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# Executive Department

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

*Columbus*

I, Mike DeWine, Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby appoint Omer S. Ashruf, from Solon, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, as a Member of the Northeast Ohio Medical University Board of Trustees for a term beginning June 30, 2023 and ending at the close of business June 29, 2025, replacing Sanjay Jinka, whose term expired.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the Great Seal of the State of Ohio to be affixed, at Columbus, this 30th day of June in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty Three.



Mike DeWine  
Governor

# Omer Ashruf

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## Education

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Northeast Ohio Medical University (NEOMED), Rootstown, OH  
MD. Anticipated May 2025

University of Akron, Akron, OH  
BS, Biomedical Sciences, May 3, 2020

- Graduated *Cum Laude*
- **Relevant Coursework:** Anthropology, Biomedical Ethics, Cellular and Molecular Biology, Histology, Genetics, Medicine and the Humanities, Neuroscience.

## Leadership and Volunteer Experience

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Salaam Free Clinic  
Cleveland, OH

June 2020 – January 2022

*Outreach and Volunteer Coordinator*

- Served as a clinical instructor/team leader for routine health screenings, conducted history and physical exams, and assisted with prescription and treatment plans.
- Organized and promoted gastrointestinal and cardiovascular clinics for underinsured and uninsured patients in downtown Cleveland.
- Instituted quality improvement projects and plans using the Plan-Do-Study-Act model to prevent 185 emergency room visits in a calendar year.

*Chief Operating Officer (COO)*

January 2022 – Present

- Provided strategic leadership and vision to a team of medical students, clinic faculty, and community partners.
- Worked with the Salaam Clinic executive board to manage the clinic's finances, fundraising activities, and community outreach efforts to ensure its long-term sustainability and impact.
- Collaborated with the Cuyahoga County Ohio Health Departments to advocate for the health needs of underserved communities and promote the mission of the clinic.
- Obtained funding from Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), The Cleveland Foundation, and CVS and National Association of Free and Charitable clinics to open a satellite office in Solon, OH and a new clinic space in the Westside of Cleveland.

American Medical Association, NEOMED  
Rootstown, OH.

September 2020 – June 2022

*Vice President/Policy Lead*

- Co-authored resolutions for the Ohio State Medical Association and the American Medical Association on COVID-19 vaccines, incarceration, dental coverage, insurance reimbursement and so on.
- Lead resolution-writing workshops for graduate students and organized one-on-one meetings with resolution authors to refine and strengthen their drafts.
- Attended AMA student section meetings and voted/testified on impactful policy resolutions.

**Committee for Student Clinical Research**

Rootstown, OH

October 2021 - Present

*Internal Medicine Committee Chair*

- Organized speaker and panel events for internal medicine and contributed to CSCR-organized and NEOMED research events.
- Responsible for assisting and advising any other student interested in conducting research in the field of internal medicine.

**Oncology Interest Group, NEOMED**

Rootstown, OH

September 2020 - Present

*President*

- Orchestrated and promoted speaker events and liaised with NEOMED student body to facilitate interest in Oncology.
- Organized and participated in Akron Children's Hospital Buddy Program that paired child patients with NEOMED students to converse and engage with.
- Coordinated volunteering events with the Make-A-Wish Foundation and Be the Match Foundation.

**Research Experience**

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**Antibody Testing on *Plasmodium Vivax* Parasite in Malaria***Department of Infectious Diseases*

May 2014 – December 2014

Cleveland, OH

PI: Christopher King M.D., Ph.D.

- Investigated naturally acquired anti-*Plasmodium Vivax* Duffy binding protein antibodies and their viability to reduce risk of malaria.
- Functionally and immunologically characterized different strains of malaria.
- Performed successive antibody titers, epidemiological diagnosis and surveillance, and statistical analysis.

**Dietary Supplementation on Models of Post-Traumatic Osteoarthritis***Department of Anatomy and Neurobiology*

January 2015 – May 2017

Rootstown, OH

PI: Tariq Haqqi Ph.D.

- Extracted, prepared, and fixated cadaveric cartilage samples to perform macroscopic and histological assessment.
- Performed immune-histochemical evaluation of Caspase-3 and PARP p85 proteins, gene expression analysis, and enzyme-linked immunosorbent assays.
- Prepared conference abstracts and aided in IRB approval documentation.

**Lysosomal Degradation in Osteoarthritis and Aged Cartilage***Department of Anatomy and Neurobiology*

March 2021 – Present

Rootstown, OH

PI: Tariq Haqqi Ph.D.

- Extracted, prepared, and fixated cadaveric cartilage samples to perform macroscopic and histological assessment.
- Performed LysoSensor staining of chondrocyte cells, immunostaining of cytochromes, and statistical analysis.

A, Holt M, Lasher N, Houshmand J, Fahey S. "Expanding and Reclassifying Emergency Medical Services." American Medical Association Annual Meeting. June 2022.

Ashruf O, Orozco Z, Mirzai S, George L, Anwer F. "The Diverse Clinical Profile of Waldenström Macroglobulinemia in Three Patients: A Case Series." Northeast Ohio Medical University Student Research Symposium. 2022.

#### American Medical Association Resolutions

Chawla R, Jain S, Shukla D, Verma N, Ashruf O. *Promoting Equity in Global Vaccine Distribution*. Resolution 09-A21 American Medical Association Medical Student Section (AMA-MSS) Annual Meeting. June 2021.

Ashruf O, Lee W, Chanamolu M, Sundaram K, Vaghasia Z, Aitharaju V, Morales R, Chalasani M, Avasarala V, Cole S, Efejuku T, Rizvi Z, Ghosh P, Kaeley D, Goebel C, Lin S, Sainath H, Nadone H, Channa K, Prokosch C. *Reevaluating the Food and Drug Administration's Citizen Petition Process*. Resolution 08-N21. American Medical Association Medical Student Section (AMA-MSS) Interim Meeting. November 2021.

### Professional Experience

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#### University School

Hunting Valley, OH

May 2017 - Present

#### *Speech & Debate Coach*

- Supervised and instructed a group of 30 high school students in Lincoln-Douglas debate.
- Organized and judged at out-of-state tournaments on behalf of University School.
- Selected as one of two individuals in Cleveland to debate policy provisions of the democratization of the Middle East at The City Club of Cleveland.

#### Northeast Ohio Medical University

Rootstown, OH

June 2020 - Present

#### *Medicine Peer Tutor*

- Selected by NEOMED faculty to tutor medical students in a variety of organ systems including but not limited to biostatistics, cardiology, pulmonary, renal, gastrointestinal, reproduction, and endocrine physiology.
- Organized small and large group sessions and compiled a tutor database of self-made practice questions and resources.

### Honors and Awards

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Dean's List, Six Semesters, The University of Akron  
College of Medicine Peer Tutor of the Year Finalist

### Interests

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Fitness and Nutrition  
Policy and Philosophy  
Traveling  
Music  
Self-Development

## GOVERNOR'S APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

**Appointment Date:** 6/30/2023

**Name of Appointee:** Omer S. Ashruf  
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Cuyahoga County  
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**Name of Commission:** Northeast Ohio Medical University Board of Trustees  
Janet Coon, Secretary to the Board of Trustees  
4209 State Route 44, P.O. Box 95  
Rootstown, OH 44272  
(330) 325-6259

**Term Begins:** 6/30/2023  
**Term Ends:** 6/29/2025  
**Party Affiliation:** Independent  
**Senate Confirmation:** Appointed by the Governor, confirmed by the Senate  
**Financial Disclosure:** Confidential disclosure required  
**Vice:** Sanjay Jinka