

# GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION

## Resident and Fellow of the Month: January 2022



### **Kurt Yaeger, MD**

Resident (PGY7), Neurological Surgery  
Mount Sinai Hospital

**Service to their peers:** "Kurt exemplifies what it means to not only be a great resident and neurosurgeon, but also a true leader among his peers. Kurt has always led by example. Most importantly, he does so with a degree of compassion and kindness that provides comfort to patients in times of great hardship and emotional struggle. He pushes his co-residents to achieve excellence in their own realms of interest, setting the tone and example for others to follow. His ability to educate and teach is perhaps his greatest skill. I have seen Kurt, exhausted from operating through the night on a complex aneurysm case, take time the following morning to review the case in detail with medical students and residents, showing the nuances of the anatomy and surgical approach. Many would have put themselves first in that situation, but Kurt truly embraces what it means to be an academic physician. He promotes his co-residents successes while always being available to assist with any issue that they may face. A true leader does not lead from behind, but from the front. As chief resident, Kurt leads the charge for our neurosurgery team and upholds the high standards of our department."



### **Mehrin Islam, MD**

Fellow (PGY5), Pediatric Emergency Medicine  
Mount Sinai Hospital

**Service to their peers:** "Mehrin approaches her work with a calm, positive attitude and I'm always happy to see her walk onto shift. Even during the busiest times in the Pediatric Emergency Department, she intentionally carves out moments to teach residents the most up-to-date, evidence-based medicine. She manages the workflow of multiple patients and their parents effortlessly, and is not above wheeling patients to x-ray or providing discharge instructions herself if her residents are busy and it will improve patient care. We are incredibly lucky to be able to learn from her and to call her a friend." "She has excellent bedside manner with her patients, makes time to educate residents, and is always friendly, calm, and available even during the busiest peds ED shifts. I would trust her to take care of any of my family/friends' children, and I hope all of my co-residents have the opportunity to work with her before she graduates." "She is empathetic toward patients and parents, focused on teaching in an environment where this is easy to overlook, and dedicated to getting her patients the care they need - often taking on resident tasks herself when her residents are overburdened."

## Resident and Fellow Peer Nominees for January

### **Brielle Cardieri, MD**

MSH Psychiatry

### **Stephanie Cardona, DO**

MSH Critical Care Medicine

### **Emily Carroll, MD**

MSH Rheumatology

### **Erin Fennern, MD, MPH**

MSH Surgery

### **Dewan Giri, MBBS**

MSBI Internal Medicine

### **Yoshiko Ishisaka, MD**

MSBI Internal Medicine

### **Sivan Lewis, MD**

MSH Medical Genetics

### **Gregory Morgan, MD**

MSH Psychiatry

### **Syed Mustafa, MBBS**

MSBI Cardiovascular Disease

### **Angie Seo, MD**

MSH/EHC Cardiovascular Disease

### **Sean Sun, MD**

MSH Diagnostic Radiology

### **Anna Tavdy Resisi, DO**

MSMW Internal Medicine

### **Alvaro Vargas Pelaez, MD**

MSBI Cardiovascular Disease

### **Anne Yeung, MD**

MSH Psychiatry