager at the student-run free clinic. She was the program manager for multiple adolescent outreach programs, including the Doc-4-A-Day conference and the Healthy Minds, Healthy Body Program. She is also a National Health Service Corps award recipient.

She chose family medicine because she values continuity of care and likes approaching patient care by looking at wellness, preventative medicine and the whole person. She is particularly interested in behavior change and finding ways to support patients in making behavior changes. She also enjoys supporting a patient's ability to choose what is best for them in the setting of economic and social barriers. These interests led her to pursue a Master's of Public Health with a concentration in social and behavioral science at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health.

Outside of medicine, she enjoys going to museums, street festivals and rooting for her favorite sports teams.



Diep Ho, MD

Penn State – Hershey College of Medicine

Diep was born in Vietnam and immigrated to San Diego with her family at the age of 5. She spent most of her life enjoying the beautiful sunny weather in San Diego and attended the University of California, San Diego where she majored in Pharmacological Chemistry believing she would become a pharmacist.

However, after volunteering as a pre-pharm student at the free clinic, she felt unfulfilled in her desire for patient interaction and thus, began volunteering at a family medicine clinic as a Vietnamese medical interpreter. It was this experience that motivated her to become a physician and, in particular, a family physician.

She spent four years adjusting to the East coast weather while attending medical school at Penn State Hershey and was active in several student organizations, including being president of the Multicultural Awareness Club, event coordinator for the Family Medicine Interest Group, senior editor of a student-run pediatric magazine and editor-in-chief of the class yearbook. She also had a humbling experience volunteering in the Dominican Republic and learning about underserved medicine and global health.

While applying to residency programs, she immediately fell in love with Scripps Chula Vista's emphasis on health disparities, border medicine and medical Spanish, and was charmed by the genuine kindness of the people she met.

Her hobbies include badminton, running, karaoke, playing with her two nephews and dog, and volunteering at a local Buddhist youth group.



Usha Rao, MD

Rutgers-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, New Brunswick NJ

Usha Rao grew up in Plainsboro, New Jersey. She took time off from her undergraduate education at Cornell University to work at Chinmaya Organization for Rural Development in rural northern India. There, she discovered her passion for community organizing and women’s empowerment work.

As an undergrad and medical student, Usha helped to develop and implement patient engagement workshops in clinics serving underserved patients with the Right Question Institute. During medical school, she served as a student director of the Promise Clinic, one of Rutgers’ student-run free clinics, and developed her interests in food access and nutrition through her work with the Healthy Living Task Force.

She is excited to be at Scripps Chula Vista and is particularly interested in maternity care, school-based health and community nutrition issues, including breastfeeding and obesity. She looks forward to a career serving underserved communities in the U.S. and one day in India, as a dedicated physician and community leader.

Outside of residency, Usha loves to cook, hike, play her violin, and explore sunny San Diego with her husband.



Olatokunbo “Toks” Adegboro, MD

University of Illinois – College of Medicine

Born and raised in Chicago, Olatokunbo’s passion for medicine spawned from exposure to the hospital while in elementary school. But it wasn’t until high school, about an hour outside Boston, that she realized she wanted to be a physician.

She embarked on the standard pre-med track while at Swarthmore College. While struggling through physics and orgo, she entertained her liberal arts curiosities with forays into ancient and modern history, English and religion. A trip to southern Nigeria during her junior year refueled her desire to enter the health care arena.

After flirting with the East Coast, Olatokunbo returned to Chicago to serve as a project coordinator at the University of Illinois School of Public Health. She worked with breast and cervical cancer patients, as well as pregnant and parenting homeless youth for two years before attending medical school. Witnessing the relationship between adequate health care and economic status, both here and abroad, narrowed her focus in support of eliminating health disparities.

Her medical interests include emergency medicine/urgent care, women's health, adolescent health and working with marginalized populations (especially Native Americans, immigrant populations, undocumented individuals, incarcerated individuals, and the LGBT community).

Olatokunbo enjoys playing tennis, watching almost any sport, hitting the gym, reading and writing, trying to learn Spanish and overdosing on television and film.



Tynan Wyatt, MD

University of California, San Diego – School of Medicine

Tynan was born and raised in Bakersfield, California, spending much of his youth playing soccer. This allowed him the opportunity for much international travel and set the stage for a lifelong devotion to the people of underserved communities. After playing varsity football at Brown University a severe knee injury diverted Tynan's efforts away from sports and towards academics allowing him to graduate with a B.A. in Human Biology.

Taking some time after college to find his passion, he worked as a veterinarian assistant, U.S. census taker and science tutor while also acquiring an inordinate amount of knowledge about plants, a judo black belt and a jiu-jitsu purple belt. Eventually, while volunteering with the United Nation's Small Subsidiaries Program in the Dominican Republic, he reached the conclusion that medicine would allow him to satisfy his life's goals of helping others, supporting his family, and being an advocate for important issues in his community.

During his time at UCSD's School of Medicine, Tynan was able to be a part of the bi-national VIIDAI medical clinic in San Quintin, Baja California; support the Healthy Minds-Healthy Bodies high school program; and travel to Jamaica as part of a medical team. After residency, Tynan plans to return to Bakersfield and help improve the community he came from through better health and increased opportunities for youth.

He is ever grateful for the people who steered him towards family medicine and couldn't be happier than to be a part of the Scripps Chula family.



Nadia Mohamedi, MD

University of California, San Diego – School of Medicine

Nadia grew up in the city of Boston, where she assisted in leading a summer learning program for underserved middle school children. She obtained her undergraduate degree at Harvard in neurobiology and psychology. While at Harvard, she led her sorority in service for the blind and received a scholarship to volunteer in Peru at a school for children with developmental disabilities. After college, she performed clinical research in alcohol and drug addiction at McLean Hospital before she got the California “itch” and moved to San Diego.

Upon moving to San Diego, Nadia began working for MotherToBaby, a non-profit which conducts research and provides free education to the public regarding the effect of medications or other exposures during pregnancy or breastfeeding on the developing baby. She was very excited to stay in San Diego for medical school and for residency!

These experiences have shaped her path and goals in medicine. Her passions are adolescent medicine, maternal-child health, global health and behavioral medicine.

Her hobbies include dancing (ballet, jazz and hip-hop), playing soccer and surfing.



Anapurna “Anna” Karra, MD

Tulane University – School of Medicine

Annapurna, better known as Anna, was born in beautiful Ventura County and grew up in Moorpark, California. Growing up, she played tennis, danced Bharatanatyam and was very close with her Indian and Filipino families. Her passion for underserved medicine grew while working for a free clinic in high school.

For undergrad, Anna attended Vassar College in Poughkeepsie, New York, where she majored in Latin American and Latino/a Studies, studied abroad in Brazil, and developed interests in public health and health disparities.

Before medical school, Anna spent a year at UCSD working as an assistant in a bioengineering lab. She then chose to attend medical school at Tulane University in New Orleans, where she also completed her Master’s of Public Health in Global Community Health and Behavioral Sciences. During her time in New Orleans, she became involved in her capoeira community, worked with a quality improvement team at a local patient centered medical home (PCMH) organization, was involved in teaching at the Goldring Center for Culinary Medicine, and became a 2015 Gold Humanism Honor Society member.

Her interests in family medicine (if she has to narrow it down) include obstetrics, health for school children, geriatrics, palliative care and community advocacy.

In her spare time, Anna enjoys playing capoeira with her boyfriend, cooking, traveling, going to concerts and taking advantage of San Diego's many outdoor opportunities.