Psychiatry Fellowship Programs
2016-2017 Fellows

Geriatric Psychiatry Fellows, Class of 2017

Caroline Cruz-Ortiz, MD

**General Psychiatry Residency Program:** University of South Florida
**Medical School:** Jefferson Medical College
**Undergraduate School:** University of Florida
**Clinical Interests:** Geriatrics
**Research Interests:** Alzheimer’s disease
**Other Interests/Hobbies:** Cooking, trying out new restaurants

*Why did you choose to train at Jackson/UM Psychiatry?* I chose Jackson/UM as I wanted to work in a place with a diverse and challenging geriatric population. I am also originally from Miami and wanted to come down to where I have most of my family and friends.

Jenny Rodriguez, MD

**General Psychiatry Residency Program:** University of Miami
**Medical School:** Universidad Del Rosario, Colombia
**Undergraduate School:** Universidad del Rosario, Colombia
**Clinical Interests:** Neurocognitive disorders
**Research Interests:** Neurocognitive disorders
**Other Interests/Hobbies:** Sports

*Why did you choose to train at Jackson/UM?* I came to the U.S. in search of a residency program that offered strong academics in addition to a supportive and collaborative community. I found both of those things at Jackson Memorial Hospital. The program has provided me with an excellent education while allowing for an appropriate work-life balance. There are phenomenal people here, including its leadership--each resident receives ample personal attention from the Chairman, Attending, and Program Director. The excellent reputation of University of Miami / Jackson Memorial Hospital is also well deserved. The university offers all necessary resources and great facilities in which to prepare for an exceptional career in Psychiatry.
Addiction Psychiatry Fellows, Class of 2017

Abhinav Sharma, MD

**General Psychiatry Residency Program:** Brody School of Medicine at East Carolina University  
**Medical School:** St. George’s University  
**Undergraduate School:** University of Western Ontario  
**Clinical Interests:** Addiction  
**Research Interests:** Designer drugs  
**Other Interests/Hobbies:** Politics, baseball, basketball, foodie, traveling  
**Why did you choose to train at Jackson/UM Psychiatry?** Diverse patient population and pathology, great staff/faculty.

Psychosomatic Medicine Fellow, Class of 2017

Sasidhar Gunturu, MD

**General Psychiatry Residency Program:** ICAHN School of Medicine at MT. Sinai - Bronx Lebanon Hospital  
**Medical School:** NTR University of Health sciences - India  
**Research Interests:** 30-day Readmission rates, Antipsychotics and Cardio-Metabolic Risk, Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy  
**Other Interests/Hobbies:** Jet Skiing, CrossFit, travelling, dogs, Ping-Pong, Table pool  
**Why did you choose to train at Jackson/UM Psychiatry?** Get trained to give world class & all round care in a trying/busy/diverse community.
Lance Amols, MD

**General Psychiatry Residency Program:** UM/Jackson Memorial
**Medical School:** University of Miami Miller School of Medicine
**Undergraduate School:** Florida Atlantic University
**Clinical Interests:** Adolescent Psychiatry, Schizophrenia
**Other Interests/Hobbies:** Technology, video games

**Why did you choose to train at Jackson/UM Psychiatry?** I couldn’t imagine training at a more fully functioning program. From the knowledgeable and professional attendings to the vast varied patient population, I knew of no better place than Jackson to have my Forensic Training.

Michelle Benitez, MD

**General Psychiatry Residency Program:** Rutgers-NJMS
**Medical School:** Universidad de la Sabana Bogotá, Colombia
**Clinical Interests:** Forensic Psychiatry
**Other Interests/Hobbies:** Advocating for animal rights, traveling