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My favorite thing about Lurie is the relationships.

We are a pretty big hospital that has maintained a small hospital feel that carries over from our days as the much smaller Children's Memorial Hospital up in Lincoln Park (transitioned in 2012). There is now a much bigger faculty from much more diverse backgrounds, but we have been able to maintain a close knit community where I am often able to reach out to someone directly to help me with a patient issue or professional advice. There are people in every specialty and sub-specialty who I know and trust and who are committed to helping me in all aspects of my clinical and academic career

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What is your favorite thing about Lurie?

"The people!"

What is your favorite thing about our URiM community?

It is steady but unrelenting growth and influence

Share a fun fact.

I'm an avid snowboarder and I'm looking forward to 3 great snowboarding trips this Winter: Tahoe, New England, and the Alps.



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I love the incredible access to outdoor spaces in Chicago and all of the incredible restaurants. ✨



Esther Kwara, MD

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My favorite thing about the URiM community at Lurie is the fact that we were able to create a mini community amongst us. We love spending time together and discussing our shared experiences even when we come from different backgrounds. It has also been awesome to connect with all of our URiM faculty.

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I enjoy working with the Lurie residents. The residents here have so many different interests and a plethora of clinical skills. Many are inquisitive active learners and it shows through on rounds.

✦ Share a fun fact. ✦
I love traveling and have been to over 20 countries so far! I also enjoy kickboxing.



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Share a fun fact.

On June 9, 2012, I personally led the transport of the last patient from the good old Children's Memorial Hospital in the Lincoln Park neighborhood to the gorgeous Lurie Children's in the Streeterville neighborhood.



✦ **Jimmy Collins, MD**
Attending Physician, Neonatology
Associate Program Director
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What is your favorite thing about Lurie?

The family atmosphere of the residency program, particularly the camaraderie of the residents, is my favorite thing about Lurie Children's. Wrigley Field is my favorite outdoor bar in Chicago

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What is your favorite thing about our URiM community?

It is a force for growth within the hospital. Specifically, I love that it creates spaces to have important conversations regarding equality and inclusion.

✦ I love taking care of the patient population that we serve at Lurie. Whether it be in continuity clinic or on the inpatient setting, many of our patients come from diverse backgrounds. ✦



✦ **Gabo Peirats Moore, MD**
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We see such an array of pathologies, people from different backgrounds, and various levels of care—it's a challenge but the best learning environment I could have asked for.



Share a fun fact.



I have a list of restaurants in Chicago to visit that just keeps getting longer 'cause the good food just keeps coming



Tatyana Johnson, MD

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What are some of your favorite things about Chicago?



Chicago is such a fun, diverse city! There's always a ton of new stuff to do and places/neighborhoods to explore. The cost of living is also very reasonable for what you get and the food is delicious - I never run out of new restaurants and bars to try.



Shannon Adams-Hartung, MD

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"The mentorship at Lurie is everything I hoped for."



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Favorite thing about Chicago

The restaurants (way too many to try them all) and the **LAKEFRONT!**



My favorite thing about Lurie Children's is the gorgeous twenty-one story hospital in the heart of downtown Chicago. We are on the cutting edge of research, with a dynamic group of trainees and faculty, always striving to be the best.



Shawn Smith, MD

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There is so much to do for fun in Chicago and so many great restaurants to try. It's really easy to find an activity or an incredible place to eat on a day off.



Kendall Kennedy, MD

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My favorite thing about the URiM community at Lurie is the sense of community and having a group of individuals with shared experiences to get to know and spend time with.



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Share a fun fact. ✦
I was born in Mexico City!

Favorite thing about Chicago

Going on runs/walks along the Lake Shore trail after work and on the weekends (I'm running the Chicago marathon in 2023)! I also enjoy exploring all the different neighborhoods and trying out the the great restaurants Chicago has to offer.

Favorite thing about Lurie

I love how supportive the residents are at Lurie. Since starting residency here, I've been impressed by the level of camaraderie. Not only are the residents smart, but also kind, hardworking, down to earth, and fun!



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What is your favorite thing about Lurie?

The people! Adulting is hard... Buuuuut, getting to work with people you're actually friends with makes all the difference.



I love the Chicago summertime! Festivals, concerts, the lake... the spirit of Chicagoans in the summer is incredible.

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What are your favorite things about Chicago?

The food, the lake & the summers!



Share a fun fact.

I love to play tennis.

I am also a board game fanatic and own over 50 board games.



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I am obsessed with my work family including my co-fellows, faculty, nurses, residents, paramedics and more!

Samaa Kemal, MD

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What is your favorite thing about Lurie?

Hands down, the people! Everyone I work with is kind, smart, a team player, and dedicated to the care of kids. We work really hard in the ED (and everywhere in our hospital system) but, even when I'm exhausted, I always look forward to going to work because I know I work with amazing people who will support me and make working fun.

What is your favorite thing about Chicago?

I LOVE Chicago. I've always been struck by how vibrant and diverse a city it is. Every single corner of this city is different and beautiful.

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I love walking around the different neighborhoods in Chicago and finding unique coffee shops!

What is your favorite thing about the URiM Community @ Lurie?

The sense of family amongst one another other. I can talk to anyone in the URiM community with ease and I know I will always be supported. I found so many opportunities, colleagues, mentors, and friends from just going up to different people and introducing myself!



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