

Internal Medicine PGY3 Residents:



Thad Abbott was born in Boise, ID. He did his undergraduate studies at Brigham Young University and graduated from Ross University, School of Medicine in the Dominica. He is an off-cycle resident, currently a PGY2 until 12/15/09 and then will advance to PGY3 on 12/16/09. His hobbies and interests include skiing, golf, piano, and wood-working.



Jeb Denny was born in Henderson, NC. He graduated from Wake Forest University, School of Medicine. His interests mainly include traveling. He has recently visited Australia (where he was a foreign exchange student) and Costa Rica. He also enjoys baseball, intramural athletics, and singing.



Genaro Fernandez was born in Houston, TX. He obtained his bachelors in psychology at the University of Southern California and remained at USC to complete and masters in public health. He received his M.D. from the University of Colorado, School of Medicine. He is fluent in Spanish and had instructed undergraduate Spanish courses at USC. His interests include triathlons, hiking, skiing, travel, and foreign language.



Susan Hecker was born in Longview, WA. She studied biology at Pacific Lutheran University obtaining her bachelor's in science. She graduated from the University of Washington, School of Medicine. She enjoys scrapbooking, reading, hiking and backpacking.



Chad Kawa is a Utah native, born in Ogden, UT. He obtained a bachelor's in engineering from the University of Utah and received his M.D. from St. Louis University, School of Medicine. He is fluent in Japanese. His interests include running, golf, softball, and St. Louis Cardinal's baseball.



Chad Kimball graduated from Drexel University, College of Medicine. He was born at Long Beach, CA. He enjoys all outdoor sports including: snow and water skiing, scuba diving, swimming, and water polo. He also camping, fishing, hiking, reading, writing short stories.



Joe Krezowski was born in Rochester, MN. He studied biology at Carroll College in Helena, MT. He graduated from the University of Washington, School of Medicine. His hobbies include backpacking, hiking, snowshoeing, and racquetball. He is a die-hard fan of Minnesota sports teams and particularly enjoys baseball. He also has an extensive classic rock collection and enjoys traveling to concerts.



Nicholas Lewis - (Medicine/Pediatric) was born in Twin Falls, ID. He received his M.D. from the University of Utah, School of Medicine. He enjoys skiing, golf, camping, hiking, mountain biking, video edition, reading, traveling, and intramural sports. He also was a student athletic trainer during his undergraduate studies.



David Liddle was born in Bountiful, UT and remained in Utah for his undergraduate studies. He graduated from the University of Utah, School of Medicine. He enjoys spending time with his wife and daughter. His hobbies include running, hiking, and fly fishing. He also has performed with the University of Utah Concert Chorale.



John Linford is a Utah native from Salt Lake City. He transferred into our program as a PGY2. He completed his internship in Medicine at the University of Colorado. He received his MD from the University of Utah, School of Medicine. John enjoys rebuilding bicycles, traveling, and snowboarding.



Aaron Luebke was born in Mohall, ND. He obtained a bachelor's in psychology at the University of North Dakota and remained at UND to complete a masters of science in anatomy and cell biology. He received his M.D. from the University of North Dakota, School of Medicine. He enjoys spending time with his wife and dog in the outdoors, long-distance running, and jazz music.



Gangadhar Malasana graduated from medical school in India. His interests are reading, cricket and playing strategic based video games.



Beth Middleton was born in Montebello, CA. She obtained her undergraduate degree at the University of Utah in Behavioral Science and Health prior to entering the University of Utah, School of Medicine. She has participated in a science and mentoring outreach program for junior high aged girls. She will be a chief in the academic year 2010-11.



Kimberly Morley was born in Elmhurst, IL. She obtained her bachelors in economics at the University of Illinois. She then completed a masters in economics at the University of Washington prior to completing a second masters in engineering transportation systems. She received her M.D. from the University of Utah, School of Medicine. Her hobbies include yoga, travel, and hiking with her two dogs.



Jonathan Newman was born in Petersberg, VA. He obtained a bachelor's in kinesiology from James Madison University prior to entering the University of Virginia, School of Medicine. He is an active soccer player and has also coached and refereed soccer. He enjoys cycling and has competed in amateur road racing including century events. He will be a chief resident for the academic year 2010-11.



Andy Nguyen was born in Garden Grove, CA. He graduated from the University of Missouri Kansas City, School of Medicine. He speaks fluent Vietnamese and enjoys cooking Vietnamese cuisine. He grew up in Utah and was a childhood snowboarder who took a Missouri hiatus from the sport.



Jennifer Pierce was born in Landstuhl, Germany. She obtained a bachelor's in engineering at the University of Florida prior to entering the University of Colorado, School of Medicine. She was a National Cancer Institute summer research fellow. She enjoys rock climbing, camping, skiing, running, cycling and gardening.



Amy Plagge was born in Charleston, SC. She obtained a bachelor's in nursing at the University of Utah and worked as an MICU nurse while attending premedical coursework also at the University of Utah. She also traveled to Peru and worked in number of medical areas assisting for free evaluation and treatment with the Hope Alliance group. She received her M.D. from the University of Utah, School of Medicine. She enjoys mountain biking, violin, and reading.



Matthew Rubach - (Medicine/Pediatric) graduated from the University of Arizona, College of Medicine. He received his undergraduate from Princeton University in International and Public Affairs. He is originally from Arizona and speaks Spanish fluently. Matthew enjoys long distance running, road cycling, backcountry trekking, euchre, and daily meditation. He also loves to read and listen to music.



Clay Smith is a Utah native from Salt Lake City. He received his M.D. from University of Utah, School of Medicine and his undergraduate from Utah State University in Biology. Clay enjoys sports, mainly basketball, volleyball, tennis, golf, and softball. And he loves the outdoors like hiking, skiing, and biking.



Cheryl Soronen was born in Reno, NV and received her M.D. from the University of Nevada, School of Medicine. She took one year off of medical school to perform dedicated research. She enjoys skiing, hiking, biking, and yoga. She also is interested in independent film and enjoys reading classic novels.



Jason Springer was born in Mesa, AZ. He studied exercise science at Arizona State University and received his M.D. from the University of Louisville, School of Medicine. He enjoys running, swimming, biking, and reading.



Matthew Steenblik was born in Phoenix, AZ. He completed undergraduate training at the University of Utah and then continued his education in the University of Utah, School of Medicine. He lived for two years in Northeastern Brazil and is now fluent in Brazilian and speaks conversational Spanish. He enjoys fly-fishing, gardening and landscaping, hiking, softball, soccer, and basketball. He will be a chief resident for the academic year 2010-11.



Jason Swigert was born in Caldwell, ID. He studied violin performance and pedagogy at Brigham Young University before entering Oregon Health Sciences University for medical training. He has lived abroad in France for three years and is fluent in French. He is an avid violinist playing throughout the United States and Europe as well as in professional orchestras in Portland, OR.



Jennifer Vogt - (Medicine/Pediatrics) graduated from the University of Iowa, College of Medicine. She received her undergraduate from Truman State University in Biology and English. She likes to read, especially British literature, run, viewing films, and spend time with family and friends.



Ellen Volker was born in Englewood, CO. She completed a bachelor's in history at Bucknell, University in Lewisburg, PA. She received her M.D. from the University of Colorado, School of Medicine where she has also earned an MSPH. She competes in US Masters swimming, USA triathlon, and enjoys British history.



Benjamin Voorhies is a native of Utah, born in Cedar City, UT. He double majored in biology and French at the University of Utah. He graduated from George Washington University, School of Medicine. He lived in France and Switzerland for two years. He enjoys watching and participating in sporting events including basketball, softball, volleyball, and Frisbee. He also is very dedicated to his family.



Zachary Williams is a Utah native, born in Cedar City, UT. He graduated from the University of Utah, School of Medicine. He enjoys outdoor activities and playing sports. He coached JV high school basketball. His favorite outdoor activities are horseback riding, hiking, and camping. He also enjoys time with his family and friends.