

# Chief Residents



## Jason Anari

**Hometown:** Yardville, NJ

**Undergraduate School:** The College of New Jersey

**Medical School:** Robert Wood Johnson Medical School at Rutgers University (UMDNJ)

**Residency Highlights:** Some of my best memories of residency include: the first day I met my 7 fantastic co-residents and the surgery program director referred to us as the Eagles offensive line, match day for my wife and I for our respective fellowships, and lastly fixing a Pipkin 4 as the trauma chief this past August.

**Future Directions:** I will be at CHOP in 2017-2018 pursuing a Pediatric Orthopaedic Surgery Fellowship. I hope to spend a career in academic pediatric orthopaedics focusing on scoliosis and pediatric trauma.



## Joshua Gordon

**Hometown:** San Francisco, CA

**Undergraduate School:** Pitzer College

**Medical School:** David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA

**Residency Highlights:** Friends, mentors and team work—I am deeply appreciative for my time at UPenn.

**Future Directions:** I am headed to University of Washington, in the only city, perhaps more sunny than Philadelphia... Seattle. Looking forward to a lifetime of hand and micro surgery in which I hope to do all I can to provide and improve patient care!



## Phillip Saville

**Hometown:** Winchester, England

**Undergraduate School:** University of Leicester

**Medical School:** University of Leicester (England, UK)

**Residency Highlights:** My first day and my last day.

**Future Directions:** Hospital Special Surgery for Spine fellowship, followed by private practice in MIS Spine.



## Vishal Saxena

**Hometown:** Fairfax, VA

**Undergraduate School:** Northwestern University

**Medical School:** Pritzker School of Medicine at the University of Chicago

**Residency Highlights:** Lab year with Dr. Robert Mauck, serving as co-Editor-in-Chief of UPOJ, forming what will be lifelong relationships with my attendings and co-residents.

**Future Directions:** Sports Medicine fellowship at Massachusetts General Hospital, busy practice with a focus on cartilage repair.



### **Russell Stitzlein**

**Hometown:** Grove City, OH

**Undergraduate School:** Miami University

**Medical School:** Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine

**Residency Highlights:** Learning from my senior residents and then having the opportunity to pass along that knowledge and mentor future classes; developing lifelong friendships with my co-residents; and, most importantly, the birth of my first child (Cesar) and spending time with him and my wife and sharing many fond memories with my co-residents and their families!

**Future Directions:** Musculoskeletal Oncology Fellowship at MD Anderson Cancer Center and then plan to work in academic orthopaedic oncology



### **Michael Talerico**

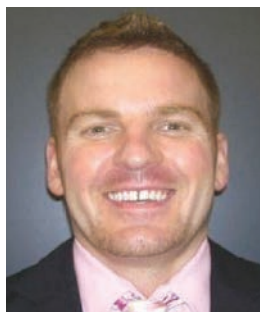
**Hometown:** Wildwood, MO

**Undergraduate School:** University of Notre Dame

**Medical School:** Saint Louis University School of Medicine

**Residency Highlights:** Co-scrubbing cases with my classmates during PGY 2-5. Learning how to not only operate for attendings, but with attendings. Teaching juniors the same way chiefs once taught me, and realizing how rewarding it is.

**Future Directions:** Fellowship at Harborview Medical Center in Seattle, WA. Plan to be an orthopaedic traumatologist in the Midwest/Southeast area of the country at a level one trauma center.



### **Nathan Wigner**

**Hometown:** Colonial Heights, VA

**Undergraduate School:** North Carolina State University

**Medical School:** Boston University School of Medicine

**Residency Highlights:** Graduating with my class.

**Future Directions:** Spine Fellowship at University of Washington, Seattle. Plan to pursue a career practicing spine and orthopaedic trauma at a level one trauma center.



### **Chase Woodward**

**Hometown:** Omaha, NE

**Undergraduate School:** Northwestern University

**Medical School:** Feinberg School of Medicine at Northwestern University

**Residency Highlights:** Meeting, courting, and marrying my wife, Allison. Being *genuinely mentored* by dedicated professors. Time spent in the trenches with my fellow residents.

**Future Directions:** Spine surgery fellowship at Washington University in St. Louis, running an efficient practice with satisfied patients, starting a family.