Dallas is a great place to live!
Nearby Attractions

- Arts District
- Museums/Zoo
- Klyde Warren Park
- Dallas Arboretum

- All major sports
- Parks and Lakes
- Fort Worth
- Shopping/Restaurants
Dallas Neighborhoods

- **Oak Cliff**
  - Home of Methodist
  - Bishop Arts District offers many unique restaurants and stores
  - Trinity Groves
- **Uptown/Oak Lawn**
  - Epicenter of urban life for young professionals
  - Katy Trail
  - Many fellows live here
- **East Dallas**
  - Many faculty live here
  - Deep Ellum
  - White Rock Lake
Fellowship
Overview

• Methodist Dallas is a 585 bed tertiary teaching center with Level 1 trauma center
  – Flagship hospital of Methodist Health System
  – Multiple residency and fellowship programs

• Currently 6 fellows, 2 per year
Methodist Digestive Institute

• Multidisciplinary approach to digestive issues
• Tertiary referral center for Pancreaticobiliary and Liver Diseases
  – More than 5,500 endoscopic procedures and 60 liver transplants are performed per year
  – Accredited Center of Excellence for Pancreas Surgery and Pancreatic Cancer
• Actively recruiting faculty for esophageal disease and IBD
• Expanding number of advanced endoscopy procedures
  – Endoscopic cystgastrostomy, POEM, TIF, endoscopic suturing, endo-bariatrics
Key GI Faculty

Paul Tarnasky, MD (Program Director)
- Medical School: University of Washington School of Medicine
- Residency: University of California at Los Angeles Medical Center
- Fellowship: Duke University Medical Center
- Adv. Fellowship: Medical University of South Carolina

Armond Schwartz, MD
- Medical School: University of Texas Health Science Center at Dallas
- Residency: Parkland Health & Hospital System
- Fellowship: University of California Los Angeles
Key GI Faculty

Prashant Kedia, MD
- Medical School: University of Chicago
- Residency: University of Pennsylvania
- Fellowship: Weill Cornell Medical Center
- Adv. Fellowship: Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai

Jeff Linder, MD
- Medical School: University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston
- Residency: University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston
- Fellowship: University of Alabama School of Medicine
- Adv. Fellowship: St. Luke's Medical Center (Milwaukee)
Liver Institute Faculty

Parvez Mantry, MD
(Assistant Program Director)

Jeff Weinstein, MD

Maisha Barnes, MD

Hector Nazario, MD

Adil Habib, MD

Mangesh Pagadala, MD

Zahid Vahora, MD

Ashwini Mehta, DO
Current Fellows

Rucha Shah, MD
Med. School: Chicago Medical School
Residency: Rush

Cassandra Craig, MD
Med. School: Uniformed Services
Residency: Keesler

Bryce Bushe, MD
Med. School: Texas Tech Health Sciences
Residency: Texas A&M, Baylor Scott and White

Elizabeth John, MD
Med. School: UCF College of Medicine
Residency: Rutgers University Robert Wood Johnson

Rabia Akhtar, MD
Med. School: Washington University in St. Louis
Residency: UTSW

Shruti Patel, MD
Med. School: University of Nevada SOM
Residency: UC Davis Med Center
Job Placement of Graduated Fellows
Curriculum

Year 1
4 Months GI Consults
3 Months Hepatology
1 Month Intro to Endoscopy
1 Month Pathology and Radiology
1 Month Ambulatory
1 Month Elective
1 Month General Endoscopy

Year 2
6 Months Research
2 Months GI Consults
1 Month Hepatology
1 Month Ambulatory
1 Month Elective
1 Month Advanced Endoscopy

Year 3
4 Months Advanced Endoscopy
2 Months GI Consults
2 Months Elective
2 Months General Endoscopy
1 Month Ambulatory
1 Month Hepatology

Available Rotations/Electives
• Methodist Charlton – consults or general endoscopy
• Dallas VA – consults or general endoscopy
• Baylor University Medical Center—IBD, Motility/Esophageal
• Hepatology
• Surgery—Transplant, Colorectal, HBP
• Outside—Children’s, Externships
Call System

• Shared equally between all fellows
  – Seven days at a time, Q6 Week
  – Friday to Friday

• Responsibilities
  – Emergencies/hospital calls overnight
  – Cover General and Biliary services
  – Rounding and new consults during weekends and holidays
  – First year fellows cover major holidays and major GI conferences
Didactics

TUESDAY:
• 8:00 (Monthly): Surgery/GI Conference, Research conference
• 12:00 (Weekly): Board Review, Journal Club
• 1:00 (Weekly): Continuity Clinic at Golden Cross

WEDNESDAY:
• 7:00 (Weekly): Case Conference (joint lecture)
• 12:00 (Weekly): Guideline review

Other conferences: Liver path, Tumor boards, “GI Giants” series
Research Opportunities

• Active clinical research in single and multi-center trials
  – GI: DAPP, POEM, ESG, VLE, clinical registries
  – HEPATOLOGY: multiple drug clinical trials, ELAD
  – Multiple fellow-driven projects
    • DAPP, Screening colonoscopy, NASH, colon prep, SOD score

• Numerous publications, poster presentations, oral presentations at national and international meetings

• Book chapters/reviews
The GI Lab

- 4 general rooms
- 2 dedicated advanced rooms
- Anesthesia support
- On call tech/nurse for after hours cases
BENEFITS
Benefits

Stipend
• PGY 4: $ 64,155.62

Vacation
• 15 weekdays of vacation per year + DHAT holidays
• Total of 20 days; may be taken individually

Leave
• 10 days sick leave
• Maternity/paternity leave
Educational Support

- Practical Gastrointestinal Endoscopy, Sleisenger and Fordtran, DDSEP9, access to Steinberg Board review provided at entry
- $300 annual book allowance
- Membership fees for ACG, AGA, ASGE, TSGE
- Travel/lodging for 1st year fellows course
- Registration/travel/lodging expenses to ACG or DDW($2000) – Additional funding ($2500) if presenting at other meetings
- BLS/ACLS at Methodist
- CME funds
Insurance Benefits

• Health insurance for physician **AND** immediate family (spouse and children)
• $2,000 annual flexible spending account
• Optional dependent care FSA
• Optional dental and vision insurance for fellows and eligible family members
• Professional liability coverage and group life insurance starting 1\textsuperscript{st} year
• Disability insurance starting in 2\textsuperscript{nd} year (or after 12 months of employment)
Other Benefits

- $400 allowance for smart phone/tablet during the first year
- Lunch at on-site noon conferences
- Social functions – team-building, holiday party, graduation dinner
- Fitness Center – free access to the Folsom Center
- Scrubs/Lab coats
- Free covered parking
Why I came here...

- Growing multidisciplinary Digestive Institute
  - National expertise in pancreaticobiliary disease
  - Liver transplant program
  - Exposure to innovations and leaders in GI
- Ability to tailor rotations to interests/goals
- Ample opportunities for scholarly activity
- Great work-life balance
- Excellent fellow camaraderie!!!
WELCOME!