



Congratulations to the New Fellows of 2025

Each year, FIENS fellowships connect early-career neurosurgeons from low-resource settings with world-class mentors and institutions around the globe. This year's fellows—hailing from India, Ethiopia, Sudan, and Pakistan—are pursuing specialized training in pediatric neurosurgery, skull base and cerebrovascular surgery, and minimally invasive techniques. From Toronto to Stanford, these opportunities provide critical exposure to advanced surgical practices and research, equipping each fellow to return home with the skills and knowledge needed to elevate neurosurgical care in their communities.

Bengaluru, India → Toronto, Canada



Dr. Kevin Jude Sudevan: Senior resident at NIMHANS, Bengaluru, training at SickKids in Toronto under Dr. Abhaya Kulkarni. Focusing on pediatric hydrocephalus management, mastering endoscopic techniques like choroid plexus coagulation, and enhancing clinical data collection via SickKids' hydrocephalus registry.

Injibara, Ethiopia → Arizona, USA



Dr. Mestet Shiferaw: Assistant professor at Injibara University, training at Barrow Neurosurgical Institute in Phoenix under Prof. Michael Lawton. Concentrating on advanced skull base tumor surgery to elevate surgical outcomes and care standards in Ethiopia.

Khartoum, Sudan → Madison, USA



Dr. Fawaz Eljili M. Abdelradi: Registrar at NCNS, Khartoum, gaining specialized skull base and cerebrovascular surgery training at the University of Wisconsin under Prof. Mustafa Baskaya, aiming to bring advanced surgical skills to Sudan.

Karachi, Pakistan → Prescott, USA



Dr. Shabih Ayesah: FIENS's first Kassam Family Fellow at RIMS Trauma Hospital, Karachi. Mentored by Dr. Sam Safavi at Yavapai Medical Center, learning advanced skull base and cerebrovascular surgery techniques not yet available through fellowship in Pakistan.

Karachi, Pakistan → Stanford, USA



Dr. Hafiza Fatima Aziz: Recipient of the Mukhtar A. Sheikh Hospital Fellowship. Training at Stanford's NeuroTrain Center with Dr. Juan Carlos Fernandez-Miranda, focusing on skull base anatomy and minimally invasive approaches to help launch a skull base program in Pakistan.

Stay tuned! FIENS will provide updates on these five dedicated neurosurgeons as they advance in their fellowships, pushing the frontiers of global neurosurgical care.