



*The University of Oklahoma  
Health Sciences Center*

*The Donald W. Reynolds  
Section of Geriatrics  
Department of Medicine  
College of Medicine*

Thank your interest in the HPM Fellowship!

Since 2015, The Oklahoma Health Sciences Center Hospice and Palliative Medicine Fellowship has successfully trained physicians from a wide variety of backgrounds as Hospice and Palliative Medicine specialists, able to practice and teach in any environment.

This program is accredited by the ACGME.

Under the leadership of Dr. Bryan Struck (Program Director) with the support of the OUHSC Reynolds Division of Geriatric Medicine and The Oklahoma City VA Health System Geriatric and Extended Care Service we offer an ACGME accredited clinical fellowship that meets the needs of both Adult and Pediatric patients living with serious illness.

**Educational Goals**

Our program offers a variety of clinical experience and didactic instruction. All faculty members are committed to maintaining a focus on the interdisciplinary team approach, and there is additional enrichment through exposure to humanities, interprofessional experiences, and opportunities to teach. This curriculum cultivates dynamic knowledge and learning toward development of skills required in our rapidly expanding field. The goal is to teach fellows how support patients and their families, allowing them to meet their goals while living with serious illness.

During your 12 months you will:

- Work with board certified palliative care physicians and palliative trained interdisciplinary team members such as social workers, psychologists, chaplains, nurse practitioners, pharmacists. Since the fellowship is limited to 2 fellows, one on one teaching with faculty is the standard.
- Participate in weekly didactic sessions which includes a variety of didactic topics, journal club, and board review. build on these skills as you advance through the year.
- Participate in the Humanities based "Care of the Dying Patient" course that uses patient narrative, short stories, film and reflective writing to develop your compassion for the field while working on concepts of self-care. This course is taught with second year medical students allowing you to begin your journey as mentor.

This program will provide you with the tools you need to compassionately care for patients and families with serious illness.

If you are physician with passion for Hospice and Palliative Medicine and would like to train in a close-knit environment, we hope you will consider our program. Applications are accepted thru the Electronic Residency Application Service (ERAS).

Sincerely

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## **FACULTY**

### **Program Director**

#### **Bryan Struck, MD**

Medical School – University of Texas at Houston Health Sciences Center  
Internal Medicine Residency - University of Texas at Houston Health Sciences Center  
Geriatric Medicine Fellowship – Baylor College of Medicine  
Board Certified – Geriatric Medicine and Hospice and Palliative Medicine

### **Core Faculty**

#### **Madison Brinlee, MD, Didactic Coordinator**

Medical School – University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center  
Pediatric Residency – Mayo Clinic  
HPM Fellowship – OUHSC Health Sciences Center  
Board Certified – Pediatric Medicine and Hospice and Palliative Medicine

#### **Niket Muni, MD**

Medical School – OUHSC Health Sciences Center  
Family Medicine Residency – OUHSC Health Sciences Center  
HPM Fellowship – OUHSC Health Sciences Center  
Board Certified – Family Medicine and Hospice and Palliative Medicine

#### **Samuel Cook, MD**

Medical School – OUHSC Health Sciences Center  
Internal Medicine Residency – OUHSC Health Sciences Center  
HPM Fellowship – OUHSC Health Sciences Center  
Board Eligible – Internal Medicine and Hospice and Palliative Medicine

### **Site Directors**

**Sarah Minor, DO** – Integris Hospice

**Rancha May, MD** – Pediatric Palliative Care

### **Faculty**

**Stefani Madison, MD**, Medical Director Stephenson Cancer Center Supportive Care Clinic, Boarded Family Medicine and Hospice and Palliative Medicine

**Christine Bridges, MD**, Stephens on Cancer Center Supportive Care Clinic, Boarded Family Medicine and Hospice and Palliative Medicine

**Steve Orwig, MD**, Attending on VA HPM Service, Boarded Internal Medicine

**Saleem Qureshi, MD**, Attending on VA HPM Service, Boarded IM, Geriatric Medicine, Hospice and Palliative Medicine, ACOS for Geriatrics and Extended Care

## **Fellows**

**Shahn Ijaz, MD** – OUHSC Internal Medicine

**Marina Kravtsova MD** – OUHSC Neurology

## **Graduated Fellows**

2015 – 2016 **Stefani Madison, MD**, Family Medicine, Director Stephenson Cancer Center Supportive Care Clinic, Boarded HPM

2016 – 2017 **Aubrey Brown, MD**, Family Medicine, Palliative Care Baylor Dallas, Boarded HPM

2017 – 2018 **Madison Brinlee, MD**, Pediatric Medicine, OU Health Stephenson Cancer Supportive Care Clinic, Boarded HPM

2018 – 2019 **Rabia Saleem, MD**, Internal Medicine, OUHSC Oncology Fellow, Board Eligible HPM

2019 – 2020 **Niket Muni, MD**, Family Medicine, OKC VA Health Center Palliative Care Program and OU Health Stephenson Cancer Center, Boarded HPM

2020 – 2021 **Samuel Cook, MD**, Internal Medicine, OKC VA Health Center Palliative Care Program, Board Eligible HPM

## **Clinical Rotations**

Rotations are divided into 26 – 2-week blocks

### **Inpatient Palliative Care Consultation (approximately 17 weeks)**

OKC VA Health System Hospice and Palliative Care Program provides 50 to consultations per month. Diagnoses range from Dementia, Cancer, CHF, COPD and provides ample opportunity for developing skills for Goals of Care Conversations and symptom management. 4 of the first 8 weeks are spent on this rotation as it teaches many core skills.

### **Dedicated Hospice and Palliative Care Unit (approximately 17 weeks)**

OKC VA Health System Hospice and Palliative Care Program provides an 8 bed Palliative Care Unit to provide specialized Palliative Medicine to patients at all points of illness and Hospice Care for end of life. 4 of the first 8 weeks are spent on this rotation as it teaches many core skills.

Integrus Hospice provides a community inpatient unit for active hospice patients.

### **Pediatric Palliative Care (4 weeks)**

OU Health Provides the Pediatric Palliative Care Experience at the Children's Hospital and the Bethany Children's Center.

### Community Hospice (10 weeks)

Integris Hospice provides the community hospice experience and includes inpatient hospice consults, inpatient hospice unit and home hospice visits. You will work closely with all members of the IDT (Nursing, Chaplain, Social Work, Medical Assistance). The experience is done in 5 – 2-week blocks spread out across the year.

### Palliative Outpatient Clinics (Longitudinal experience – 6 months)

The Fellowship offers two sites for clinic rotation. The OU Health Stephenson Cancer Center Support Care Clinic provides supportive care for patients receiving active cancer treatment. This may include supportive care during and after treatment, palliative treatments and initiation of hospice care. The OKC VA Health System has a Palliative Medicine Clinic that sees all diagnosis from Dementia, COPD, to Cancer and integrates social work and psychology in the visit.

### Elective (4 Weeks)

The fellow chooses the elective can be done in many specialties. Past Fellows have spent time in Pediatrics, Radiation Oncology, Bone Marrow Transplant team, and Pain Medicine.

### Long Term Care Hospice and Palliative Medicine Rotation (Longitudinal - 100 hours)

The OKC VA Health System Community Living Center (CLC) is a 23-bed short stay nursing home that provides most of this clinical experience. Other sites that use Long Term Care include community Hospice and Bethany Children’s Center.

### Scholarly and Quality Improvement

Time is provided based on the interest of the fellow and the complexity of the project.

### Curriculum and Didactics

The first month of the fellowship is spent in Palliative Medicine Boot Camp to provide the basic skills you will need to be in the various clinical rotations. Highlights of this boot camp are training in Goals of Care Conversations, Advance Care Planning Discussions, Symptom Assessment & Management, Opioid Pharmacology & Prescribing. After the first month, didactics occur once or twice a week to include additional didactics, journal club, and board review.