

# Neil Patil

I was born and raised in Memphis, TN. I am the youngest of 3 children. I have a sister who is 4 years older and a brother who is 10 months older than I am. I grew up attending a small private school, Harding Academy, in Memphis but decided to leave the state after high school and I headed south to Ole Miss for undergrad (Hotty Toddy!).

Heading down to Mississippi, I decided to follow in my father's footsteps and pursue a medical career. After I obtained a B.S. in Biology and a B.A. in Biochemistry at Ole Miss, I took a job with Medtronic Spinal and Biologics division in Memphis, TN. I worked there for 8 months while applying to medical school. Once accepted I put in my 2 weeks and headed even further south this time to the island of Dominica where I began my medical career at Ross University School of Medicine.



While on the island, I flipped back and forth trying to figure out which specialty I wanted to embark on once the time came. It wasn't until I got back to the states that I decided my destiny. It was my Family Medicine core rotation with

Dr. Musibau Ibraheem in Atlanta, GA, that showed me that Family Medicine was in my future. He inspired and challenged me day in and day out in the field of Family Medicine. He displayed all the qualities and attributes that I strive to carry with me in my career. He also showed me all the possibilities and opportunities that Family Medicine has to offer.

During the application for residency process, I was pulled toward Louisville due to the fact that my fiancé, Hillary Beckman, was born and raised here and also had currently taken a teaching job with the Jefferson County public school system. My decision to put Louisville at the top of my list was reinforced when I had my interview and met the amazing staff and learned all that this program has to offer.

After residency, I plan on pursuing a fellowship in Sports Medicine. That was another reason that UofL Family Medicine was high on my list. The exposure to the sports medicine field that is offered at this program is very important to me.

When not engulfed in medicine, I enjoy playing sports, especially soccer and golf. I also enjoy running and biking. I love spending time with my family and friends. I also enjoy taking our dog Cooper to the park. Once my career has been established, I would like to take a trip back to Dominica where I can actually enjoy the island and give back to the community that helped mold me into the physician I am today.