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Hometown: Chicago, IL
Medical School: St. George's
University School of Medicine

Why I chose HCMC: When choosing a residency, I felt Hennepin had everything that would help mold me into the physician I aspire to be. Here, I have the opportunity to achieve a strong balance of inpatient and outpatient experience. From the diverse case exposure to access to experts in various specialties, I believe that HCMC will help prepare me for my career as a well-rounded physician.

Number one on my Twin Cities bucket list: As a native Chicagoan, I expect mixed feelings when attending sporting events in Minneapolis (Go Bears); however, I would truly be honored for the opportunity to work with athletes on the sidelines. Whether it was to be at the professional level or with weekend warriors, I am passionate about serving those pursuing their passion.

Plans after residency: The past several years have taught me that nothing goes as planned, from enduring devastating natural disasters to a global pandemic during medical school, but that's what makes life worth living. I consider myself lucky as long as I'm surrounded by loved ones, to go wherever the world takes me, and to serve my community with an open heart and open hands.

If I weren't a physician, what would I do: Throw a party because I won't have student loans! Honestly, I'd probably run a business with my family, first ensuring all my loved ones are cared for. Then use the remainder of my efforts to help the less fortunate.



Name: T. Tobias Egbujiobi, MD

Hometown: Okija, Anambra State,
Nigeria
Medical School: Windsor University
School of Medicine

Why I chose HCMC: I fancied and chose HCMC due to its robust inpatient rotations and hands-on training, which will prepare me to excel as a physician after residency. The institution's dedication to serving diverse patient populations further underscores its appeal. Additionally, the presence of highly supportive faculty members who serve as excellent mentors greatly influenced my decision.

Number one on my Twin Cities bucket list: Attending a Minnesota Vikings football game holds the top spot on my bucket list for the Twin Cities.

Plans after residency: My post-residency plan entails my current interest in pursuing a career in emergency medicine or a fellowship in pain management. However, I am aware that life's uncertainties may bring unforeseen opportunities.

If I weren't a physician, what would I do: I might have pursued a career as a businessman.



Name: Khalid Haji-Kusow, MD

Hometown: Toronto, ON, Canada
Medical School: Windsor University
School of Medicine

Why I chose HCMC? I chose HCMC for several reasons but top one is for the opportunity to work closely with, and optimistically improve outcomes for immigrant and underserved populations here in my adopted home city of Minneapolis! The program focuses on community-based medicine, speaks to my personal interest in community outreach and engagement.

Number one on my Twin Cities bucket list? I would love to check out the High Falls at the Grand Portage State Park in Northeast Minnesota!

Plans after residency? Plan is to stay close to home and continue to provide primary care for the Twin Cities communities. I also have an interest in doing a Geriatric fellowship, which will be very interesting to learn more about during my training.

If I weren't a physician, what would I do? I think I'd be a Civil Engineer or Architect. I had a good knack for physics in high school, and always loved the idea of building or developing something in Africa.



Name: Jadelyn Hoang, DO

Hometown: Brooklyn Park, MN
Medical School: Lincoln Memorial
University – DeBusk College of
Osteopathic Medicine

Why I chose HCMC: I was drawn to HCMC due to its mission, the robust training, the diversity of the patient population, and the care I would be able to provide to the underserved communities in my own home state. Through my interview, I also felt very welcomed and got the sense that this was a fun as well supportive group to be a part of. I am excited for the opportunity to train here and am grateful for the fact that I get to now serve the community I grew up in.

Number one on my Twin Cities bucket list: Even though I am from the Twin Cities, I feel like there's always new things to experience and explore. Now that I'm back in MN, some of things I hope to do is try more of the food scene (like the State Fair!), go paddleboarding on one of Minnesota's many lakes, and take a trip to explore the North Shore (although, I know that's technically not in the Twin Cities).

Plans after residency: Stay and practice in Minnesota.

If I weren't a physician, what would I do: Something that would allow me to travel and paint and maybe dabble as a mixologist on the side.



Name: Ahmed Issa, MD

Hometown: Toronto, ON, Canada

Medical School: Medical University
of the Americas

Why I chose HCMC: I chose HCMC because it checked the most boxes when I was ranking programs. Familiarity with the region and the close family ties I have in the Twin Cities played a huge role. The big thing for me though is that HCMC will give me the ability to work and serve a diverse and underserved demographic all while learning from a diverse and experienced teaching faculty.

Number One on my Twin Cities Bucket List: Been to this state many times but for some reason have never had the chance to attend the State Fair.

Plans after Residency: I plan to become a hospitalist. Sports Medicine fellowship does intrigue me though.

If I weren't a physician, what would I do? I've always been enthusiastic about teaching, especially mathematics.



Name: Yusra Jangda, MBBS

Hometown: Toronto, ON, Canada

Medical School: Dow International
Medical College

Why I chose HCMC: From what I experienced during my interview and attending the second-look, Hennepin FM combines everything I love in one program: working with the underserved, friendly residents and faculty, and a beautiful city where I could see myself living in!

Number one on my Twin Cities bucket list: I'd love to see the Minnehaha Falls! And maybe watch a Leafs vs Wild hockey game...won't mention which team I'd be rooting for...

Plans after residency: I'd love to do a fellowship in Palliative Care or Sports Medicine, however plans might change in the future, so I'm excited to see where residency takes me!

If I weren't a physician, what would I do: If I weren't a physician, I'd do a masters in Psychology, and then go into teaching! Whether that be teaching English abroad, or teaching science in high school, I'd love to be in a place to inspire and mentor the next generation.



Name: Amena Kazmi, MBBS

Hometown: Villa Park, IL

Medical School: Shadan Institute of Medical Sciences Teaching Hospital and Research Centre

Why I chose HCMC: I chose HCMC as the environment during interview process felt very warm and welcoming. The diverse patient population it serves in a big metro was appealing to me.

Number one on my Twin Cities bucket list: To visit all the lakes and parks.

Plans after residency: To move closer to family and serve the community.

If I weren't a physician, what would I do: Traveler/History buff



Name: Idrees Mohammed, MBBS

Hometown: Jubail Saudi Arabia

Medical School: Shadan Institute of Medical Sciences Teaching Hospital and Research Centre

Hello, my name is Idrees Mohammed. I'm Canadian and Indian, but throughout my life, I've also resided in Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, America, Canada, and India. I attended medical school in India, but my ultimate aim has always been to practice medicine in the United States. I enjoy watching a lot of sports, particularly cricket and soccer. I also enjoy watching and reviewing movies and television programs.

Why I chose HCMC: I selected HCMC because it is a sizable hospital located in the middle of a major American city. As the primary hospital for Hennepin County, it provides care to a sizable and diverse patient community. Because of my diverse upbringing, I believe I was more likely to choose HCMC—not just for the patients, but also for the staff, whose diversity really appeals to me.

Number one on my Twin Cities bucket list: Hiking is the top item on my list of things to do in the Twin Cities. I've heard that there are many lovely hiking trails and parks in Minneapolis and Minnesota as a whole. I enjoy being outside, so I'm looking forward to that very much.

Plans after residency: After my residency, I might work in primary care or hospital medicine. I find those two topics to be incredibly fascinating, and with FM you can pursue either after training.

If I weren't a physician, what would I do? If I wasn't a doctor, I would like to play competitive cricket or soccer or work as a sports commentator.



Name: Kripa Patel, MD

Hometown: Surat, India

Medical School: Smt. N.H.L.

Municipal Medical College

Why I chose HCMC: An overwhelming interview experience at HCMC. I recognized that I would come out to be fully competent physician after my residency training at Hennepin Health. I experienced some heart-touching gestures during my in-person visit to the program.

The program offers a well-rounded multi-disciplinary approach in both inpatient and outpatient practices, and serves a diverse patient population.

Number one on my Twin Cities bucket list: Skiing

Plans after residency: Practicing in outpatient setting with a special interest in Lifestyle Medicine. Keeping an open mind to what I would be interested in, as I dive into residency training.

If I weren't a physician, what would I do: I would be a commercial pilot.



Name: Gloria Reng, MD

Hometown: Nigeria

Medical School: V.N. Karazin

Kharkiv National University School
of Medicine

Why I chose HCMC: I was drawn to HCMC by the patient population, complexity of cases and the tightly-knit community. HCMC is focused on providing culturally sensitive care to underserved communities, which aligns with my goals.

Number one on my Twin Cities bucket list: Visiting Lake Nokomis and the State Fair.

Plans after residency: I plan to practice full spectrum medicine, with the confidence that I will be well-equipped to meet every challenge head on.

If I weren't a physician, what would I do: I would dedicate my life to photography and documentaries.



Name: Alain Ret, MD

Hometown: Fairfield, CA
Medical School: Ross University
School of Medicine

Why I chose HCMC: I chose HCMC for many reasons. One is HCMC's mission to serve the underserved and provide compassionate care which aligns with my own goals. Additionally, I felt welcomed into the tight-knit community during the interview process. I am excited to train alongside talented and passionate physicians who are committed to advancing the field of family medicine as well as the experienced faculty who have expertise in a wide range of medical specialties. Lastly, Minneapolis, being a dynamic and culturally rich environment, I believe will allow me to develop both personally and professionally.

Number one on my Twin Cities bucket list: I want to go to the Timberwolves and Vikings games.

Plans after residency: I'd like to practice outpatient medicine but I also want to keep an open mind.

If I weren't a physician, what would I do: Work in the tech industry.



Name: Abishek Thatigutla, MBBS

Hometown:
Medical School: Sri Ramachandra
Medical College and Research
Institute

Why I chose HCMC: My journey to become a physician has taken me across the globe, but no matter where I went, there was always a sense of longing for my hometown. That's why the opportunity to serve the community that raised me at HCMC is truly a dream come true. I'm grateful for the chance to give back to the place that has given me so much.

Number one on my Twin Cities bucket list: I have recently fallen in love with kayaking and plan to spend as much time as possible on the Mississippi. It's at the top of my Twin Cities bucket list.

Plans after residency: As an intern, I still have a lot to experience in Family Medicine. I plan on enjoying the journey and seeing where it takes me.

If I weren't a physician, what would I do? If I weren't a physician, I would pursue a career in engineering or biotech where I could use my knowledge to help people improve their lives in a more indirect way. I'm drawn to professions that allow me to make a positive impact on people's lives.