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Profile: Alexis is an AP/CP resident. She is currently undecided regarding her future subspecialty career plans and is keeping her options open. In addition to its diverse cases and excellent faculty, one of the major reasons she chose Sinai for residency was because it is leading the way for digital pathology in medicine. Her favorite hobbies include spending time with her husband, playing with her cat, and watching new comedy specials. She is also a big foodie and can't wait to try all of the amazing food that NYC has to offer.



Satomi Hiya, MD

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Profile: Satomi has recently moved to NYC from Japan. She is a clinical neurologist back in her country, and aspiring to become a neuropathologist at the Mount Sinai Hospital, one of the best institutions in the world to study pathology. Just as much as she loves the brain and nerves, she is an avid fan of stage performances, music, and museums, all of which make NYC her dream city. When she is at home, she enjoys to expand her cooking repertoire using new ingredients she finds at Whole foods market.



Carolina Maldonado Diaz, MD, PhD

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Profile: Carolina is an AP/NP Resident. She is a physician neuroscientist from Puerto Rico who chose Mount Sinai Hospital because of the positive and inclusive workplace culture, as well as the outstanding clinical and experimental training opportunities within the Department of Pathology, Molecular and Cell Based Medicine. Carolina is working towards becoming a forensic neuropathologist, and dreams of creating a Brain Bank in Puerto Rico at some point in her career. Her favorite exercise is Ashtanga Vinyasa Yoga, and she likes silent meditations. In her free time, Caro also enjoys music, cooking, and spending time with friends, family, and her puppy Boo..



Zahra Moinfar, MD, PhD

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Profile: Zahra is an AP/CP resident. Upon graduation from medical school in Iran, she completed her PhD in neuroscience in Germany followed by a postdoctoral fellowship at University of California, San Francisco. While still undecided for her subspecialty, she has a strong avidity to where gut meets the brain via immune cells. She loves travelling and visiting exotic places. She enjoys listening to true crime podcasts, watching detective shows, and learning new skills such as playing guitar and watercolor painting.



Jerry Saunders, MD, PhD

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Profile: Jerry is an AP/CP resident who was drawn to pathology for its integrated emphasis of science, medicine, and education. Native to the borough of Queens, Mount Sinai was the perfect institution for his residency training considering its role as a leader at the forefront of the field, warm culture, and the opportunity to serve the city he grew up in. Jerry has strong interests in both hematopathology and transfusion medicine. Recreationally, he enjoys exercise, reading, traveling, photography, and exploring the outdoors



Ketan Yerneni, MD

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Profile: Ketan is an AP/CP resident with an interest in therapeutic and molecular pathology. He is passionate about the development of emerging biotechnologies and bridging the gap between academia and industry. In his free time, you can find him playing guitar or exploring any and all coffee shops and restaurants across NYC.



Lauren Warner, DMD

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Profile: Lauren is an Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology Resident, who like most dentists, started dental school not knowing this specialty even existed. Her love for oral pathology began strong semester one and only continued to grow. From small-town Vermont, Lauren is excited for the opportunity to live in New York City. In her spare time, you can find Lauren running, hiking, scouting restaurants for the best plate of nachos, or cuddled up with her cat Peanut on the couch.