

CHIEF RESIDENTS MATCH TO PRESTIGIOUS FELLOWSHIPS

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The department is excited to announce that all three chief residents have matched into prestigious fellowships following their graduation from the residency program. Each of these men have left their mark on the program and they will be missed. We are proud of all of their accomplishments and know that they have bright futures ahead of them. Best of luck Drs. Edelmayer, Johnson, and Sharbel!



Luke Edelmayer, MD



Christopher Johnson, MD



Daniel Sharbel, MD



Dr. Luke Edelmayer will start his Otology Fellowship at AdventHealth in Celebration, Florida. Dr. Edelmayer will be accompanied by his wife, Mandy, and their three children. Luke chose Otology because he has been a musician most of his life, and hearing the sound of music brings him great joy. It was only natural that he would want to provide and preserve for others via cochlear implantation and hearing preservation surgery. Luke and his family are excited to move to Orlando because it is so close to one of their favorite places in the world, Disneyworld.

Luke’s Key Take Away from Residency: “Continue being kind to others, whether they are the patient, the CEO, the floor sweeper, the technicians, or the cafeteria workers. Being a Doctor doesn't make you better than anyone, but instead it should make you more aware of all people. We learn the most intimate things about our patients, that most others do not know. We see many of them in their lowest condition. We should always strive to protect that bond and trust. Also we need to remember to be happy and find humor in life. It's too short and too tenuous to be upset and jaded. You always catch more flies with honey. Also a smile and kind "good morning" or "hello" can make someone's day. Always strive to make someone's day. You'll be better for it.”

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Dr. Christopher Johnson will start his Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery Fellowship at the Oregon Health and Science University in Portland Oregon. Dr. Johnson will be accompanied by his wife, Jamie, and their children, Carter and Bennett. Christopher was captivated by cosmetic and reconstructive surgery during his third year of residency. Through complex cases it became clear that improving or restoring the most visible and personal part of a person, their face, provides an opportunity to positively affect others that no other aspect of medicine does. Christopher looks forward to moving to Portland to work with Dr. Wang. The program has a history of graduating successful alumni due to the incredible breadth and depth of training.

Christopher's Key Take Away from Residency: "As my time in residency draws to an end, I continue to remind myself that we all stand on the shoulders of those that came before us. I am frequently reminded that the only reason I am in this position is because of the help I received from everyone I have met on this journey from my parents, to my

attending, to my coresidents, to my wife. The only reason I have been able to achieve what I have is because those around me have invested time and energy into my benefit to elevate me to this point and for that I am eternally grateful."



Dr. Daniel Sharbel will start his Head and Neck, Cranial Base, and Microvascular Reconstructive Surgery Fellowship at Vanderbilt in Nashville, Tennessee. He will be accompanied by his wife, Christy, and their dog, Lucy. Daniel chose Head and Neck Oncology because of his passion for the field and caring for the head and neck cancer patient. He is thrilled to match at one of the most storied programs in the country and looks forward to working with his program director, Dr. Jim Nettekville, one of the most respected and personable surgeons in the field. Daniel grew up in the Nashville area and looks forward to being close to family.

Daniel's Key Take Away from Residency: "The most important lesson I have learned in residency and continue to be reminded of in each day is the primacy of the patient. To me, this is the most fundamental tenet of the art of medicine, and it girds our clinical practice, education, and research. It is also the glue that binds our care teams together. If we can keep these concepts in mind during the care of every patient, then we will be able to provide truly excellent care every time."