

Francesca Salipur, PhD, MD

Dr. Francesca Salipur was born in Padova, Italy, and immigrated with her family to the United States in 1987. She grew up in Connecticut on the shores of the New England Sound, relocated to Rochester, Minnesota as a high school student, and then attended the University of Chicago as an undergraduate. Her interests in Public Policy and Medicine began as an undergraduate, when she completed research projects in both the cultural policy and healthy policy fields. Her interest in health policy led her to spend a summer volunteering for the Covering Kids and Families Program, which exposed her to the overwhelming need for affordable healthcare for underserved populations and inspired her to pursue a career in medicine. After spending two years preparing for medical school as a research assistant in a laboratory at the Mayo Clinic Cancer Center, she attended the University of Louisville School of Medicine and completed an MD/PhD degree, with a PhD in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology. Her dissertation work focused on delineating the mechanism of action of a novel experimental cancer therapeutic called "XB05". Today she is a second year resident in the Department of Surgery at Stanford. Her current clinical interests include Surgical Critical Care, Surgical Oncology and Palliative Care. She is interested in learning to using technologic innovations to improve workflow efficiency and resource utilization to deliver high quality, low-cost surgical care, both in the US and in the developing world.