



## Meet the New Faculty: VA– Puget Sound



**Emily Grossniklaus, MD** is so excited to be joining the hospitalist group at the Seattle VA! Emily grew up in Atlanta, Georgia and spent the majority of her life in the southeast attending undergraduate and medical school at Emory University. She made the cross-country move for internal medicine residency training at the University of Washington, which she completed in 2019. After this, Emily was lucky enough to complete an Academic Hospitalist fellowship at UWMC last year where she explored her love of medical education and education scholarship – work that she hopes to continue at the VA! Outside of medicine, Emily loves to do all things PNW including hiking, backpacking, biking, and exploring at large. She is always looking for new trail partners!



**Mitch Edwards, DO** was born, raised, and returns to the Pacific Northwest after an 8-year stint in Arizona and California. Mitch was born in Portland, OR and raised in Beaverton, OR. He attended Linfield College for his undergraduate education, where he met the love of his life (and now wife) Nicole in their freshman year dorm. After playing two years of college baseball, he decided to hang up his cleats to pursue a career in medicine. Nicole and Mitch moved to Arizona where he attended the Arizona College of Osteopathic Medicine (and acquired their current pet, Hammer, a guinea pig). They then moved to Southern California where Mitch attended the University of California Irvine Internal Medicine residency program. Mitch finished his residency as the first Chief Resident in Quality and Patient Safety at the Long Beach VA Medical Center. Nicole was born and raised in Seattle, and they could think of no better place to come 'back home to'. Mitch is passionate about improving hospital systems to improve patient safety, thoroughly enjoys medical education curriculum innovation, as well as teaching both medical students and residents clinical reasoning. Mitch enjoys in his free time going to breweries to try out new IPAs, playing video games, watching sports, and reading a good book.



**Jenny Ryu, MD** comes to Seattle from Los Angeles where she worked as an attending physician for the Greater Los Angeles VA Medical Center. Before this, Jenny worked as a senior instructor at the University of Rochester School of Medicine. Jenny completed her medical training and residency at UCLA. While at UCLA, she was a member and interviewer on the Internal Medicine Residency Selection committee and was also on the residency quality improvement group.



**THE COVID VACCINE IS HERE!!!!**



Top Row from left: Elizabeth Kaplan (UWMC), Matt Smitherman (NWH), Miriam Schwarz (VA)  
 Middle row from left: David Ramenofsky (NWH), Dan Cabrera (HMC), Amanda Shepherd (UWMC), Randi Morrison (HMC)  
 Bottom row from left: Eric LaMotte (UWMC), Lindee Strizich (UWMC), Neha Deshpande and Steven Dishroon (UWMC), Susan Merel (UWMC)



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