

# The University of Michigan Department of Urology

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## What's New January 13, 2017

### Faculty Intro: Dr. Priyanka Gupta

#### Urology Department Faculty and Staff

#### 1 Item, 7 Minutes

Good morning, everyone! Today marks the final installment in our series of 2016 faculty introductions. We brought on six new faculty last year (I believe this is some sort of record), and I imagine this year will feature similar expansion as we continue to grow our Department to keep pace with growing patient demand. I look forward to continuing to use the What's New platform to introduce new faculty.

Today we hear from Dr. Priyanka Gupta, who caps off the 2016 class by continuing our strong string of faculty introductions. I feel I've said this for every new faculty member, but it's just as true every time: I speak on behalf of the Department of Urology when I say that we are very lucky to have Dr. Gupta! Just like her cohort of new faculty members, she's seamlessly been brought up to speed in the Department and we look forward to what she'll inevitably accomplish. On that note, here's Dr. Priyanka Gupta.

-Eric Anderson

#### *Dr. Priyanka Gupta*

Hello everyone! After the string of stellar faculty introductions I am feeling a significant amount of pressure to make this introductory post informative, self-deprecating, and entertaining enough to keep you reading to the end!

Whenever anyone asks me where I'm from I say it's complicated. I was born in Ohio, lived in Lansing, MI for a few years, and then spent my formative years in sunny Arizona. When I started college I tried really hard to not go the traditional route of all first generation

Indian children and become a doctor or engineer, but I couldn't find an original profession and "I really did want to help people" so I applied to medical school.

I quickly abandoned the warm weather for the polar opposite temperatures of Rochester, MN where I attended medical school at the place we fondly call the WFMC (World Famous Mayo Clinic). There I met a good friend and mentor who introduced me to the field of Urology. I really liked the field and became interested in vesicovaginal fistulas, but even more enjoyed the shock factor for the Indian community (particularly my parents' friends) who all had an incredulous look when I told them I was going to be an urologist. A phrase that has continued to follow me since that time (uttered by both my parents and husband) is, "but it's okay, she specializes in FEMALE urology!"



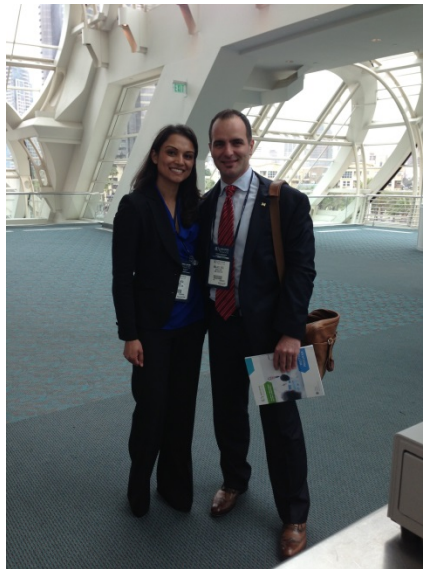
*Enjoying the Polar Vortex in Minneapolis. Still teaching Manish how to dress for winter.*

Turns out the small town of Rochester, while a medical mecca, is not the ideal place to be single in your 20s. Luckily one of my med school classmates introduced me to his eligible bachelor friend in California. Manish and I hit it off, and I proceeded to take him on a tour of the Midwest. He decided to apply to law school and we did long distance for 4 years between Minnesota and California (1 year) and Wisconsin (3 years) until he finally joined me in Minneapolis where we were married. It was also in Minnesota where I completed my residency with our department favorite, Dr. Malaeb.



*Sealing the deal with a garland!*

I then dragged my husband to yet another Midwest state, where I spent the last 2 years at Beaumont for my FPMRS fellowship. Fellowship was an amazing experience where I had some of the best mentors of my entire career and was really able to focus on voiding dysfunction and disorders of the pelvic floor. The stars then aligned (with a little help from Bahaa) and I became a wolverine much to the chagrin of my Spartan father. I am thrilled to be part of this dynamic department and this year's rookie class! I look forward to bringing my experience in pelvic organ prolapse repair and robotics from Beaumont to our division.



*Reuniting at AUA, soon to be partners at UMich!*

Like Dr. Ambani, I too have had a recent what's new in my life. I was planning to join all of you in August but our plans were a little delayed with the arrival of our now 6-month old son, Rishi! It's been a whirlwind between having Rishi, moving to Ann Arbor, and joining the

department but I think we are finally getting the hang of things and are excited to come out of our bubble and socialize again! We have embraced all things Midwest including craft beer, brats, tailgating, bags (or cornhole to Michiganders), apple orchards, and now Michigan football! We can't wait to experience all Ann Arbor has to offer now that we've figured out how to leave the house with baby and gear in tow! We look forward to getting to know all of you and I look forward to working closely with each of you in the upcoming year!

Finally, I contribute 1.0 FTE gender along with Asian diversity.



*Rishi at 3 months*



*Dressed up as Michigan football for Halloween, Go Blue! (We wanted to make sure we were accepted by our neighbors...)*



*Just because he was so cute over the holidays!*