

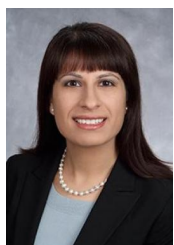
## **Program Leadership, Faculty, Current and Former Fellows**



**Dorothee Newbern, MD**

### **Program Director**

Born and raised in France, Dr. Newbern moved to the United States as a teenager to attend boarding school in Asheville, North Carolina. She then earned a B.S in biology from Duke University. Following graduation from Wake Forest University School of Medicine, she completed her Pediatric Residency and Endocrinology Fellowship training at Duke Medical Center, where she remained on faculty until joining Phoenix Children's Hospital (PCH) in 2013. Since her arrival at PCH, Dr. Newbern has been heavily engaged in medical education. She served as the Director of the Endocrinology resident rotation from 2013 until 2017, then Associate Program Director of the Phoenix Children's Hospital and Alliance Pediatric Residency Program starting in 2017 and Program Director of the Pediatric Endocrinology & Diabetes Fellowship Program since May 2019. Her academic interests include obesity, diabetes, and late-effects in childhood cancer survivors. Her husband is an Assistant Professor in Neuroscience at Arizona State University. Outside of work, Dr. Newbern enjoys cooking, jogging, traveling, and raising her two daughters.



**Reeti Chawla, MD**

### **Associate Program Director**

Dr. Chawla is originally from the Phoenix area. She attended college and medical school at Stony Brook University in New York. She completed her Pediatric Residency at Children's Memorial Hospital, Northwestern University in Chicago, Illinois. After graduating from residency, she spent a year as a Pediatric Hospitalist. She then went on to complete her Pediatric Endocrinology Fellowship at Lurie Children's Hospital, Northwestern University. Upon completion of fellowship in 2014 she returned to Arizona and accepted a faculty position at Phoenix Children's Hospital (PCH). Since her arrival at PCH Dr. Chawla has been involved in medical education. She is the endocrinology rotation director and teaches first year medical students at the University of Arizona College of Medicine – Phoenix. Her clinical interests

include care of children with disorders of sex development and transgender youth and adolescents. In her free time, Dr. Chawla enjoys reading, watching movies, and spending time with her husband and two young children.

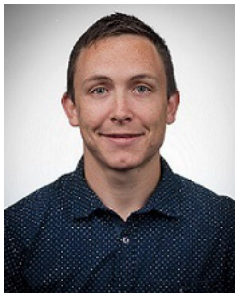
### **Research Director: Gabriel Shaibi, PhD**

Dr. Shaibi's research focuses on obesity and related health disparities among youth and families. His work spans the translational spectrum including basic research to understand the mechanisms underpinning cardiometabolic disease to community-based interventions aimed at preventing type 2 diabetes in high-risk populations. He has contributed more than 90 peer-reviewed publications to the scientific literature stemming from over \$18 million in extramural research funding. In addition to his work at PCH, Dr. Shaibi is a professor at Arizona State University where he directs the Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention, he is an Associate Editor for the journal *Obesity*, and is a chartered member of the Community-Level Health Promotion study section for the National Institutes of Health. Outside of work, Dr. Shaibi enjoys camping, cooking, and working on classic cars (he owns a 1953 MGTD, 1951 Suburban, and a 1976 Jeep).

### **Faculty**

<https://www.phoenixchildrens.org/endocrinology/meet-our-pediatric-endocrinologists>

### **Current Fellows:**



**Luke Cielonko, DO PGY5**

**Medical School:** University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth/Texas Collage of Osteopathic Medicine

**Residency Training:** USC Palmetto Health Pediatric Residency

**Hometown:** Austin, TX



**Varshini Chakravarthy, MD PGY4**

**Medical School:** American University of the Caribbean School of Medicine, Sint Maarten

**Residency Training:** Nassau University Medical Center, East Meadow, NY

**Hometown:** Royal Oak, MI

**Former Fellows: Where are they now?**

- Class of 2020: **Robert Gonsalves**, Endocrine faculty at Phoenix Children's Hospital
- Class of 2019: **Amanda Campos**, Endocrine faculty at Phoenix Children's Hospital
- Class of 2018: **Melissa Chambers**, Endocrine faculty at Phoenix Children's Hospital
- Class of 2018: **Janiel Pimentel**, Endocrine faculty at Phoenix Children's Hospital
- Class of 2016: **Madhia Shahid**, Endocrine faculty at Phoenix Children's Hospital