

# HOUSTON METHODIST ACADEMIC MEDICINE ASSOCIATES 2025 CENTRAL REGION PROVIDERS

Allergy & Immunology • Endocrinology, Diabetes & Metabolism • Gastroenterology  
Hematology • Hepatology • Infectious Diseases • Nephrology • Pulmonology • Rheumatology



## Allergy & Immunology



**Sadhana  
Balasubramanyam, MD**

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Texas Medical Center

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### EXPERTISE

- Allergic rhinoconjunctivitis/environmental allergies
- Anaphylaxis
- Asthma
- Atopic dermatitis/eczema
- Chronic cough
- Chronic sinusitis
- Contact dermatitis
- Drug allergies
- Eosinophilic disorders
- Food allergy
- Urticaria/hives/angioedema

### EDUCATION & TRAINING

**Medical School:** McGovern Medical School, Houston, Texas  
**Residency:** Internal Medicine, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas  
**Fellowship:** Allergy and Immunology, National Jewish Health/University of Colorado Denver, Colorado



**David Huston, MD\***  
Division Head of Allergy & Immunology;  
Director, Immunology Center

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### EXPERTISE

- Allergic rhinitis
- Angioedema
- Arthritis
- Asthma
- Lupus
- Mastocytosis
- Sinusitis
- Urticaria pigmentosa
- Vasculitis

### EDUCATION & TRAINING

**Medical School:** Wake Forest School of Medicine, Winston-Salem, North Carolina  
**Residency:** Internal Medicine, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas  
**Fellowship:** Rheumatology, Allergy & Immunology, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Maryland



**Chen Hsing  
Lin, MD, MS**

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### EXPERTISE

- Allergic rhinoconjunctivitis
- Anaphylaxis
- Asthma
- Atopic dermatitis/eczema
- Drug, food and insect allergies
- Eosinophilic disorders
- Mastocytosis/mast cell disorders
- Primary immunodeficiency
- Urticaria/angioedema

### EDUCATION & TRAINING

**Medical School:** Sichuan University, Chengdu, China  
**Residency:** Internal Medicine, Nassau University Medical Center, East Meadow, New York  
**Fellowship:** Allergy & Immunology, University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida



**Tina Motazed, MD**

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### EXPERTISE

- Anaphylaxis
- Asthma
- Atopic dermatitis/eczema
- Contact dermatitis
- Drug allergies
- Environmental allergies
- Eosinophilic disorders
- Urticaria/angioedema
- Venom allergies

### EDUCATION & TRAINING

**Medical School:** The University of Texas Health Science Center, San Antonio, Texas  
**Residency:** Internal Medicine, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas  
**Fellowship:**  
Allergy & Immunology, Massachusetts General Hospital/Harvard Medical School, Boston, Massachusetts

## Endocrinology, Diabetes & Metabolism



**Sara Ahmad, MD**

**LOCATION**  
Texas Medical Center

**SCHEDULING**  
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### EXPERTISE

- Diabetes
- General endocrinology
- Metabolic bone diseases
- Osteoporosis
- Obesity
- Parathyroid disorders
- Pituitary disorders

### EDUCATION & TRAINING

**Medical School:** Allama Iqbal Medical College, Lahore, Pakistan

**Residency:** Internal Medicine, Mercy Hospital and Medical Center, Chicago, Illinois

**Fellowship:** Endocrinology, Diabetes & Metabolism, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas



**Ruaa Al-Ward, MD**

**LOCATION**  
Texas Medical Center

**SCHEDULING**  
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### EXPERTISE

- Acromegaly
- Adrenal insufficiency, lesions and disorders
- Craniopharyngiomas
- Cushing syndrome
- Diabetes insipidus
- General endocrinology
- Hypopituitarism
- Parathyroid and thyroid disorders
- Pituitary tumors and nonfunctional pituitary adenoma
- Prolactinoma

### EDUCATION & TRAINING

**Medical School:** Al-Nahrain University, Baghdad, Iraq

**Residency:** Internal Medicine, McLaren Hospital/Michigan State University, Flint, Michigan

**Fellowships:** Hospital Medicine, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota; Endocrinology, Diabetes & Metabolism, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas



**Spandana Brown, MD**

**LOCATION**  
Southside Place

**SCHEDULING**  
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### EXPERTISE

- Adrenal disorders
- Bone and mineral disorders
- Diabetes
- Obesity
- Osteoporosis
- Pregnancy-related thyroid conditions
- Paget's disease
- Parathyroid disease
- Pituitary disorders
- Thyroid disease

### EDUCATION & TRAINING

**Medical School:** Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas

**Residency:** Internal Medicine, Houston Methodist Hospital, Houston, Texas

**Fellowship:** Endocrinology, Diabetes & Metabolism, Houston Methodist Hospital, Houston, Texas

## Endocrinology, Diabetes & Metabolism (cont.)



**Maheshwaran  
(Mahesh)  
Dhanasekaran, MD**

**LOCATION**  
Texas Medical Center

**SCHEDULING**  
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### EXPERTISE

- Adrenal disorders
- Advanced thyroid cancers
- Congenital and acquired lipodystrophy
- Islet cell transplantation
- Lipid disorders in transplant patients
- Metabolic bone disorders in transplant patients
- Pituitary disorders
- Post-transplant diabetes mellitus
- Type 1 diabetes mellitus
- Type 2 diabetes mellitus

### EDUCATION & TRAINING

**Medical School:** PSG Institute of Medical Sciences (PSGIMSR), Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, India

**Residency:** Internal Medicine, Albert Einstein College of Medicine/Jacobi Medical Center, Bronx, New York

**Fellowship:** Endocrinology, Diabetes, Nutrition & Metabolism, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota



**Samaneh  
Dowlatshahi, MD**

**LOCATION**  
Texas Medical Center

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### EXPERTISE

- Adrenal disorders
- Continuous glucose monitoring
- Diabetes and insulin pumps
- Gonadal disorders
- Hormone replacement therapy
- Metabolic bone disease and calcium disorders
- Pituitary disorders
- Thyroid disorders

### EDUCATION & TRAINING

**Medical School:** Tehran University of Medical Sciences, Tehran, Iran

**Residency:** Internal Medicine, St. Francis Hospital/University of Illinois, Evanston, Illinois

**Fellowship:** Endocrinology, Diabetes & Metabolism, University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania



**Dale Hamilton, MD\***

**LOCATION**  
Texas Medical Center

**SCHEDULING**  
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### EXPERTISE

- Adrenal conditions
- Diabetes
- Endocrine hypertension
- Hypoglycemia disorders
- Polyendocrine disorders
- Paraganglioma and pheochromocytoma

### EDUCATION & TRAINING

**Medical School:** Saint Louis University School of Medicine, St. Louis, Missouri

**Residency:** Internal Medicine, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas

**Fellowship:** Endocrinology, Diabetes & Metabolism, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas



**Abhishek  
Kansara, MD, MPH**

**LOCATION**  
Texas Medical Center

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**EXPERTISE**

- Diabetes
- Endocrine abnormalities
- Hyperlipidemia
- Obesity
- Osteoporosis
- Parathyroid disease
- Pituitary disorders
- Thyroid biopsy
- Thyroid disease

**EDUCATION & TRAINING**

**Medical School:** D.Y. Patil Medical College, Navi Mumbai, India

**Residency:** Internal Medicine, Caritas Health Care Inc., Brooklyn, New York

**Fellowship:** Endocrinology, SUNY Downstate Medical Center, Brooklyn, New York



**Anh Nguyen, MD**

**LOCATION**  
Pearland

**SCHEDULING**  
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**EXPERTISE**

- Adrenal disorders
- Diabetes (Type 1 and 2)
- Osteoporosis
- Parathyroid
- Pituitary
- Thyroid disease

**EDUCATION & TRAINING**

**Medical School:** The University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston, Texas

**Residency:** Internal Medicine, The University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston, Texas

**Fellowships:** Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism, Houston Methodist Hospital, Houston, Texas; Endocrine Neoplasia and Hormonal Disorders, The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, Texas



**Bhargavi  
Patham, MD, PhD\***

**LOCATION**  
Texas Medical Center

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**EXPERTISE**

- Diabetic neuropathy
- Diabetes
- Diabetic retinopathy
- Endocrine abnormalities
- Hyperlipidemia
- Insulin pumps
- Obesity
- Osteoporosis

**EDUCATION & TRAINING**

**Medical School:** Government Medical College, Kottayam, Kerala, India

**Residency:** Internal Medicine, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, El Paso, Texas

**Fellowship:** Endocrinology, Diabetes & Metabolism, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas

## Endocrinology, Diabetes & Metabolism (cont.)



### Steven Petak, MD\*

Division Head of  
Endocrinology

**LOCATION**  
Texas Medical Center

**SCHEDULING**  
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### EXPERTISE

- Addison's disease
- Osteoporosis
- Pituitary disorders
- Polycystic ovarian syndrome (PCOS)
- Thyroid biopsy
- Thyroid disease

### EDUCATION & TRAINING

**Medical School:** University of Illinois College of Medicine, Chicago, Illinois

**Residency:** Internal Medicine, The University of Texas Health Science Center, Houston, Texas

**Fellowship:** Endocrinology, Diabetes & Metabolism, The University of Texas Health Science Center, Houston, Texas



### Archana Sadhu, MD\*

**LOCATION**  
Texas Medical Center

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### EXPERTISE

- Abnormal endocrinology
- Addison's disease
- Amenorrhea
- Blood conservation
- Diabetes
- Galactorrhea
- Hormone replacement therapy
- Hypercholesterolemia
- Thyroid biopsy

### EDUCATION & TRAINING

**Medical School:** David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, Los Angeles, California

**Residency:** Internal Medicine, Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center, Los Angeles, California

**Fellowship:** Endocrinology, Diabetes & Metabolism, Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center, Los Angeles, California



### Jawairia Shakil, MD\*

**LOCATION**  
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### EXPERTISE

- Adrenal disorders
- Diabetes
- General endocrinology
- Hormone replacement therapy
- Lipid disorders
- Obesity
- Osteoporosis and bone mineral disorders
- Pituitary disorders
- Thyroid disease
- Thyroid disease in pregnancy

### EDUCATION & TRAINING

**Medical School:** Dow Medical College, Karachi, Pakistan

**Residency:** Internal Medicine, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, Lubbock, Texas

**Fellowship:** Endocrinology, Diabetes & Metabolism, Houston Methodist Hospital, Houston, Texas



### Laila Tabatabai, MD

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### EXPERTISE

- Bone and mineral disorders
- Fractures
- Osteoporosis
- Paget's disease
- Parathyroid and calcium disorders
- Pregnancy-related diabetes
- Pregnancy-related thyroid

### EDUCATION & TRAINING

**Medical School:** Albany Medical College, Albany, New York

**Residency:** Internal Medicine, University of Maryland Medical Center, Baltimore, Maryland

**Fellowship:** Endocrinology, Diabetes & Metabolism, The Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, Maryland

## Gastroenterology



**Bincy  
Abraham, MD, MS\***

**LOCATION**  
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### EXPERTISE

- Inflammatory bowel disease (IBD)
  - Crohn's disease
  - Ulcerative colitis

### EDUCATION & TRAINING

**Medical School:** The University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston, Texas

**Residency:** Internal Medicine, The University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston, Texas

**Fellowship:** Gastroenterology, The University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston, Texas



**Alberto  
Barroso, MD\***

**LOCATION**  
Texas Medical Center

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### EXPERTISE

- Colorectal diseases
- Foregut diseases
  - Barrett's esophagus
- Interventional endoscopy
  - ERCP, EUS
- Pancreaticobiliary diseases
- Reflux disorders

### EDUCATION & TRAINING

**Medical School:** Federal University Medical School, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

**Residency:** Internal Medicine, Ipanema Hospital, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

**Fellowship:** Gastroenterology, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas



**Sunil Dacha, MD**

**LOCATION**  
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### EXPERTISE

- Colorectal diseases
- Foregut diseases
- Interventional endoscopy
  - ERCP, EUS, EMR, POEM, G-POEM
- Pancreaticobiliary diseases

### EDUCATION & TRAINING

**Medical School:** Gandhi Medical College, Secunderabad, India

**Residency:** Internal Medicine, Saint Joseph Hospital, University of Illinois, Chicago, Illinois

**Fellowship:** Gastroenterology & Interventional Endoscopy, Emory University School of Medicine, Atlanta, Georgia



**Nanfu (Tony)  
Deng, MD**

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### EXPERTISE

- Barrett's esophagus
- Colonic polyps
- Constipation
- Diarrhea
- Eosinophilic esophagitis
- Fatty liver
- Gastroesophageal reflux disease
- Rectal bleeding
- Swallowing problem
- Ulcerative colitis

### EDUCATION & TRAINING

**Medical School:** Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas

**Residency:** Internal Medicine, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas

**Fellowship:** Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition, The University of Texas Health Science Center, Houston, Texas

## Gastroenterology (cont.)



**Gulchin Ergun, MD**

**LOCATION**

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**EXPERTISE**

- Foregut diseases
  - Esophageal diseases
- Neurogastroenterology
  - Motility disorders

**EDUCATION & TRAINING**

**Medical School:** Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine, Cleveland, Ohio

**Residency:** Internal Medicine, University Hospital of Cleveland, Cleveland, Ohio

**Fellowship:** Gastroenterology, New York Hospital, Cornell Medical Center, New York, New York



**Christopher Fan, MD**

**LOCATION**

Texas Medical Center

**SCHEDULING**

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**EXPERTISE**

- Cancer immunotherapy toxicities
- Inflammatory bowel disease (IBD)
  - Crohn's disease
  - Ulcerative colitis

**EDUCATION & TRAINING**

**Medical School:** Duke University, Durham, North Carolina

**Residency:** Internal Medicine, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland

**Fellowship:** Gastroenterology, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland



**Steven Frachtman, MD**

**LOCATION**

Texas Medical Center

**SCHEDULING**

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**EXPERTISE**

- Colorectal diseases
- Foregut diseases
- General gastroenterology
- Gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD)

**EDUCATION & TRAINING**

**Medical School:** The University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston, Texas

**Residency:** Internal Medicine, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas

**Fellowship:** Gastroenterology, University of Louisville, Louisville, Kentucky



**Malcolm Irani, MD**

**LOCATION**

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**EXPERTISE**

- Inflammatory bowel disease (IBD)
  - Crohn's disease
  - Ulcerative colitis
- Perianal fistula
- Pouchitis

**EDUCATION & TRAINING**

**Medical School:** The University of Texas Health Science Center, Houston, Texas

**Residency:** Internal Medicine, Houston Methodist Hospital, Houston, Texas

**Fellowship:** Gastroenterology, Houston Methodist Hospital, Houston, Texas



**Neeharika  
Kalakota, MD**

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#### **EXPERTISE**

- Colorectal diseases
- Foregut diseases:  
Barrett's esophagus
- Gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD)
- Irritable bowel disease (IBD)

#### **EDUCATION & TRAINING**

**Medical School:** University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio

**Residency:** Internal Medicine, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas

**Fellowship:** Gastroenterology, Albany Medical College, Albany, New York



**Kavin  
Kanthasamy, MD**

**LOCATION**  
Texas Medical Center

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#### **EXPERTISE**

- Celiac disease
- Colorectal cancer screening
- Gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD)
- General gastroenterology

#### **EDUCATION & TRAINING**

**Medical School:** Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas

**Residency:** Internal Medicine, The Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, Maryland

**Fellowship:** Gastroenterology and Hepatology, The Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, Maryland



**Brian Kaplan, MD**

**LOCATION**  
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#### **EXPERTISE**

- Gastrointestinal disease
- Gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD)
- Inflammatory bowel disease (IBD)
  - Crohn's disease
  - Ulcerative colitis

#### **EDUCATION & TRAINING**

**Medical School:** Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas

**Residency:** Internal Medicine, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas

**Fellowship:** Gastroenterology, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas



**Christopher  
Kim, MD**

**LOCATION**  
Texas Medical Center

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#### **EXPERTISE**

- Barrett's esophagus
- Colonoscopy
- Dysphagia
- Eosinophilic esophagitis
- Gastritis and peptic ulcer disease

#### **EDUCATION & TRAINING**

**Medical School:** The University of Texas Health Science Center, San Antonio, Texas

**Residency:** Internal Medicine, The University of Texas Dell Medical School, Austin, Texas

**Fellowship:** Gastroenterology, Houston Methodist Hospital, Houston, Texas

## Gastroenterology (cont.)



**Neha Mathur, MD**

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### EXPERTISE

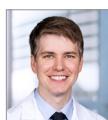
- Eosinophilic esophagitis
- Foregut diseases
- Gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD)
- General gastroenterology
- Irritable bowel syndrome (IBS)

### EDUCATION & TRAINING

**Medical School:** The University of Texas Health Science Center, San Antonio, Texas

**Residency:** Internal Medicine, Rush University Medical Center, Chicago, Illinois

**Fellowship:** Gastroenterology, The University of Texas Health Science Center, San Antonio, Texas



**Thomas McCarty, MD, MPH**

**LOCATION**  
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### EXPERTISE

- Bariatric endoscopy
- Foregut diseases
- Interventional endoscopy
  - ERCP, EUS, EMR, POEM, Z-POEM
- Obesity medicine

### EDUCATION & TRAINING

**Medical School:** Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas

**Residency:** Internal Medicine, Yale University/New Haven Hospital, New Haven, Connecticut

**Fellowships:** Gastroenterology, Hepatology & Endoscopy; Bariatric Endoscopy; Advanced Endoscopy & Interventional Gastroenterology, Brigham & Women's Hospital/Harvard, Boston, Massachusetts



**Feenalie Patel, MD**

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### EXPERTISE

- Barrett's esophagus
- Colorectal cancer screening and surveillance
- Gastrointestinal reflux disease and gastritis
- Swallowing disorders

### EDUCATION & TRAINING

**Medical School:** University of Tennessee, Memphis, Tennessee

**Residency:** Internal Medicine and Pediatrics, Indiana University, Indianapolis, Indiana

**Fellowship:** Gastroenterology and Hepatology, Indiana University, Indianapolis, Indiana



**Eamonn Quigley, MD\***

Division Head of Gastroenterology; Co-Director, Lynda K. and David M. Underwood Center for Digestive Disorders

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### EXPERTISE

- Celiac disease, other small intestinal diseases
- Motility disorders, including gastroparesis, GERD, constipation
- Neurogastroenterology

### EDUCATION & TRAINING

**Medical School:** University College Cork School of Medicine, Cork, Ireland

**Residency:** Internal Medicine & Gastroenterology, Western Infirmary/Associated Hospitals, Glasgow, Scotland

**Fellowship:** Gastroenterology Research, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota



**Ali Raza, MD\***

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#### **EXPERTISE**

- Colorectal diseases
- Foregut diseases
- Interventional endoscopy
  - ERCP, EUS, EMR,TIF
- Pancreaticobiliary diseases

#### **EDUCATION & TRAINING**

**Medical School:** Aga Khan University, Karachi, Pakistan

**Residency:** Internal Medicine, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio

**Fellowships:** Gastroenterology, Houston Methodist Hospital, Houston, Texas; Interventional Gastroenterology, The University of Texas Health Science Center, Houston, Texas; Transplant Hepatology, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas



**Rachel Schiesser, MD**

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#### **EXPERTISE**

- Colorectal diseases
- Foregut diseases
- Gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD)
- General gastroenterology

#### **EDUCATION & TRAINING**

**Medical School:** Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas

**Residency:** Internal Medicine, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas

**Fellowship:** Gastroenterology, Henry Ford Health System, Detroit, Michigan



**Matthew Tompson, MD**

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#### **EXPERTISE**

- Barrett's esophagus
- Gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD)
- General gastroenterology
- Inflammatory bowel disease (IBD)
  - Crohn's disease
  - Ulcerative colitis

#### **EDUCATION & TRAINING**

**Medical School:** The University of Texas Health Science Center, Houston, Texas

**Residency:** Internal Medicine, The University of Texas Health Science Center, Houston, Texas

**Fellowship:** Gastroenterology, The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, Dallas, Texas



**Fernando Urrutia, MD**

**LOCATION**  
**Texas Medical Center**

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#### **EXPERTISE**

- Colorectal diseases
- Gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD)
- General gastroenterology
- Inflammatory bowel disease (IBD)
  - Crohn's disease
  - Ulcerative colitis

#### **EDUCATION & TRAINING**

**Medical School:** Universidad Autonoma de Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico

**Residency:** Internal Medicine, University of Alberta, Alberta, Canada

**Fellowships:** Gastroenterology, University of Alberta, Alberta, Canada; Interventional Endoscopy, University of Toronto, Ontario, Canada

## Hematology



**Jenny Petkova, MD**

**LOCATION**  
Texas Medical Center

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### EXPERTISE

- Anemia
- Bleeding disorders
- Coagulation disorders
- Hemoglobinopathies
- Microangiopathy
- Platelet disorders, including thrombotic thrombocytopenic purpura (TTP) and immune thrombocytopenic purpura (ITP)

### EDUCATION & TRAINING

**Medical School:** Medical University of Sofia, Sofia, Bulgaria

**Residency:** Internal Medicine, Presence Saint Francis Hospital, Evanston, Illinois

**Fellowship:** Hematology & Oncology/Blood Banking & Transfusion Medicine, Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, Wisconsin



**Lawrence Rice, MD**  
Division Head of Hematology

**LOCATION**  
Texas Medical Center

**SCHEDULING**  
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### EXPERTISE

- Anemia
- Blood conservation
- Bone marrow aspiration
- Hemochromatosis
- Hematology/oncology
- Hodgkin's disease
- Leukemia
- Lymphoma
- Myeloma
- Platelet and coagulation disorders

### EDUCATION & TRAINING

**Medical School:** Emory University School of Medicine, Atlanta, Georgia

**Residency:** Internal Medicine, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas

**Fellowship:** Hematology & Oncology, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas

## Hepatology



**Tamneet Basra, MD**

**LOCATION**  
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### EXPERTISE

- Alcohol related liver disease
- Autoimmune hepatitis
- Biliary and liver cancers
- Endoscopy/colonoscopy
- Fatty liver diseases NAFLD/NASH
- Hepatitis B and C
- Liver transplant
- Pregnancy and liver disease
- Primary biliary cholangitis (PBC)
- Primary sclerosing cholangitis (PSC)

### EDUCATION & TRAINING

**Medical School:** The University of Texas Health Science Center, San Antonio, Texas

**Residency:** Internal Medicine, The University of Texas Health Science Center, San Antonio, Texas

**Fellowship:** Transplant Hepatology, The University of Texas Health Science Center, San Antonio, Texas



**Michelle Jones-Pauley, DO**

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### EXPERTISE

- Alcohol related liver disease
- Autoimmune hepatitis
- Biliary cancer
- Endoscopy
- Fatty liver diseases/ NAFLD/NASH
- Hepatitis B and C
- Liver cancer
- Liver transplant
- Pregnancy and liver disease
- Primary biliary cholangitis (PBC)
- Primary sclerosing cholangitis (PSC)

### EDUCATION & TRAINING

**Medical School:** Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine, Fort Worth, Texas

**Residency:** Internal Medicine, Houston Methodist Hospital, Houston, Texas

**Fellowship:** Gastroenterology; Transplant Hepatology, Houston Methodist Hospital, Houston, Texas

## Hepatology (cont.)



**Sudha  
Kodali, MD**

**LOCATION**  
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### EXPERTISE

- Alcoholic and nonalcoholic fatty liver disease
- Autoimmune liver disease
- Hepatitis B and C
- Hepatocellular carcinoma
- Liver transplant
- Post-liver transplant care
- Pregnancy and liver disease
- Primary biliary cholangitis (PBC)
- Primary sclerosing cholangitis (PSC)

### EDUCATION & TRAINING

**Medical School:** NTR University of Medical Sciences/Siddhartha Medical College, India

**Residency:** Internal Medicine, The University of Texas Southwestern Medical School, Dallas, Texas

**Fellowship:** Hepatology & Transplant Medicine, University of Alabama at Birmingham, Birmingham, Alabama



**Robert  
McFadden, MD**

**LOCATION**  
Texas Medical Center

**SCHEDULING**  
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### EXPERTISE

- Autoimmune hepatitis
- Clinical hepatology
- Hepatitis B
- Primary biliary cholangitis (PBC)
- Transplant hepatology

### EDUCATION & TRAINING

**Medical School:** The University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston, Texas

**Residency:** Internal Medicine, Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center, New Orleans, Louisiana

**Fellowships:** Gastroenterology, University of Alabama at Birmingham, Birmingham, Alabama; Hepatology, University of Miami, Miami, Florida



**Mazen Noureddin,  
MD, MHSc**

**LOCATION**  
Texas Medical Center

**SCHEDULING**  
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### EXPERTISE

- Hepatitis B and C
- Nonalcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD)
- Nonalcoholic steatohepatitis (NASH)
- Obesity
- Other hepatic/GI diseases and conditions
- Portal hypertension
- Primary biliary cholangitis (PBC)
- Primary sclerosing cholangitis (PSC)

### EDUCATION & TRAINING

**Medical School:** University of Aleppo, Aleppo, Syria

**Residency:** Internal Medicine, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, California

**Fellowships:** Hepatology, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Maryland; Gastroenterology, University of California, San Diego, California



**David  
Victor III, MD**

Interim Division Head  
of Hepatology

**LOCATION**  
Texas Medical Center

**SCHEDULING**  
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### EXPERTISE

- Alcoholic liver disease
- Amyloidosis
- Autoimmune hepatitis
- Biliary diseases and biliary cancer
- Cirrhosis
- Endoscopy
- Fatty liver disease/nonalcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD)/nonalcoholic steatohepatitis (NASH)
- Hemochromatosis
- Liver cancer
- Liver transplant
- Metabolic liver disease

### EDUCATION & TRAINING

**Medical School:** University of Kentucky College of Medicine, Lexington, Kentucky

**Residency:** Internal Medicine, Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana

**Fellowships:** Gastroenterology, Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana; Transplant Hepatology, The Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, Maryland

## Infectious Diseases



**M. Yasser  
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### EXPERTISE

- Bacterial infections
- Fungal infections
- Device-related infections
- HIV/AIDS
- Hospital-acquired infections
- Opportunistic infections
- Osteomyelitis
- Viral infections

### EDUCATION & TRAINING

**Medical School:** Misr University for Science and Technology, Giza, Egypt  
**Residency:** Internal Medicine, Henry Ford Hospital/Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan  
**Fellowship:** Infectious Diseases, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas



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Division Head of Infectious Diseases

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### EXPERTISE

- Antibiotic therapy
- Antimicrobial resistance
- Enterococcal infections
- Hospital-acquired infections
- Infections in immunocompromised individuals
- Mechanism of antibiotic resistance
- Microbiome science
- Prevention of multidrug-resistant infections

### EDUCATION & TRAINING

**Medical School:** Universidad El Bosque, Escuela Colombiana de Medicina, Bogotá, Colombia  
**Residency:** Internal Medicine, The University of Texas Health Science Center, Houston, Texas  
**Fellowship:** Infectious Diseases, The University of Texas Health Science Center, Houston, Texas



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Ashley, MD**

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### EXPERTISE

- Antimicrobial stewardship
- Endocarditis and intravascular infections
- Hospital-acquired infections
- Tropical medicine
- Zoonoses

### EDUCATION & TRAINING

**Medical School:** Medical University of Warsaw, Warsaw, Poland  
**Residency:** Internal Medicine, Kaiser Permanente, San Francisco, California  
**Fellowships:** Infectious Diseases, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas; Infectious Disease, The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, Texas



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### EXPERTISE

- Antimicrobial-resistant infections
- Bacterial infections
- Bone/joint infections
- Device-related infections
- Fungal infections
- HIV/AIDS
- Hospital-acquired infections
- Immunocompromised patients
- Opportunistic infections
- Viral infections

### EDUCATION & TRAINING

**Medical School:** Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
**Residency:** Internal Medicine, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia  
**Fellowship:** Infectious Diseases, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas



**Adarsh  
Bhimraj, MD\***

**LOCATION**  
Texas Medical Center

**SCHEDULING**  
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#### EXPERTISE

- Brain abscesses
- COVID-19 treatments
- Meningitis
- Neurologic infectious diseases
- Neurosurgical infections

#### EDUCATION & TRAINING

**Medical School:** Gandhi Medical College, Secunderabad, India  
**Residency:** Internal Medicine, Drexel University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
**Fellowship:** Infectious Diseases, University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania



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#### EXPERTISE

- Bacterial infections
- HIV/AIDS
- Infection prevention and control
- Prosthetic joint infections
- Skin and soft tissue infections

#### EDUCATION & TRAINING

**Medical School:** Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas  
**Residency:** Internal Medicine, Brigham and Women's Hospital, Boston, Massachusetts  
**Fellowship:** Infectious Diseases, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas



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Granillo, MD**  
LOCATION  
Texas Medical Center

**SCHEDULING**  
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#### EXPERTISE

- Antimicrobial resistance and stewardship
- Bacterial, fungal, viral infections
- HIV/AIDS
- Infectious meningitis/encephalitis
- Opportunistic infections

#### EDUCATION & TRAINING

**Medical School:** Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey (ITESM), Monterrey, Mexico  
**Residency:** Internal Medicine, Houston Methodist Hospital, Houston, Texas  
**Fellowship:** Infectious Diseases, The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, Texas



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#### EXPERTISE

- AIDS
- Bone infections
- Bone marrow transplant
- Heart transplant
- Infectious diseases
- Kidney transplant
- Liver transplant
- Lung transplant
- Oral cavity infection

#### EDUCATION & TRAINING

**Medical School:** The University of Texas Health Science Center, Houston, Texas  
**Residency:** Internal Medicine, The University of Texas Health Science Center, Houston, Texas  
**Fellowship:** Infectious Diseases, The University of Texas Health Science Center, Houston, Texas

## Infectious Diseases (cont.)



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### EXPERTISE

- AIDS
- Bone marrow transplant
- Heart transplant
- Kidney transplant
- Liver transplant
- Lung transplant
- Osteomyelitis
- Urinary infections

### EDUCATION & TRAINING

**Medical School:** Zhongshan School of Medicine/Sun Yat-sen University, Guangzhou, China

**Residency:** Internal Medicine, The University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston, Texas

**Fellowship:** Infectious Diseases, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas



**Satish Mocherla, MD**

**LOCATION**  
Texas Medical Center

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### EXPERTISE

- Antiretroviral salvage therapy
- Aspergillosis
- Clinical trials
- Coccidioidomycosis
- Histoplasmosis
- HIV
- Pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP)
- Sexually transmitted infections

### EDUCATION & TRAINING

**Medical School:** Gandhi Medical College, Secunderabad, India

**Residency:** Medical College of Ohio, Toledo, Ohio

**Fellowship:** Infectious Diseases, Indiana University, Indianapolis, Indiana



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### EXPERTISE

- Antimicrobial drug discovery
- Clostridium difficile
- COVID-19
- Fungal infections
- Hospital infections
- Host-pathogens interactions
- Infective endocarditis
- MRSA (Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus)
- Preventive medicine

### EDUCATION & TRAINING

**Medical School:** National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Athens, Greece

**Residencies:** Internal Medicine, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Athens, Greece; Internal Medicine, The Miriam Hospital and Providence VA Medical Center/Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island

**Fellowship:** Infectious Diseases, Brigham & Women's Hospital/Harvard, Boston, Massachusetts



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### EXPERTISE

- Drug-resistant infections
- HIV/AIDS
- Infections in immunocompromised patients
- Mycobacterial infections, such as tuberculosis
- Transplant infectious diseases

### EDUCATION & TRAINING

**Medical School:** University of Fukui, Fukui, Japan

**Residency:** Internal Medicine, Beth Israel Medical Center/Albert Einstein College, The Bronx, New York

**Fellowships:** Infectious Diseases; Advanced Infectious Diseases, The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, Texas



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#### EXPERTISE

- Bone, joint and soft tissue infections
- Endocarditis/ cardiovascular infections
- HIV/AIDS
- Infections in cancer/ immunocompromised patients
- Infectious diseases
- Nosocomial infections
- Sepsis

#### EDUCATION & TRAINING

**Medical School:** Universidad Peruana Cayetano Heredia, Lima, Peru

**Residency:** Internal Medicine, Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit, Michigan

**Fellowships:** Infectious Diseases; Advanced Infectious Diseases, The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, Texas



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MD**

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#### EXPERTISE

- Bone and joint infections
- Central nervous system infectious disorders
- Endocarditis and intra-vascular infections
- Hospital acquired infections
- Tropical medicine
- Tuberculosis and non-tuberculosis mycobacterial infections

#### EDUCATION & TRAINING

**Medical School:** Universidad de Costa Rica, San Pedro, Costa Rica

**Residencies:** Internal Medicine, San Juan de Dios Hospital, San José, Costa Rica; Bridgeport Hospital/Yale University, Bridgeport, Connecticut

**Fellowship:** Infectious Diseases; Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, Ohio

## Nephrology



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#### EXPERTISE

- Amyloid light-chain (AL) amyloidosis
- Chronic kidney disease
- Hemodialysis
- Hypertension
- Kidney stones
- Kidney transplant
- Pancreas transplant
- Peritoneal dialysis
- Polycystic kidney disease

#### EDUCATION & TRAINING

**Medical School:** Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, Lubbock, Texas

**Residency:** Internal Medicine, University of Minnesota Medical Center, Minneapolis, Minnesota

**Fellowship:** Nephrology, University of Minnesota Medical Center, Minneapolis, Minnesota



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#### EXPERTISE

- Chronic kidney disease
- Glomerular disease
- Kidney transplant outcomes
- Long-term consequences of living kidney donation
- Pregnancy and chronic kidney disease
- Resistant hypertension

#### EDUCATION & TRAINING

**Medical School:** Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, Lubbock, Texas

**Residency:** Internal Medicine, The University of Texas Health Science Center, Houston, Texas

**Fellowships:** Nephrology, The University of Texas Health Science Center, Houston, Texas; Transplant Nephrology, Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri

## Nephrology (cont.)



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### EXPERTISE

- Dialysis
- Hypertension
- Kidney-related diseases
- Kidney stones
- Kidney transplants

### EDUCATION & TRAINING

**Medical School:** Albert Einstein College of Medicine/Montefiore Medical Center, New York, New York

**Residency:** Internal Medicine, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, Massachusetts

**Fellowship:** Nephrology, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas



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### EXPERTISE

- Chronic dialysis
- Diabetic kidney disease
- Glomerular disease
- Hypertension
- Interventional nephrology
- Kidney stones and kidney-related issues

### EDUCATION & TRAINING

**Medical School:** Dow Medical College, Karachi, Pakistan

**Residency:** Internal Medicine, Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan

**Fellowship:** Nephrology, Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit, Michigan



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### EXPERTISE

- Dialysis
- Hypertension
- Kidney-related diseases
- Kidney stones
- Kidney transplants

### EDUCATION & TRAINING

**Medical School:** Harvard Medical School, Boston, Massachusetts

**Residency:** Internal Medicine, University of California, San Francisco, California

**Fellowship:** Nephrology, University of California, San Francisco, California



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### EXPERTISE

- Dialysis
- Hypertension
- Kidney-related diseases
- Kidney stones
- Kidney transplants

### EDUCATION & TRAINING

**Medical School:** Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, Lubbock, Texas

**Residency:** Internal Medicine, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas

**Fellowship:** Nephrology, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas



**Juan Jorge Olivero, MD**

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### EXPERTISE

- Dialysis
- Hypertension
- Kidney-related diseases
- Kidney stones
- Kidney transplants

### EDUCATION & TRAINING

**Medical School:** Universidad Autonoma de Guadalajara, Zapopan, Mexico

**Residency:** Internal Medicine, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas

**Fellowship:** Nephrology, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas

## Pulmonology



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### EXPERTISE

- Asthma
- Bronchiectasis
- Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)
- General pulmonology
- Interstitial lung diseases
- Lifestyle medicine
- Occupational lung disease
- Sleep apnea

### EDUCATION & TRAINING

**Medical School:** Dow Medical College, Karachi, Pakistan

**Residency:** Internal Medicine, Mount Sinai/Bronx Lebanon Hospital, The Bronx, New York

**Fellowship:** Pulmonary Disease, Mount Sinai/Bronx Lebanon Hospital, The Bronx, New York



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### EXPERTISE

- Bronchopulmonary dysplasia
- Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)
- Emphysema
- Idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis
- Interstitial lung disease
- Lung transplantation
- Non-cystic fibrosis bronchiectasis
- Primary ciliary dyskinesia

### EDUCATION & TRAINING

**Medical School:** University of Toledo, Toledo, Ohio

**Residency:** Internal Medicine & Pediatrics, The Ohio State University/Nationwide Children's Hospital, Columbus, Ohio

**Fellowships:** Pulmonary & Critical Care Medicine; Pulmonary Transplant, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio



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### EXPERTISE

- Advanced diagnostic, therapeutic, robotic-assisted, rigid and endobronchial ultrasound (EBUS) bronchoscopy
- Central airway obstruction
- Interventional pulmonology
- Laser, electrocautery, cryotherapy, cryo lung biopsy
- Lung cancer and thoracic tumors (malignant and benign)
- Lung nodules
- Pleural diseases/biopsy, medical thoracoscopy and tunneled pleural catheter placement
- Subglottic and tracheal stenosis
- Stent placement and management of tracheo/broncho fistula

### EDUCATION & TRAINING

**Medical School:** University of Aleppo, Aleppo, Syria

**Residency:** Internal Medicine, Saint Louis University, St. Louis, Missouri

**Fellowship:** Pulmonary & Critical Care Medicine, University of Louisville, Louisville, Kentucky



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Division Head of Pulmonary, Critical Care and Sleep Medicine

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### EXPERTISE

- Advanced pulmonary function testing
- Asthma
- Bronchiectasis
- Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)
- Cystic Fibrosis
- Occupational lung disease
- Pulmonary complications of stem cell transplant
- Translational and mechanistic clinical research in pulmonary disease

### EDUCATION & TRAINING

**Medical School:** Washington University School of Medicine, St. Louis, Missouri

**Residency:** Internal Medicine, Duke University, Durham, North Carolina

**Fellowship:** Pulmonary & Critical Care Medicine, Duke University, Durham, North Carolina

## Pulmonology (cont.)



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### EXPERTISE

- Advanced bronchoscopy
- Bronchoscopy
- Chronic lung disease
- Extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (ECMO)
- Laser endoscopic bronchoscopy
- Lung transplantation
- Pulmonary fibrosis

### EDUCATION & TRAINING

**Medical School:** Shiraz University, Shiraz, Iran

**Residency:** Internal Medicine, University of Massachusetts, Worcester, Massachusetts

**Fellowships:** Immunology, Harvard, Boston, Massachusetts; Pulmonary & Critical Care Medicine/Lung Transplantation, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas



**Howard Huang, MD**  
Division Head  
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### EXPERTISE

- Advanced bronchoscopy
- Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)
- Interstitial lung disease
- Lung transplantation

### EDUCATION & TRAINING

**Medical School:** The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, Dallas, Texas

**Residency:** Internal Medicine, The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, Dallas, Texas

**Fellowship:** Pulmonary & Critical Care Medicine, Washington University/Barnes-Jewish Hospital, St. Louis, Missouri



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Interim Director,  
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### EXPERTISE

- Chronic thromboembolic pulmonary hypertension (CTEPH)
- Pulmonary arterial hypertension
- Pulmonary fibrosis and idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis (IPF)
- Pulmonary hypertension
- Right heart failure due to pulmonary hypertension

### EDUCATION & TRAINING

**Medical School:** Sind Medical College, Karachi, Pakistan

**Residency:** Internal Medicine, SUNY Health Science Center, Brooklyn, New York

**Fellowship:** Pulmonary & Critical Care Medicine, Mount Sinai St. Luke's Hospital/Columbia University, New York, New York



**Sandeep Sahay, MD, MS**  
LOCATION  
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### EXPERTISE

- Chronic thromboembolic pulmonary hypertension (CTEPH)
- Heart catheterization
- Pulmonary arterial hypertension
- Pulmonary fibrosis
- Pulmonary hypertension
- Sarcoidosis

### EDUCATION & TRAINING

**Medical School:** Maulana Azad Medical College, New Delhi, India

**Residency:** Internal Medicine, Cleveland Clinic Akron General, Akron, Ohio

**Fellowship:** Pulmonary & Critical Care Medicine, The University of Texas Health Science Center, Houston, Texas



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#### EXPERTISE

- Asthma
- Bronchiectasis
- Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)
- Hemodynamic monitoring and support
- Interstitial lung disease
- Mechanical ventilation management
- Palliative care in the ICU
- Post-intensive care syndrome
- Post-sepsis syndrome
- Pulmonary hypertension

#### EDUCATION & TRAINING

**Medical School:** Texas A&M University School of Medicine, College Station, Texas

**Residency:** Internal Medicine, Dell Medical School at The University of Texas, Austin, Texas

**Fellowship:** Pulmonary Diseases & Critical Care, Houston Methodist Hospital, Houston, Texas



**Simon Yau, MD**

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#### EXPERTISE

- Advanced bronchoscopy
- Critical care medicine
- Bedside ultrasonography
- Extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (ECMO)
- General pulmonology
- Lung transplantation

#### EDUCATION & TRAINING

**Medical School:** The University of Texas Health Science Center, San Antonio, Texas

**Residency:** Internal Medicine, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas

**Fellowship:** Pulmonary & Critical Care Medicine, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas



**J. Georges Youssef, MD**

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**Texas Medical Center**

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#### EXPERTISE

- Advanced bronchoscopy
- Asthma
- Chronic cough and wheezing
- Interstitial lung disease
- Lung nodules
- Lung transplant
- Pneumonia
- Pulmonary embolism
- Shortness of breath
- Sleep disorders
- Smoking cessation
- Toxic mold, chemical inhalation and asbestososis

#### EDUCATION & TRAINING

**Medical School:** American University of Beirut Faculty of Medicine, Beirut, Lebanon

**Residency:** Internal Medicine, Good Samaritan Hospital of Maryland, Baltimore, Maryland

**Fellowships:** Pulmonary & Critical Care Medicine, Stony Brook University Hospital, Stony Brook, New York; Pulmonary Transplant, University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania



**Faisal Zahiruddin, DO**

**LOCATION**  
**Texas Medical Center**

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#### EXPERTISE

- Allergic rhinitis
- Asthma
- Bronchoscopy
- Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)
- General pulmonology
- Narcolepsy
- Rapid eye movement (REM) sleep behavior disorder
- Restless leg syndrome
- Sleep medicine, apnea and disorders
- Smoking cessation

#### EDUCATION & TRAINING

**Medical School:** University of North Texas Health Science Center, Fort Worth, Texas

**Residency:** Internal Medicine, The University of Texas Southwestern Medical School, Dallas, Texas

**Fellowships:** Pulmonary & Critical Care Medicine, Houston Methodist Hospital, Houston, Texas; Sleep Medicine, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia

## Rheumatology



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### EXPERTISE

- Ankylosing spondylitis
- Arthritis (rheumatoid and psoriatic)
- Interstitial lung disease-associated autoimmune disease
- Joint injections
- Lupus
- Lupus nephritis
- Myositis
- Sjogren's syndrome
- Scleroderma
- Vasculitis

### EDUCATION & TRAINING

**Medical School:** Universidad Francisco Marroquín, Guatemala City, Guatemala

**Residency:** Internal Medicine, Bridgeport Hospital/Yale, Bridgeport, Connecticut

**Fellowship:** Rheumatology, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington



**Sarah Kazzaz, MD**

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### EXPERTISE

- Ankylosing spondylitis
- Gout
- Joint injections and aspirations
- Lupus
- Polymyalgia rheumatica
- Psoriatic arthritis
- Rheumatoid arthritis
- Scleroderma
- Sjogren's syndrome
- Vasculitis

### EDUCATION & TRAINING

**Medical School:** The University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston, Texas

**Residency:** Internal Medicine, The University of Texas Health Science Center, Houston, Texas

**Fellowship:** Rheumatology, The University of Texas Health Science Center, Houston, Texas



**Kanika Monga, MD**

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### EXPERTISE

- Ankylosing spondylitis
- Arthritis (rheumatoid, gout/crystalline and psoriatic)
- IgG4-related disease/sarcoidosis
- Inflammatory myositis
- Joint injections and aspirations
- Lupus
- Polymyalgia rheumatica
- Scleroderma
- Sjogren's syndrome
- Vasculitis

### EDUCATION & TRAINING

**Medical School:** Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso, El Paso, Texas

**Residency:** Internal Medicine, The University of Texas Health Science Center, Houston, Texas

**Fellowship:** Rheumatology, The University of Texas Health Science Center, Houston, Texas



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#### **EXPERTISE**

- Gout
- Inflammatory myositis
- Musculoskeletal ultrasound
- Rheumatoid arthritis
- Scleroderma
- Spondyloarthritis
- Systemic lupus erythematosus
- Vasculitis

#### **EDUCATION & TRAINING**

**Medical School:** Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey (ITESM), Monterrey, Mexico

**Residency:** Internal Medicine, Houston Methodist Hospital, Houston, Texas

**Fellowship:** Rheumatology, The University of Texas Health Science Center, Houston, Texas



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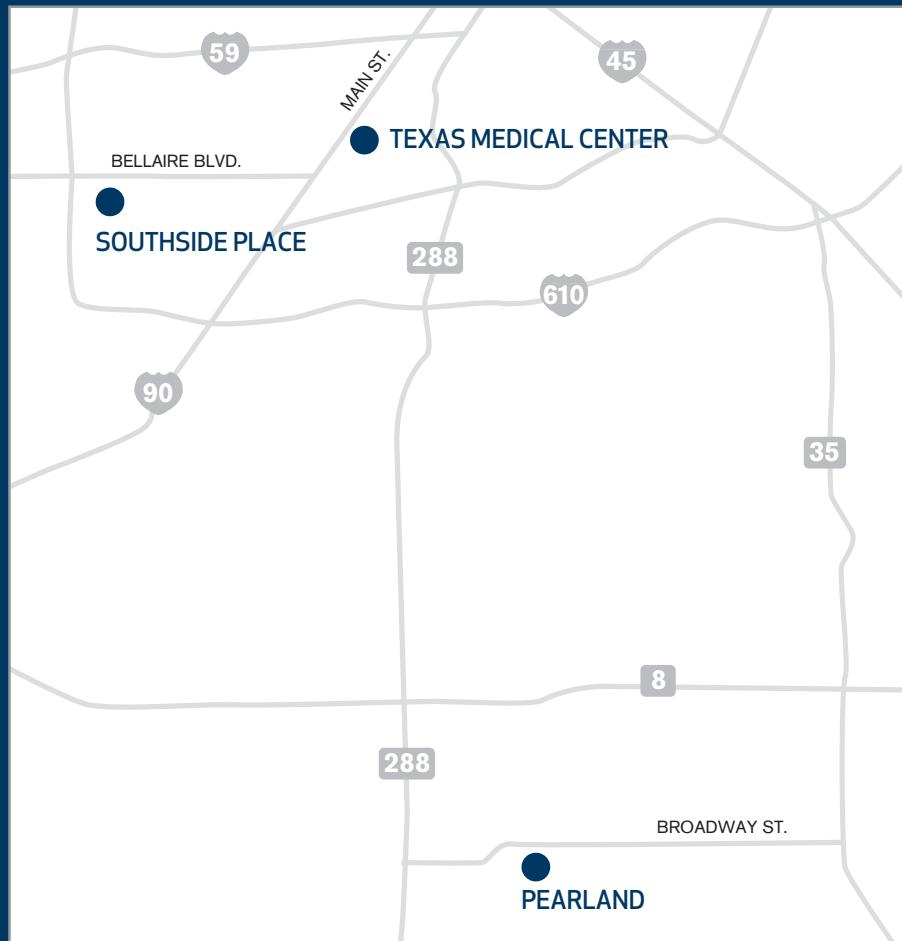
- Arthritis
- Lupus
- Raynaud's disease
- Rheumatoid arthritis
- Scleroderma
- Vasculitis

#### **EDUCATION & TRAINING**

**Medical School:** Universidad Francisco Marroquín, Guatemala City, Guatemala

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