

## **FSP Member Spotlight Questionnaire**



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### **What is your current role?**

I am Chief Resident (PGY3) at the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine at the University of Miami / Jackson Memorial Hospital. I also currently serve as the FSP Resident Liaison to the FSP Board of Directors and Chair of the FSP Resident and Fellow Committee.

### **What is the best part of your occupation?**

As a pathologist, the best part of our occupation is the unique blend of intellectual challenge, technological innovation, and meaningful impact on patient care. Our work is constantly evolving, with new cases and technologies keeping us engaged and passionate about learning and growth.

### **How did you become interested in pathology?**

I was drawn to pathology for its blend of scientific content and patient impact. Its interdisciplinary nature, use of cutting-edge technology, and role in bridging research with clinical care make it intellectually stimulating and deeply rewarding.

### **How did you become involved with the FSP?**

Encouraged by our Residency Program, I attended the FSP summer meeting during my second week of residency. Although I was new to the field and didn't fully grasp the discussions, I was immediately drawn to the welcoming atmosphere and the strong sense of camaraderie among the society members and became our program's delegate.

### **Explain how you benefit from being a member of FSP?**

Through my involvement with the FSP, I've had the chance to develop key professional skills, including diagnostic, leadership, and advocacy abilities. These experiences have given me a deeper understanding of the many aspects of our profession, from clinical practice to administrative and policy roles.

### **What would you like to see occur in the field of pathology (i.e., scientific advances, greater awareness of the field, etc.) during your career?**

I hope our profession becomes a more familiar one to patients and medical students.

Pathologists play a vital role in healthcare, but it's not always recognized. Initiatives such as patient-pathologist consultations and increased exposure in medical training could help highlight our contributions.

**What are your hobbies outside of the office?**

I like to spend time with friends and families, travel, and try out new places to eat!

**What is something surprising that most people do not know about you?**

That I like learning languages.