



General Assembly – July 24, 2026 – Destin, FL

FMOL Health System at St. Francis Medical Center – Monroe Family Medicine Residency Program

Program Director: Shaista Qureshi, MD, MBBS, FAAFP, DABFM

I am pleased to report that we matched all eight spots in our first cohort of Family Medicine Residents at St. Francis Medical Center in Monroe, LA. After conducting 129 interviews during our first Recruitment and Selection season, we are proud to announce the inaugural class of the St. Francis Medical Center Family Medicine Residency Program:

Bryan Strong, MD - University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences College of Medicine
Omotola Emmanuel, MD - Texila American University College of Medicine
Mervat Wahba, MD - All Saints University School of Medicine, Dominica *and* Cairo University Faculty of Medicine
Farah Ahsan, MD - Fatima Jinnah Medical University
Andrea Kynard, MD - University of Science, Arts & Technology (USAT) Faculty of Medicine
Joan Osaigbovo, MD - Nnamdi Azikiwe University College of Health Sciences
Urusha Poudel, MD - Lumbini Medical College and Teaching Hospital
Syed Mohammad Rayyan Zafar, MD - Bahria University Medical & Dental College

We truly believe that these eight Physician Residents will be a healing and spiritual presence for each other and for the communities we are privileged to serve, furthering our mission of providing compassionate care for those most in need.

We recently opened our Family Medicine Residency clinic at 105 University Avenue in Monroe. Faculty are seeing patients, in anticipation of our first cohort's arrival in mid-June. Next year, we will have a brand-new clinic of 8,000 square feet. For continuity of care and accessibility purposes, we are grateful that this clinic will be directly across the street from our hospital.

I am thrilled that our core faculty – Dr. Cesar Gonzales, Dr. Danielle Raley, Dr. Bikash Poudel, Dr. Obioma Ilouga, Dr. Jonah Flowers, and Dr. Stephanie Aldret – possess expertise in addiction medicine, rural medicine, sports medicine, women's health, and more. I am anticipating productive conversations with our new Residents during orientation, with the goal of pairing them with a faculty mentor who will guide them in their development as a physician.

We are already looking ahead to the next Match cycle. We will have open houses in the fall, and we welcome visitors for a tour of our facilities and the Monroe/West Monroe area. Please let me know if you are interested in scheduling a visit.

With gratitude,

Shaista Qureshi, MD, MBBS, FAAFP, DABFM
Founding Program Director, Family Medicine & Transitional Year Residencies
Graduate Medical Education
FMOL Health | St. Francis
309 Jackson St, Monroe, LA 71201