

**Thomas Wong, MD****Medical School:** UT Health San Antonio Long School of Medicine**Email:** thomas.wong@mountsinai.org

Profile: Thomas is an AP/CP resident from Houston, Texas, with an interest in GI pathology and the application of digital and artificial intelligence tools in pathology. In his free time, he enjoys bouldering both indoors and outdoors—particularly in the Shawangunk Mountains, and Central Park—and biking across Manhattan.

**Emily Wendel, MD****Medical School:** Medical College of Wisconsin**Email:** emily.wendel@mountsinai.org

Profile: Emily is an AP/CP with a growing interest in surgical pathology. She hopes to pursue a career that balances diagnostic work with teaching and mentorship. She completed undergraduate and medical school in Wisconsin and now enjoys exploring the city by wandering through new neighborhoods and trying as many food spots as possible. Outside of work she loves reading, live music, and going for runs in Central Park.

**Michael Christian Virata, MD****Medical School:** San Beda University- College of Medicine**Email:** michaelchristian.virata@mountsinai.org

Profile: Michael is an AP/NP resident born and raised in the Philippines. Graduating as the batch Salutatorian in his medical school, he is driven to excel and make the most out of learning during residency. Fascinated by neuronal pathways early in his career, he will pursue a path focused on diagnosing nervous system pathologies. Outside of work, he enjoys creating content videos, going to the gym, running and walking in parks, and searching for the best cookie in the city!

**Meejan Palhang, DO****Medical School:** Rowan-Virtua School of Osteopathic Medicine**Email:** meejan.palhang@mountsinai.org

Profile: Meejan is an AP/CP resident who has always loved storytelling in its many forms, from literature and theater to movies and even people watching on the streets of New York. This eventually drew her to pathology, where each case tells its own story about disease and diagnosis. She chose Mount Sinai for its strong academic environment and the opportunity to learn from leaders in the field.

**Devin Nelson, DO****Medical School:** Touro University, California**Email:** devin.nelson@mountsinai.org

Profile: Devin is an AP/CP resident with interests in Hematopathology and Cytopathology. Hailing from Seattle, Washington, Devin chose Mount Sinai because of its robust case volume and commitment to innovation. In his spare time, Devin likes cooking for and hosting dinner parties, wandering around cities and mountains, and broadening his palate with the phenomenal array of food New York has to offer.

**Sally Kraiem, MD****Medical School:** SUNY Downstate College of Medicine**Email:** sally.kraiem@mountsinai.org

Profile: Sally is currently training as an AP/CP Resident. She loves the creativity, comradery and explorative nature that defines pathology. She is really excited about the expansion of digital pathology and is interested in understanding more about its impact on precision medicine. Outside of work, Sally enjoys spending quality time with her husband and 2 children, and if she has any time after that she loves doing yoga, finding new music on Spotify, and having a crisp glass of white wine.

**Andrea Coetzee, MBChB****Medical School:** University of Pretoria School of Medicine**Email:** andrea.coetzee@mountsinai.org

Profile: Andrea is an AP/CP resident from South Africa. Before moving to New York to start residency, she worked as a generalist clinician while completing an MSc by dissertation in Clinical Hematology at the University of Cape Town. This helped develop her interest in hematopathology and transfusion medicine. She loves visiting National Parks, stand-up comedy and live theatre, and exploring New York City's neighborhoods.

**Luis Ascanio, MD****Medical School:** Universidad de Carabobo – Aragua – Venezuela**Email:** luis.ascaniocortez2@mountsinai.org

Profile: Born, raised, and trained in Venezuela, Luis has lived in three countries and traveled to 22. As part of the PSTEP track, he brings a strong interest in research and a background in applied biostatistics, with work spanning cerebrovascular and infectious diseases. Although still exploring his options for fellowship, he has particular interests in laboratory medicine, neuropathology, and forensics. Outside of medicine, he enjoys running, inline skating, walking around NYC, trying new restaurants, and gaming.

**Chris Davlantes, DDS****Medical School:** University of Michigan School of Dentistry**Email:** chris.davlantes@mountsinai.org

Profile: Chris is an Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology resident. He was drawn to pathology for its diagnostic puzzle-solving and its central role in guiding patient care. He looks forward to the exceptional mentorship provided here and to further develop his clinical and academic interests. In his spare time, he explores the diverse cuisines NYC has to offer. He also enjoys all things aviation and plans to pursue his pilot's license in the near future.