



***Resident Physician of the Month
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**Dr. Grayson Beecher
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I grew up in Edmonton, Alberta and began my academic journey pursuing an undergraduate degree in Neuroscience at the University of Alberta. I completed medical school at the University of Alberta in 2015, and stayed for residency. I am currently in my fourth year of the Adult Neurology program, where I have found myself fortunate enough to be surrounded by a number of excellent mentors, colleagues, and friends alike. I have a passion for teaching and have clinical and research interests in neuromuscular disease.

Outside of medicine, I enjoy hanging out with friends and family, and spending time travelling with my wonderful fiancée. I am an avid sports fan and grew up playing, and then coaching, soccer, volleyball and basketball. In my undergraduate years I was active in team handball, and was fortunate enough to be a member of the under-21 men's national team, which competed at the world championships in Greece in 2011. Lately, I've picked up golf and squash, both of which I am miserable at, but enjoy with friends.

I am very thankful for this award and grateful to be part of such an amazing residency program, working alongside outstanding co-residents and mentors. Thank you to my fiancée, family, friends, and mentors for your ongoing support and shaping who I am today.

A colleague had this to say about Dr. Grayson Beecher:

"Grayson Beecher is one of the finest resident physicians that our Neurology program has seen to date. His character, initiative, and knowledge are attributes that are acknowledged by staff and resident physicians alike. He exudes a passion for Neurology and functions at the level of a junior consultant. As a junior resident physician, he was first author of a major clinical trial which has subsequently been published in Neurology. In the last year alone, he has published over five articles (he is a first author on many of them). This is an incredible feat considering that he is only mid-way through his third year of residency."

However, his impressive skills as a neurologist and researcher are just a couple of the reasons he is held in such high esteem. As chief resident physician, he has dedicated numerous hours to improving our program and consistently goes the extra mile for fellow learners. Most days on service, one can find him at the whiteboard teaching neuroanatomy or localization to junior resident physicians. He has single-handedly improved the neurology half-days so that neuroradiology and clinical examination are now key components. He continues to volunteer for the CaRMs interview process and makes sure to spend extra time mentoring the incoming R1s. This is in addition to the other various committees he has joined over the past couple of years.

I am honored to nominate such a worthy resident physician for the PARA award. Our program is very fortunate to have Grayson Beecher among its ranks.”

Congratulations Dr. Grayson Beecher!