

# GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION

## Resident and Fellow of the Month: October 2024



### Michelle Kohansieh, MD, MBA

Resident (PGY2), Internal Medicine  
Mount Sinai South Nassau

**Service to their peers:** “Throughout her time in our program, she has consistently demonstrated a profound commitment to enhancing the well-being of those around her. Her compassionate care, tireless work ethic, and exceptional interpersonal skills have made a remarkable impact on the lives of her patients, providing them with not only top-notch medical care but also emotional support and comfort. Michelle has been a true pillar of our community, always going above and beyond to support her peers, offering guidance, encouragement, and assistance whenever needed. Her collaborative spirit and leadership have fostered a nurturing environment that empowers her co-residents to thrive. Her dedication is evident in the countless hours she spends ensuring that both patients and colleagues receive the highest standard of care and support.” “Michelle’s teaching style is fantastic. During a challenging case with a patient who had multiple health issues, she involved me in the decision-making process and explained her thought process in detail. Her approachable and friendly manner made it easy to ask questions and learn. Michelle also made an effort to get to know us interns on a personal level. She’s easily approachable and clearly loves teaching and her job. Seeing her enthusiasm and dedication is truly inspiring.”



### Rima Abhyankar, MD

Fellow (PGY5), Obstetric Anesthesiology  
The Mount Sinai Hospital

**Service to patients and/or families:** “She has not only been an excellent educator but she also has consistently demonstrated the kindness and composure that make her a great mentor for residents. The other day, we had a tough case on the labor floor where a patient unfortunately experienced a stillbirth but required complicated post-partum care due to concerns about the placenta. Rima was instrumental in managing multiple obstetric teams as they decided on a care plan while prioritizing the patient’s comfort throughout the day. Rima helped the patient navigate a really difficult time with such compassion, patience, and ease. She really is an incredible role model for everyone on L&D.”

## Resident and Fellow Peer Nominees for October

### Joseph Abraham, MD, MBA

MSM/MSW Internal Medicine

### Lital Aliasi-Sinai, MD

MSM/MSW Internal Medicine

### Melanie Brown, MD

MSM/MSW Psychiatry

### Isabella Chirico, MD

MSM/MSW Psychiatry

### Gabriella de Queiroz Campos, MD

MSH Psychiatry

### Tahera Doctor, MD

MSH Obstetrics and Gynecology

### Ramsha Durrani, MBBS

QHC Internal Medicine

### Amit Elazar, MD

MSSN Surgery

### Solomon Friedman, MD

MSH Diagnostic Radiology

### Lakshmi Kowtha, MBBS

MSM/MSW Pathology

### Taelor Lee, MD

MSH Occupational Medicine

### Brian Leoce, MD

MSH Vascular Surgery-Integrated

### Molly McDonald, DO

MSSN Surgery

### Ketaki Mukhopadhyay, MBBS

MSH Pediatric Cardiology

### Aesha Patel, MD

MSM/MSW Internal Medicine

### Kushal Patel, MD

MSH Diagnostic Radiology

### Swati Patel, MD

MSM/MSW Internal Medicine

### Kevin Pham, MD

MSH Diagnostic Radiology

### Matthew Wilson, MD

MSH Psychiatry