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Sulieman Abdal Raheem, MD

Dr. Abdal Raheem is a graduate of Aleppo University School of Medicine. He completed his Internal Medicine Residency at the University of Buffalo, the State University of New York.

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Dr. Al-Sawalha is a graduate of Jordan University School of Medicine. He completed his Internal Medicine residency at the University of Buffalo, the State University of New York. He then went on to serve as Chief Resident of the Department of Medicine at the University of Buffalo.

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Dr. Arekatla is a graduate of Andhra Medical College, Visakhapatnam, A.P., India. She had Comprehensive Primary Care experience in Kingston Public Hospital in Jamaica before completing an Internal Medicine residency at Mt. Sinai School of Medicine/Bronx Veterans Affairs Medical Center in New York. She is board certified in Internal Medicine.

Sylvana Atallah, MD

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Natalia Cherepnina, MD

Dr. Cherepnina compled her Internal Medicine residency at the Hospital of Saint Raphael in New Haven, Connecticut. Prior to that experience she'd done 2 years of internal medicine residency at President's Medical Center in Moscow, Russia after having received her Doctor of Medicine degree from Russian State Medical University in Moscow. She is board certified in Internal Medicine.

Doug Cravens, FNP

Mr. Cravens got his Master's in Nursing from Pace University in New York, and his Family Nurse Practitioner's Master's degree from the University of Maine, Orono. He was one of the founding members of our practice.

Chin Leng Ee, MD

Dr. Ee earned an Advanced Diploma in Medical Sciences in Malaysia, and his MD degree from Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia. He completed his Internal Medicine residency, including a chief resident year, at Bassett Healthcare in Cooperstown, New York, before moving to Maine. In addition to English, he is fluent in the Malay language as well as conversational Mandarin and Hokkien Chinese. He is board certified in Internal Medicine.

Paul Andreas Elssner, MD

Dr. Elssner is a graduate of the Justus-Liebig University in Giessen, Germany. He completed his training in Internal Medicine and trained in Pulmonary Medicine at University hospitals in Munich-Grosshadern and Marburg, Germany. He completed his Internal Medicine residency at the Cleveland Clinic in Cleveland, OH. He is fluent in English and German. He is board certified in Internal Medicine.

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Joseph Francis, PAC

Mr. Francis got his psychology degree from St. Joseph's University before earning his Physician Assistant certificate from Philadelphia University in 1997. He was a hospitalist at Methodist Hospital in Philadelphia before joining EMIC.

Abhinai Gupta, MD

Dr. Gupta completed medical school at All India Institiute of Medical Sciences and earned a Master's in Public Health at St. Louis University. His Internal Medicine residency was completed at the University of Texas in Houston. He is a member of American Mensa, and is fluent in the Hindi language in addition to English. He is board certified in Internal Medicine.

Ayman Haj Asaad, MD

Dr. Haj Asaad is a graduate of the University of Aleppo. He completed his Internal Medicine residency at the Weill Medical College of Cornell University in Bronx, NY. He is fluent in Arabic and English. He is board certified in Internal Medicine.

Mohamed Hameed, MD

Dr. Hameed completed his medical degree at Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia. He did his Internal Medicine residency, including a Chief Resident year, at Mary Imogene Bassett Hospital in Cooperstown, New York. He speaks Malay and Tamil in addition to English. He is board certified in Internal Medicine.

Ehab Hanna, MD

Dr. Hanna earned his medical degree and did an internship year at Ain Shams University in Cairo, Egypt. He did his Internal Medicine residency at Carney Hospital in Dorchester, Massachusetts. Dr. Hanna has a special interest in computers in medicine and works half-time with EMMC's Clinical Informatics Department. In addition to English, he's fluent in the Arabic language. He is board certified in Internal Medicine.

Karen Hartman, MD

Dr. Hartman graduated from medical school at the University of Oklahoma School of Medicine before accepting and completing an Internal Medicine residency at Dartmouth-Hitchcock in New Hampshire. She is board certified in Internal Medicine.

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Dr. Kasabji is a graduate of Aleppo University School of Medicine. He completed his Internal Medicine Residency at the University of Buffalo, the State University of New York.

Victor Kelmenson, MD

Dr. Kelmenson went to medical school at Wayne State University School of Medicine, where he was an Alpha Omega Alpha graduate. He practiced office-based and hospital-based Internal Medicine and inpatient Pulmonary Medicine for more than 20 years before becoming a full-time Hospitalist in 1998. He is Board Certified in both Internal Medicine and Pulmonary Medicine.

Charbel Maskiny, MD

Dr. Maskiny is a graduate of Vitebsk State Medical University, Vitebsk, Belarus. He completed his Internal Medicine residency at Northeastern Ohio University College of Medicine (NEOUCOM) in Canton, OH. He is fluent in English, French, Russian, Arabic and Spanish. He is board certified in Internal Medicine.

James McCarthy, MD Lead Physician

Dr. McCarthy went to medical school at the Pennsylvania State College of Medicine in Hershey. His Internal Medicine residency was done through the United States Air Force at Wright-Patterson AFB in Dayton, Ohio. He completed his Air Force service commitment in Panama City, Florida as Chief of Medicine at Tyndall AFB. He came to EMIC in 2001. Since 2007, he serves as EMIC's Lead Physician and the Section Head of Hospital Medicine. He is board certified in Internal Medicine.

Denise Merritt, MD

Dr. Merritt completed her medical training at the University of Connecticut School of Medicine, and did her Internal Medicine residency at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in New Hampshire. She was in solo private practice in New Hampshire for 20 years prior to starting with EMIC. She has a special interest in high altitude medicine and rescue – experience in this area includes medical work on Mount Everest!

Leonard Moneke, MD

Dr. Moneke has earned a Ph.D. from the University of Hamburg in Germany, and went to medical school there as well as at Kharkov Medical University in the Ukraine. He had postgraduate medical training in general surgery at the University of Hamburg, then in Internal Medicine at Woodhull Medical Center in Brooklyn, New York. In addition to English, he speaks German and Russian. He is board certified in Internal Medicine.

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Susan Phillips-Workman, PAC

Has been with EMIC since 2000. She has earned a BS degree in Medical Science and is a certified Physician Assistant. Before that, she was a radiographic technologist for 20 years. She has volunteered with the American Red Cross and had classes in counseling.

Claudia Picone, MD

Dr. Picone went to medical school at the University of Pittsburgh and she did her residency training at St. Margaret's Memorial Hospital and York Hospital, both in Pennsylvania. She is board certified in Internal Medicine.

Dean Redding, DO

Dr. Redding graduated from West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine. He completed his residency in Family Practice at St. John's Episcopal Hospital & Greenbriar Valley Medical Center. He is board certified in Family Practice.

Mircea Rusu, MD

Dr. Rusu is a graduate of Victor Babes University of Medicine and Pharmacy. He completed his Internal Medicine Residency at the Lincoln Medical and Mental Health Center in Bronx, New York.

Georg Rymph, MD

Dr. Rymph graduated from Purdue University in Indiana before earning his medical degree at Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York. He completed his Family Practice residency here at Eastern Maine Medical Center. He is an avid bicyclist. He is board certified in Family Practice.

Snigdha Sharma, MD

Dr. Sharma is a graduate of Shri M P Shah Medical College, Jamnagar, Gujarat, India. She completed her Internal Medicine Residency at Atlanticare Regional Medical Center in Atlantic City, NJ. She also has an MBA from University of Findlay in Ohio.

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Charles (Tony) Staley, MD

Dr. Staley earned his MD degree at the University of North Carolina (Chapel Hill). He completed a residency in Family Medicine and was in private practice until joining us. He enjoys home improvement and woodworking, camping, hiking and traveling. He is board certified in Family Practice.

Ashot Tadevosyan, MD

Dr. Tadevosyan is a graduate of the Yerevan State Medical University, Yerevan, Armenia. He completed in Internal Medicine residency at Capital Health System hospitals in Trenton, NJ. He is board certified in Internal Medicine.

Kenneth (Lionel) Weerasinghe, MD

Dr. Weerasinghe completed his Internal Medicine residency training was at St. Luke's Hospital in Chesterfield, Missouri. He has completed his MRCP with additional training in hematology in the United Kingdom. His M.D. was earned at University of Colombo, Sri Lanka. He is board certified in Internal Medicine.

James Westhoven, MD

Dr. Westhoven earned his medical degree at Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan. He completed his Internal Medicine residency at Faulkner Hospital in Boston, Massachusetts, and did a Chief Resident year at Shattuck Hospital in Boston. He also served as a Clinical Professor of Medicine at Tufts Medical School prior to moving to Maine. He is board certified in Internal Medicine.

Marreddy Yeruva, MD

Dr. Yeruva earned his medical degree from Guntur Medical College in Guntur, India. His Internal Medicine residency, including a chief year, was at Mt. Sinai School of Medicine/Bronx Veterans Affairs Medical Center in New York. He is board certified in Internal Medicine.

John Ho, MD

Dr. Ho graduated from New York University School of Medicine. He completed his Internal Medicine residency at Columbia University--The Presbyterian Hospital. He has served as Associate Professor in Medicine and Microbiology at Cornell University Medical College. He is board certified in both Internal Medicine and Infectious Diseases.

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Dr. Lewis is a graduate of the University of Arkansas College of Medicine. She completed her Internal Medicine residency at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield, MA. She is fluent in English and Spanish.

Thomas Murray, MD

Dr. Murray graduated for the University of Maryland Medical School. He then went on to complete residency at the Maine Medical Center.

Mariano Polidori, MD

Dr. Polidori is a graduate of Universidad Nacional de Cuyo (UNC) School of Medicine in Argentina. He completed his Family Practice residency at North Shore Long Island Jewish System, South Side Hospital in Bay Shore, NY. He also served as Chief Resident.

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