

# Wesam ElRamahi



Almost everyone calls me Wes. I was born in Cleveland, Ohio and grew up in Cincinnati. My heritage is a rich mix of Mediterranean and Middle Eastern, and I have greatly enjoyed travelling to many places around the world, like Switzerland, France, Holland, Turkey, and Jordan. I studied abroad at the American University in Cairo, Egypt (AUC), where I majored in Biochemistry/Pre-medicine. After two years at AUC, I transferred back home to the University of Cincinnati, where I completed my undergraduate degree in Chemical Engineering and began working full-time for the General Electric Company.

Chemical Engineering was a dynamic and challenging opportunity to expand my engineering knowledge and professional skills in a variety of technical and business oriented initiatives like Six Sigma and Lean Manufacturing, to name a couple. After an 8-year career as an engineer, I decided to follow my passion for medicine.

I attended the American University of the Caribbean (AUC), which is on the wonderful island of St. Maarten. I then completed my medical school clinical training at St. John Providence Hospital in southeast Michigan.

My roots are still firmly planted in the Mid-West, especially since my, now 5-year-old, son lives in Indianapolis, Indiana. I enjoy all aspects of medicine but after all the complex analysis and deliberation I had done, my father, when advising me about my choice for medical specialty, simply asked me; what does your heart tell you? I knew I wanted to pursue Family Medicine. I found the University of Louisville Family Medicine program the most well rounded, offering unique academic opportunities with a family-oriented atmosphere. I'm passionate about the opportunity to contribute to improving primary care, and feeling excited and challenged by the privilege to care for a diverse population of patients with an emphasis on continuity of care; especially as it pertains to patient education, prevention and women's health.

I enjoy spending valuable time with my son, my immediate family and friends. I enjoy working out, eating out, playing basketball, and many other sports and activities, like kayaking, or a friendly game of pool or chess. I also try to play the guitar, practice martial arts and love listening to music, audio/e-books, learning about new cultures and languages, watching great movies and, of course, a self-prescribed dose of comedy & drama shows. Louisville is not only an epicenter for many great destinations in the Mid-West but it also offers a diversity in culture and what seems like an endless list of fun activities to enjoy. I look forward to completing my residency here and calling Louisville my home.

