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Next: Doctor’s Dilemma Finalists
Doctor's Dilemma
Finalists

Round 1 Winner
AdventHealth Orlando

Team Members
Swotantra Gautam, MD
Atika Malik, MD
Ahmed Ibrahim, MD

Round 2 Winner
Florida State University – Cape Coral

Team Members
Stefan Milutinovic, MD
Ambar Morales Rodriguez, MD
Fnu Aakash, MD
Osama Rehman, MD

Round 3 Winner
University of Florida – Gainesville

Team Members
Robert Jordan Hall, MD
Umar Iqbal, MBBS
Faith Obimdike, MD
Hannah Zuercher, MD
Doctor's Dilemma Finalists

Round 4 Winner
Orlando Health

Team Members
Rida Altaf, DO
Shelby Ploucher, MD
Ana Teresa Madeira Bernardes, MD
Odelvys Granela, DO

Round 5 Winner – HCA FL Healthcare Westside/Northwest Hospital

Team Members
Sachin George Mathew, MD
Fatmaelzahraa Abosbeaa, MD
Fnu Swatisikta, MD
Miriam Zahid, MD

These 5 outstanding teams will compete for the State Championship on October, 27th as part of our Annual Scientific Meeting

Moving on, let's take a look at the ACP Annual Meeting
2024 FL ACP CHIEF RESIDENT AWARD RECIPIENTS

AARON WALKER, MD
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NITHYA MOWNIKA YADLAPALLI, MD
FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
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VINCENT TIR, DO
HCA FLORIDA ORANGE PARK HOSPITAL

WENDY TIMIRAI, MD
HCA FLORIDA ORANGE PARK HOSPITAL

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CHIEF RESIDENT AWARD RECIPIENTS

RAJ V SHAH, MD
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GERSON QUINTERO, MD
ORLANDO HEALTH

CHULOU H PENALES, MD
HCA FLORIDA WESTSIDE/NORTHWEST

JOMARIS NATALIA CENTENO GIRONA, MD
UCF HCA FLORIDA HEALTHCARE GREATER ORLANDO

GURU NANDHA RAJA CHINNARAJ, MD
UCF HCA FLORIDA HEALTHCARE GREATER ORLANDO

LILY ZHANG, MD
HCA FLORIDA WESTSIDE/NORTHWEST
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CHIEF RESIDENT AWARD RECIPIENTS

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UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA

FATIMA CHAGANI, MD
UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

LAHARI TUMULURI, MD
UCF HCAFLORIDA HEALTHCARE GREATER ORLANDO

ALFREDO LUIS TOLL, MD
HCA FLORIDA KENDALL HOSPITAL

ANA TERESA MADEIRA BERNARDES, MD
ORLANDO HEALTH

ANDREW PAUL STEIN, MD
UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA
2024 OUTSTANDING RESIDENT AWARDS

2024 Outstanding Resident of the Year
AdventHealth Orlando Internal Medicine Residency
Shammas Farooq Bajwa, MD PGY-3

Dr. Bajwa has served as one of our chief residents this year. He has consistently gone above and beyond the call of duty to care for his co-residents. He leads by example, and is kind, considerate, and always willing to provide a helping hand. He helps arrange resident events to enhance well-being, and truly demonstrates an altruistic spirit. He demonstrates the same spirit to his patients and their families.

2024 Outstanding Resident of the Year
FL State University—Sarasota Memorial Hospital Internal Medicine Residency
Ian Vargas, MD PGY-2

Dr. Vargas is a compassionate and caring resident physician who is recognized by his peers as a leader in scholarship, teaching and patient care. He has successfully presented his research at the FL ACP Resident and Student Meeting and was awarded first place for his work this past spring. He is actively involved in all aspects of health care at our hospital and is committed to excellence in the myriad of ways he serves the healthcare system. We are proud to recommend him for the FL ACP Outstanding Resident award.
2024 Outstanding Resident of the Year
FL State University—Cape Coral
Internal Medicine Residency
You Nine Hernandez Castillo, MD PGY-2

You Nine started her residency training in July of 2022 as an intern of our inaugural class, at Florida State University College of Medicine Internal Medicine Residency Program in Cape Coral, Lee Health System. She immediately stood out due to her infectious enthusiasm and positive energy as well as a motivation to work, learn and contribute to the quality of patient care and the teaching program. She grew from a novice to an expert PGY-2 senior who is a role-model of professionalism for the junior peers. She teaches difficult topics and concepts to her medical students, interns and patients and is always the brightest member of any multidisciplinary team. You Nine continues to be focused and devoted to patient care, but also cracks a joke when appropriate. She genuinely cares about any human being – a colleague, a clinic patient or a faculty and never fails to impress. She is one of those rare physicians that considers medicine still a vocation and immerses herself in this field fearlessly.

Overall, I hope she stays in academics (preferably within our program) due to her natural talent to teach in the simple, effective way and genuinely empathy towards any patient she encounters.

2024 Outstanding Resident of the Year
FL State University—Tallahassee Memorial Healthcare
Internal Medicine Residency
Gizem Reyhanoglu, DO PGY-3

Dr. Reyhanoglu represents the best of Internal Medicine as she is inquisitive, compassionate, ambitious, and holistic in patient care and scholarly work. Pursuing pulmonary and critical care medicine, she has been involved within our institution on committees, advance medical scientific knowledge through scholarly work with multiple poster presentations, including with ACP FL, QI and publications. As a member of our Doctors Dilemma team, she helped secure the 2023 Florida Chapter championship for our program and represented at the national level. She aims to continue as a coach for our team next academic year as junior faculty chief resident.
2024 Outstanding Resident of the Year
HCA Florida Aventura Hospital
Internal Medicine Residency
Jorge Andres Diaz, MD PGY-1

Dr. Diaz’s consistent commitment to our program has been evident through his exceptional patient care, continuous scholarly activities, and brilliant participation in events like the 2024 ACP Doctor’s Dilemma. His proactive organization of wellness events, aimed at aiding underserved communities, showcases his dedication to making a meaningful impact beyond clinical practice. Dr. Diaz’s exceptional performance and remarkable leadership, make him an exemplary resident, deserving of this recognition.

2024 Outstanding Resident of the Year
Mayo Clinic Florida
Internal Medicine Residency
Christian Karime, MD PGY-3

Dr. Karime has been an active ACP member, presenting his research at both the state and national level. He has received several ACP scientific poster presentation awards. After graduation from residency, Dr Karime will be continuing his training as a gastroenterology fellow at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in California.
2024 Outstanding Resident of the Year
Mayo Clinic Florida
Internal Medicine Residency
Nikita Jhawar, MD PGY-3

Dr Jhawar has been an active ACP member, presenting her research at both the state and national level. She has received several ACP scientific poster presentation awards. After graduation from residency, Dr Jhawar will be continuing her training as a cardiology fellow at Cooper University Hospital in New Jersey.

2024 Outstanding Resident of the Year
Memorial Healthcare System
Internal Medicine Residency
Shiv Krishnaswamy, MD PGY-2

Since joining the program, Shiv has been an exemplary resident. In addition to being clinically strong for his training level, he is dedicated to his education and training as well to his co-residents. He has been a leader in the program, serving on various committees and task forces including being a resident representative to GMEC. He is smart, thoughtful and empathetic. He has excelled clinically, actively participates in didactic and academic activities and has been prolific in research (including presenting posters and other scholarly work at national conferences). To sum up, Shiv is the ideal trainee and a role model for medical students and other residents.
2024 Outstanding Resident of the Year
Mount Sinai Medical Center
Internal Medicine Residency
Logan Schamber, DO PGY-3

Throughout his residency, Dr. Schamber continuously demonstrated a high level of professionalism towards his work and his peers. He is patient focused and remains efficient and invested in how he provides quality care. He is a resident who is not afraid to take the lead; he is a great mentor to the PGY-1 but to all residents overall. He is a fair leader who demonstrates empathy and Integrity. He advocates for the program and for his colleagues; he always seek new ways to improve not only for himself but for his fellow residents which resulted in him being named Chief Resident. Dr. Schamber has been actively involved in many ACP activities (poster presentations, Juror Medical Student’s poster competition, Member of the program’s Doctors Dilemma Team). It was without hesitation and with great honor Dr. Schamber was selected as the recipient of the 2024 ACP Resident of the Year Award.

2024 Outstanding Resident of the Year
NCH Healthcare System
Internal Medicine Residency
Jenifer Centeno Gavica, DO PGY-3

I am pleased to nominate Dr. Centeno for the ACP Outstanding Resident Award. She has demonstrated exemplary patient care, leadership, and teamwork skills during her training here at NCH. Her dedication to her patients is superb and she is highly regarded by her peers and supervisors here. Dr Centeno has been active in ACP activities during her time here, presenting abstracts at the Florida ACP meeting as well as at the national ACP meeting. She has received the ACP Young Achiever award as well as the Outstanding Intern Teaching Award from the University of Central Florida COM.
2024 Outstanding Resident of the Year
Orlando Health
Internal Medicine Residency
Ana Teresa Madeira Bernardes, MD PGY-2

Teresa has been involved in many of the ACP’s scholarly activities. She was a poster presentation winner at the Annual scientific session last fall. She also became the captain of our Doctor’s Dilemma team, and our team was able to advance to the state finals later this year. She has been named chief resident and possesses outstanding patient care skills and medical knowledge. She has also received yearly awards for meritorious performance on the national in-training examinations since starting residency.

2024 Outstanding Resident of the Year
UCF/HCA Florida Healthcare Greater Orlando
Internal Medicine Residency
Chelsea Miao Guan-Singh, MD PGY-3

It is with great honor that we nominate Dr. Guan for the FL Chapter ACP Outstanding Resident of the Year Award. Dr. Guan epitomizes compassion and leadership, serving as a role model and advocate for patients. Her excellence in patient care is complemented by her ability to forge strong relationships with peers, patients, and staff. Dr. Guan’s positive demeanor and exceptional listening skills distinguish her as an outstanding physician. Furthermore, her three-year tenure on the resident council showcases her leadership prowess and dedication to advancing the program. Her unwavering commitment to community, underscores her invaluable contribution to our program and the broader medical community.
2024 Outstanding Resident of the Year
UCF/HCA Florida Healthcare Ocala
Internal Medicine Residency
Mahmoud Hazim, MD PGY-3

As the Program Director of the Internal Medicine Residency Program, I am delighted to nominate Dr. Mahmoud Hazim for the FL chapter ACP Outstanding Resident Award. Dr. Hazim exemplifies clinical excellence, leadership, and dedication to patient care. His unwavering commitment to continuous learning, teamwork, and compassionate service inspires both peers and faculty alike. As a third-year Clinical Chief Resident, he has consistently demonstrated exceptional leadership skills while excelling academically and contributing to research. I wholeheartedly endorse Dr. Mahmoud Hazim for this prestigious recognition. He is truly deserving of this honor.

2024 Outstanding Resident of the Year
University of Miami/JFK Medical Center
Matthew Gulau, MD PGY-3

Dr. Gulau is a teacher, not only of his colleagues but his patients as well. He is well regarded by those he comes into contact with. His patients appreciate the time he takes with them and the knowledge he imparts to them about their care. His empathy is easily recognized by all.
2024 Outstanding Resident of the Year
Wellington Regional Medical Center Internal Medicine Residency
Austin James Trent, DO PGY-3

The Internal Medicine Residency Program at Wellington Regional Medical Center located in Florida would be honored to nominate Dr. Austin Trent for the 2024 ACP Outstanding Resident of the Year award. Dr. Trent’s dedication, compassion, and exemplary patient care has consistently exceeded expectations. He goes above and beyond, demonstrating exceptional clinical skills and a genuine commitment to improving patient outcomes. Dr. Trent’s leadership as chief within our program is an inspiration for excellence. Whether it is mentoring our residents or advocating for a patient’s needs, Austin embodies the qualities of an outstanding resident. We wholeheartedly endorse this well-deserved recognition.

2024 Outstanding Resident of the Year
University of Florida Jacksonville Medicine Internal Medicine Residency
Landen Burstiner, DO PGY-2

Dr. Burstiner upholds the core values of ACP; his actions align with both the goals of our institution and ACP. Recognizing the value of interpersonal connections, he promotes his fellow residents’ wellness through his actions on our IM social-media committee. He expands this engagement through his service as the co-chair of the FI ACP Council of Residents. Recognized as a vocal advocate, he had been peer-selected to serve on our residency program’s leadership council as a PGY1, a role he still holds. He has advocated for patients and physicians by volunteering for Leadership Day in DC, and locally in Tallahassee.
2024 Outstanding Resident of the Year
University of Miami at Holy Cross Hospital
Internal Medicine Residency
Shane Quo, DO PGY-3

Shane Quo was selected for the ACP award for his outstanding clinical skills, exemplary patient care, and unwavering commitment to continuous learning and improvement. He has consistently demonstrated exceptional professionalism, empathy, and dedication to their patients, earning the respect and admiration of their peers and mentors. Dr. Quo’s proactive approach to medical challenges, coupled with his ability to communicate effectively and collaborate with interdisciplinary teams, sets him apart as a role model within the Internal Medicine program. Dr. Quo’s passion for medicine and tirelessly pursuit of excellence makes him highly deserving recipient of the ACP award.

2024 Outstanding Resident of the Year
University of South Florida
Gerry Samantha Eichelberger, MD PGY-3

Dr. Eichelberger is has been a wonderful role model resident in our residency program. She is always an advocate for her patients, she is actively involved in the Patient Safety Committee reviewing documented incident reports and trying to find ways to improve quality and safety of our care. She also naturally enact these skills when rounding as a senior resident for her team voicing her concerns regarding patient follow up and always remaining attentive to social barriers her patients face. She also checks in with her fellow residents making sure her team is well supported and has all the resources they need to carry out high quality patient care. She treats every patient and colleague with the utmost respect and positive attitude, she is an effective senior leader and keeps the team organized, efficient, and thorough, she is committed to teaching and learning. She has been an active member of ACP through poster presentations and serving as a poster judge for the medical student competition.”
2024 Outstanding Medical Student
FIU Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine
Jiana Baker

Jiana has had an impressive career at FIU HWCOM. Jiana completed undergraduate studies at the University of Connecticut, where she was a Fulbright Scholar semi-finalist. At HWCOM she served as co-editor for the Florida Medical Student Research Journal, overseeing publications and creating opportunities for others. She served as MedLEAD Chair, Diversity Advisor Council member, and mentor. Jiana has research projects in Cardiology and Nephrology with an impressive 9 publications/15 poster presentations, and outstanding clinical performances. She is highly committed to service and the promotion of health. We are delighted to select Jiana as ACP Florida Chapter Student of the Year.

2024 Outstanding Medical Student
Florida State University College of Medicine
John Weng

John Weng has an exceptionally strong medical knowledge base. He has an ease with linking that knowledge to clinical scenarios and his enthusiasm seeing it all make sense. He is eager to engage patients, his respectfulness, communication skills, self-motivation, and eagerness to constantly improve all aspects of clinical care including presentations is exceptional. He consistently performed well above his level of medical education. He also sees the larger system issues that affect the delivery of patient care. John Weng will make an excellent Internist and add significantly our field.
2024 Outstanding Medical Student Award

University of Florida College of Medicine

Jackson Brunner

Jackson Brunner, MD, was chosen for the Florida Chapter American College of Physicians Outstanding Medical Student Award for his exceptional dedication and contributions to the medical community. As an active chapter member, Brunner demonstrated exemplary leadership, a commitment to service, and a passion for advancing medical education and practice. His involvement in various initiatives showcased his clinical excellence, professionalism, and advocacy for patient care. Brunner’s unwavering commitment to the values upheld by the American College of Physicians made him a standout candidate, earning him recognition as an outstanding medical student in Florida.

2024 Outstanding Medical Student Award

University of Miami Miller School of Medicine

Neha Godbole

Neha was chosen for this award because she embodies the ideals of Internal Medicine. She consistently delivers high quality patient-centered care with a focus on public health, advocacy, and education. For example, Neha pioneered an innovative medical education program on caring for patients experiencing homelessness at our institution. Neha has already emerged as a leader in medicine, and we know that she will continue to grow into an amazing Internist.
2024 Outstanding Medical Student
University of South Florida
Morsani College of Medicine
Matthew Udine

Matthew Udine is a superior student of medicine who will be doing his residency training in internal medicine at Emory University starting in July. He is a member of our Scholarly Concentration in International Medicine and has been involved in multiple research projects during his time here at USF that have led to peer-reviewed publications. His career aspiration is to pursue fellowship training in gastroenterology.

2024 Outstanding Medical Student
University of Central Florida
Jordan L. Saag

I highly recommend Jordan Saag for the Medical Student ACP Award in Academic Excellence. Throughout his academic career, Jordan has consistently demonstrated outstanding performance in coursework, achieving top grades and ranking among the highest in our class. His dedication to mastering complex medical concepts and his exceptional ability to apply them in clinical settings make him a deserving candidate for this award.
2024 Outstanding Medical Student Award

Nova Southeastern University Dr. Kiran C. Patel
College of Osteopathic Medicine

Vivianne Gonzalez

Vivianne Gonzalez is a compassionate and committed future osteopathic physician who matched at Palmetto General Hospital for her Internal Medicine residency. She attends Nova Southeastern University Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Osteopathic Medicine (NSU-KPCOM) and is graduating this May in the top 50% of her class in GPA and is ranked in the top 10% in service to her community. She is a born leader exemplified through her role as 2021/2022 President of the Student Osteopathic Internal Medicine Association (SOIMA). During her tenure, she led numerous professional career programs, such as a Sickle Cell Disease Panel to address racial disparities and inspire future physicians to improve standardized clinical treatment of patients living with SCD. In addition, she developed an Internal Medicine Clinical Developmental Speaker Series using complex cases to prepare her colleagues for the challenges in delivering quality patient-centered care. As an officer for the Sigma Sigma Phi Honor Society, Vivianne led programs to improve Spanish language competency for her peers and served as a mentor for disadvantaged youth in a pre-medical track. Her dedication to serving her community is clear as she has volunteered for nearly 200 hours in underserved communities and with vulnerable and special needs individuals. She embodies the qualities necessary in becoming an outstanding physician and leader in her profession and will undoubtedly provide her future patients with the highest quality of care.

Florida Atlantic University

Miguel Castro

Miguel Castro is an outstanding student, dedicated to improving the quality and effectiveness of health care and recognized as a peer leader in service as evidenced by his continued involvement in our Pathways Program, which seeks to lead underserved and ethnically diverse high school students in our local community to choose careers in healthcare. He has also engaged in numerous volunteer activities during medical school, including his time seeing patients at a local free clinic, the Caridad Center, as well as participating in their Back to School event, packing backpacks full of school supplies for distribution to clinic patients.
UPCOMING NEWS

- ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING INFORMATION
- CALL FOR ABSTRACTS FOR OCTOBER POSTER COMPETITION
- RESIDENTS & MEDICAL STUDENTS WORKSHOP
- RESIDENTS & MEDICAL STUDENTS NEWS
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