

Pediatric Neurosurgery Fellows

UAB/Children's of Alabama

1995-2023

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Snapshot

- **24 Fellows/24 ABPNS Board Certified/Eligible (1995-2023)**

- **12 Division Chiefs/Chairmen**

- UMKC, UWisconsin, UTSouthwestern, UNC, Vanderbilt, Johns Hopkins All Children's, UTAustin/Dell, Tulane/Ochsner, UColorado, Emory, Penn State, Helen DeVos, Valley Children's

- **OR Case Volume Range 800-950 covering all aspects of pediatric nsgy (35% HCP)**

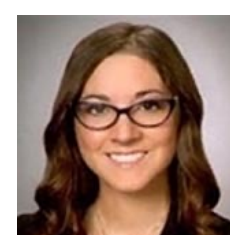
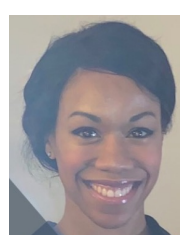
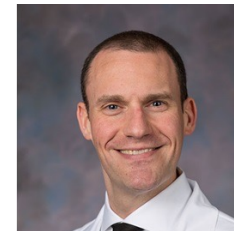
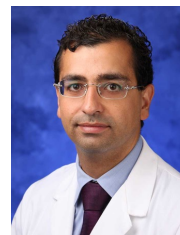
- **Ranked 2nd (ir10c) and 3rd (ih10c) among all pediatric neurosurgery fellowship programs in fellow academic productivity (Ajmera et al, JNS Peds, 2019)**

- **Residencies Represented**

- U Alberta, Baylor, Columbia, Duke, Johns Hopkins, Minnesota, NYU, Ohio State, UPenn, Penn State, Pittsburgh, SUNY, UCSF, Utah, WashU, Western Ontario, University of Wisconsin, Oregon Health Sciences University, University of Washington, University of Kansas, Vanderbilt

- **Global Neurosurgery Option**

- Vietnam (Children's #2, Ho Chi Minh City; National Cancer Hospital, Hanoi)
- Children's Cancer Hospital of Egypt 57357 (Cairo, Egypt)



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 - Hydrocephalus
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