

Chief Residents



Hassan Alesh, MD

Hometown: Fairfax, Virginia

Undergraduate: University of Maryland

Medical School: Johns Hopkins University

Fellowship: Rush University Arthroplasty Fellowship

Future directions: Academic arthroplasty

Highlights: Dedication to improving the residency by Drs. Levin, Mehta, Israelite, and Ahn. Tremendous teaching and commitment to education by our joints and trauma faculty.



Christina F. Endress, MD

Hometown: Bloomfield Hills, Michigan

Undergraduate: University of Michigan

Medical School: University of Michigan Medical School

Fellowship: Indiana Hand to Shoulder Fellowship

Future directions: Returning to Michigan for private practice in hand and upper extremity surgery.

Highlights: My co-residents; hand surgery with Dr. Bozentka, Dr. Levin and Dr. Steinberg; Health Volunteers Overseas trip to Nicaragua with my parents and Dr. Donegan.



Chancellor F. Gray, MD

Hometown: Wexford, Pennsylvania

Undergraduate: Princeton University

Medical School: Jefferson Medical College of Thomas Jefferson University

Fellowship: University of California at San Francisco Adult Reconstruction Fellowship

Future directions: Join a practice with a focus on total joint reconstruction where I can be involved in resident education

Highlights: Getting to know my fellow chiefs and the faculty through the last few years and becoming a real part of the Penn Orthopaedics family as well as learning from and teaching all of my co-residents.



Adam T. Griska, MD

Hometown: Penn Valley, Pennsylvania

Undergraduate: Brown University

Medical School: Tufts University School of Medicine

Fellowship: Tufts Medical Center Combined Hand Surgery Fellowship

Future directions: Hand and upper extremity surgery

Highlights: Hand Surgery, Trauma, Sports, Shoulder and Elbow, and Pediatric rotations. Additionally I enjoyed my overseas outreach experience in Nicaragua, my community orthopaedics rotation at Bayhealth, and my experience serving as an Administrative Chief Resident. Ultimately, my greatest highlight was meeting my fiancée on Dulles 6.

Sunil S. Jani, MD, MS

Hometown: Nutley, New Jersey

Undergraduate: University of Pennsylvania

Graduate School: University of California at San Francisco

Medical School: Rutgers University Robert Wood Johnson Medical School

Fellowship: Taos Orthopaedic Institute Sports Medicine Fellowship

Future directions: Sports medicine practice

Highlights: I am very appreciative for my knowledge, experience, and growth under the attendings at Penn. Thank you to the mentors who will be with me throughout my career (including the entire sports medicine faculty). A special thank you to my caring family for their limitless love and support.

Mara L. Schenker, MD

Hometown: Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Undergraduate: University of Pittsburgh

Medical School: University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine

Fellowship: Harborview Medical Center Trauma Fellowship

Future directions: TBD - definitely research and clinical trauma practice, either in academics or semi-private academics.

Highlights: They are too numerous to name, but if I had to list them: excellent teaching and mentorship from the attending faculty; spending time on the trauma service; our leadership (Drs. Levin, Israelite, Mehta and Ahn) and their commitment to making Penn ever better; the lab year under the guidance of Dr. Mauck; my fellow residents; and last but not least Barb Weinraub - they simply don't make them like her anywhere else.

Rehan S. Shamim, MD

Hometown: Somerset, New Jersey

Undergraduate: Princeton University

Medical School: Rutgers University Robert Wood Johnson Medical School

Fellowship: University of California at Los Angeles Sports Medicine Fellowship

Future Direction: Orthopaedic practice with a focus on sports medicine

Highlights: My five years at Penn have been a transformative experience. I am so fortunate to have trained under such excellent mentors, especially the sports medicine and trauma faculty. I will also never forget being in the trenches with all of my fellow residents, and our late night runs to the CHOP cafeteria and Wawa (or anywhere else that was open!) in between trauma consults and OR cases. Finally, thanks to my mom and dad for always being a support through the demands of residency, and to my wife, Ferheen, whose smile has always been a shining light that I looked forward to coming home to after every day of work.