

# Yale SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

*Physician Assistant Online Program*



White Coat Ceremony  
Mary S. Harkness Auditorium  
March 18, 2022



*The mission of the Yale Physician Assistant Online  
Program is to improve the health of all people by  
transforming medical education through innovation.*

## THE WHITE COAT CEREMONY

The white coat has been worn by medical professionals for over a hundred years. The short white coat is worn by Yale students in the medical professions as a symbol of their transition from dedicated classroom learning to hands-on clinical care training.

Today we celebrate and welcome the Yale Physician Assistant Online students as they prepare to become compassionate, high-quality, patient-centered care members of interdisciplinary teams. These students will don their white coats and join other medical professionals beginning in the Clinical Experience in Early Didactic (CEED).

Well-prepared to enter this next phase of their professional training with their classroom knowledge acquired thus far, physical assessment skills, medical equipment in hand and white coat, they will immerse themselves in their communities as student learners. On this special occasion, we ask them to recommit to the noble profession that they elected to join.

## YALE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE CREST

Traditionally worn by the students on their white coat, this pin serves as a reminder that although far from campus, they are the student ambassadors of Yale School of Medicine today and will maintain close ties to the University as alums of the Program in the future, always representing and connecting Yale across the country.

## PROGRAM

*Welcome and Introduction of the Speaker*

James Van Rhee, MS, PA-C, Program Director

*Keynote Speaker*

Lisa Sanders, MD, Associate Professor of Medicine

*Presentation of White Coats*

*Reading of Physician Assistant Oath*

Class of 2024

*Closing*

James Van Rhee, MS, PA-C, Program Director

## KEYNOTE SPEAKER

*Lisa Sanders, MD, Associate Professor of Medicine*

Lisa Sanders is an internist on the faculty of Yale School of Medicine and teaches in the Internal Medicine residency program. She graduated from Yale Medical School and did her residency and chief residency at Yale's Internal Medicine Primary Care Residency Program. Sanders created and writes the biweekly Diagnosis column for the New York Times Magazine. Her column was the inspiration for the hit television series House MD, and she was a consultant for the show. Working with the New York Times and producer Scott Rudin, Sanders helped create a series of documentaries which followed patients in their search for a diagnosis using crowdsourcing. These documentaries are airing on Netflix. Her most recent book, *Diagnosis: Solving the Most Baffling Medical Mysteries*, a collection of her New York Times columns was published this summer. She also wrote the New York Times best seller, *Every Patient Tells a Story: Medical Mysteries and the Art of Diagnosis*. Before Sanders came to medical school, she was an Emmy award winning producer for CBS News.

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT ONLINE PROGRAM  
CLASS OF 2024

Dua Abbas	Wes Kepley
Benjamin Adler	Megan Klish Fibbe
Cyntia Andrade Santamaria	David Kurpinsky
Rebecca Arnold	Storrs Lamb
Shanita Bailey	Brittany Leland
Clair-Djinie Bazar	Cathy Li
Tiffany Bell	Bibiana Lopez
Alicia Bowles	Ariella Mamann
Peyton Bruce	Jeffrey Mank
Bret Burgon	Samantha Masyr
Tyler Burris	Erika Mattson
Karissa Bustamante	Meaghann McAndrew
Alieja Chen	Heather McDonald
Whitney Cooley	Jasprina Ming
Laura Donnelly	Bethany Miteiko
Scotesia Dunlap	Kim Morris
Kai Erickson	Pauline Ngo Nyeheg
Alexander Farinelli	Danielle Ocampo
Ryan Ferns	Daniel Pang
Jenn Fitzpatrick	Giselle Paredes
Stephen Forcum	Tabitha Patten
Heather Gerrish	Thanh Pham
Mayson Giffel	Tuan Pham
Matthew Gorman	Maria Pierce
Adrienne Hearrell	Thomas Pigorsh
Josephine Heath	Caroline Popp
Heather Hernandez	Cristina Pozadas
Lisa Hicks	Padmani Rai
Lindsay Hollister	Carolyn Reid
Tedan Hu	Ryan Reusch
Andy Kaplan-Hernandez	Melissa Richie

Meagan Robbins  
Sam Rosaia  
April Sanders  
Erika Schiller  
Cheryl Schmidt  
Devon Schmidt  
Katie Siman  
Lauren Spangler  
Anj Stadnik  
Doaa Swissi  
Melissa Tama  
Luis Teller  
Kate Toler  
Andrea Valadez  
Aiman Waris  
Janae Wicker  
Kaleigh Zehr



## PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT PROFESSIONAL OATH

I pledge to perform the following duties  
with honesty and dedication:

- ❖ I will hold as my primary responsibility the health, safety, welfare and dignity of all human beings.
- ❖ I will uphold the tenets of patient autonomy, beneficence, non-maleficence and justice.
- ❖ I will recognize and promote the value of diversity.
- ❖ I will treat equally all persons who seek my care.
- ❖ I will hold in confidence the information shared in the course of practicing medicine.
- ❖ I will assess my personal capabilities and limitations, striving always to improve my medical practice.
- ❖ I will actively seek to expand my knowledge and skills, keeping abreast of advances in medicine.
- ❖ I will work with other members of the health care team to provide compassionate and effective care of patients.
- ❖ I will use my knowledge and experience to contribute to an improved community.
- ❖ I will respect my professional relationship with the physician.
- ❖ I will share and expand knowledge within the profession.

These duties are pledged with sincerity  
and upon my honor.