



Infectious Diseases Division Newsletter

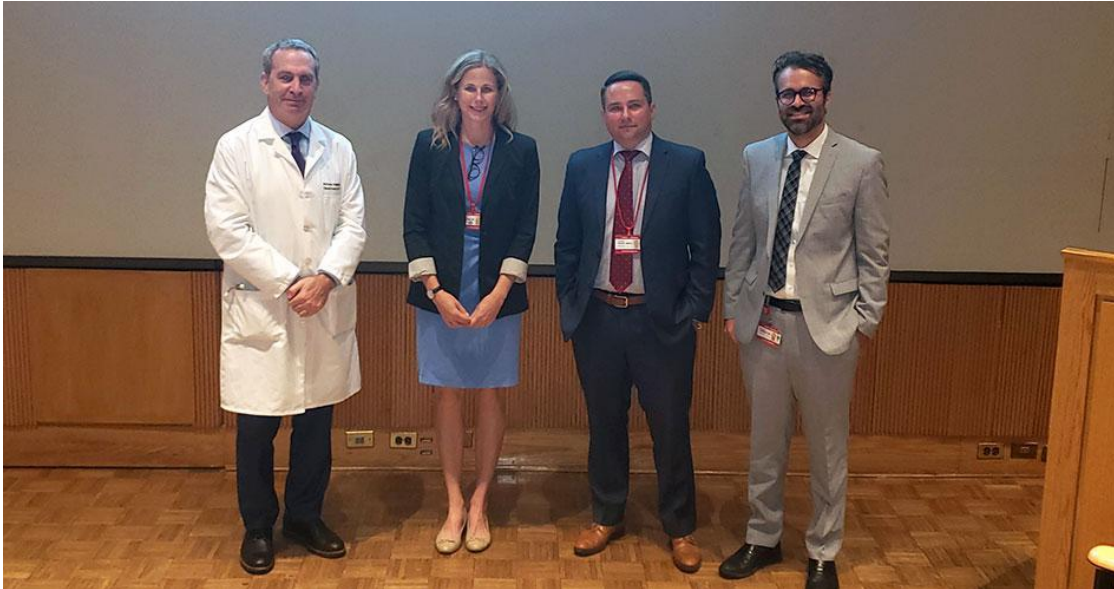
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Awards and Honors



L to R: Drs. Tony Hollenberg, Carrie Johnston, Justin Kingery, Russell Rosenblatt

Congratulations to **Carrie Johnston** for receiving the 30th Young Investigators Award at Medicine Grand Rounds. This award is presented annually to members of the Weill Department of Medicine below the rank of professor who perform on outstanding levels in the areas of clinical and/or basic biomedical research. Justin Kingery (Hospital Medicine) and Russell Rosenblatt (GI) were the runners-up.



Appointments and Transitions



Congratulations to **Charles Vorkas** on his new role as a physician-scientist on the ID faculty at Stony Brook Medicine. Charles will continue as Adjunct Assistant Professor at WCM. His new email address is Charles.Vorkas@stonybrookmedicine.edu. Feel free to reach out to him!



Congratulations to **Rabikha Rani**, the new Administrative Coordinator, who will be acting as the Executive Assistant to Dr. Gulick and Avi Bueno and supporting the division with appointments and promotions.



Rodrigo Duarte and **Timothy Powell** returned to King's College in London. Timothy will continue with an adjunct appointment at WCM.



Grants



Congratulations to **Grant Ellsworth** and **Khanh Pham**, who successfully competed for the NIH Loan Repayment Program (LRP). The LRP award is for a period of two years.



Grants



*Marina Caskey and Brad Jones,
Co-PIs of the REACH Collaboratory.*

Congratulations to **Marina Caskey** and **Brad Jones**, who successfully competed for an NIH Grant titled “ REACH (Research Enterprise to Advance a Cure for HIV), a \$28.5-million grant over the next five years. This grant will be used to leverage novel technological and analytical methods to redefine how the immune system interacts with the HIV reservoir in people on therapy.

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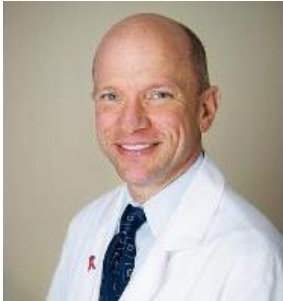
Grants



Congratulations to **Lishomwa Ndhlovu**, on successfully competing as co-PI with colleagues from UCSF for a \$26.5-million grant from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) for an HIV cure grant called HOPE (HIV Obstruction by Programmed Epigenetics). “The HOPE grant will allow us to test whether a ‘block-lock-and-excise’ approach can achieve long-term silencing of HIV in all relevant tissue sanctuaries so it cannot be released from cells. Coupled with permanent removal of any remnants of the silenced virus, we hope this will prevent the rebound of HIV when antiviral drugs are stopped, and lead to a cure.” ([Link](#))

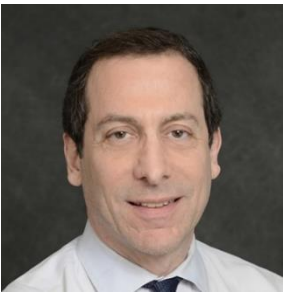


Newsroom Updates



Trip Gulick and Marshall Glesby were featured in the following articles:

- ❖ ***Medscape***: “Study Finds Underuse of Dexamethasone in COVID Patients” ([Link](#))
- ❖ ***U.S. News & World Report***: “Dexamethasone Can Help the Sickest COVID Patients Survive. So Why Are Too Few Getting It?” ([Link](#))
- ❖ ***Healio***: “Dexamethasone may be ‘underused’ among critically ill patients with COVID-19” ([Link](#))





Newsroom Updates



On August 2nd, **Elliott DeHaan** was featured in the following article:

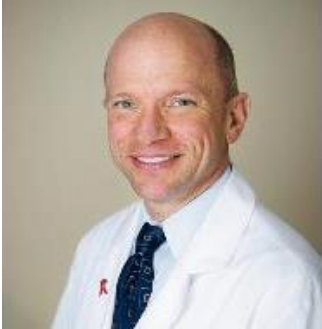
- ❖ Medscape: “New Guideline for Replacement ART: CAB/RPV LA Not for Everyone” ([Link](#))



Mirella Salvatore was featured in the following article: “Sex-Related Differences in Clinical Presentation and Risk Factors for Mortality in Patients Hospitalized With Coronavirus Disease 2019 in New York City”. ([Link](#))



Newsroom Updates



Trip Gulick was featured in the following:

- ❖ Canadian Broadcasting Corporation: “Proof of Vaccination”, where he discussed the importance of having businesses require people to prove they received a COVID-19 vaccine. ([Link](#))
- ❖ Bloomberg: “Delta Case Wave in U.S. Northeast May Be Nearing Its Peak” ([Link](#))
- ❖ Youtube: “COVID-19 Vaccine Efficacy Q&A” ([Link](#))



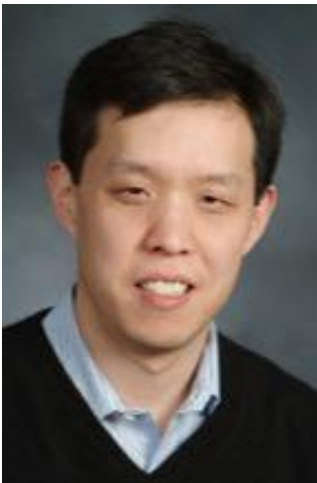
On August 11th, **Kristen Marks** answered questions about COVID-19 vaccine safety in this video. ([Link](#))



Newsroom Updates



Grant Ellsworth will be our new Principal Investigator (PI) for the AMC (NIH – Funded AIDS Malignancy Consortium) site at Weill Cornell, effective September 1, 2021.



On August 4th, **Kyu Y. Rhee** was featured in the following article: WCM Newsroom: “Commentary: Multisector Research Collaborative Aims to Advance Tuberculosis Treatment” ([Link](#))



Divisional Publications

- **Ellsworth GB**, Stier EA, Chiao EY, Lensing SY, Darragh T, Jay N, Berry-Lawhorn JM, Einstein M, Barroso LF, Cranston RD, Levine R, Guiot HM, French AL, Goldstone SE, Preiser W, Claassen M, Palefsky JM, **Wilkin TJ**; AIDS Malignancy Consortium. Xpert HPV as a Screening Tool for Anal Histologic High-Grade Squamous Intraepithelial Lesions in Women Living With HIV. *J Acquir Immune Defic Syndr*. 2021 Jul 1;87(3):978-984. doi: 10.1097/QAI.0000000000002672. PMID: 34110312; PMCID: [PMC8341010](#).
- **Glesby MJ**, **Gulick RM**. Selecting Treatments During an Infectious Disease Pandemic: Chasing the Evidence. *Ann Intern Med*. 2021 Aug 17:M21-3221. doi: 10.7326/M21-3221. Epub ahead of print. PMID: 34399058; PMCID: [PMC8372531](#).
- **McCann CD**, van Dorp CH, **Danesh A**, Ward AR, Dilling TR, **Mota TM**, Zale E, **Stevenson EM**, Patel S, Brumme CJ, Dong W, Jones DS, Andresen TL, Walker BD, Brumme ZL, Bollard CM, Perelson AS, Irvine DJ, **Jones RB**. A participant-derived xenograft model of HIV enables long-term evaluation of autologous immunotherapies. *J Exp Med*. 2021 Jul 5;218(7):e20201908. doi: 10.1084/jem.20201908. Epub 2021 May 14. PMID: 33988715; PMCID: [PMC8129803](#).
- **Powell TR**, Hotopf M, Hatch SL, Breen G, **Duarte RRR**, **Nixon DF**. Genetic risk for severe COVID-19 correlates with lower inflammatory marker levels in a SARS-CoV-2-negative cohort. *Clin Transl Immunology*. 2021 Jun 6;10(6):e1292. doi: 10.1002/cti2.1292. PMID: 34141432; PMCID: [PMC8180242](#).
- Mathad JS, Lee MH, Chalem A, Frey MK, Chapman-Davis E, Kopparam RV, Dayal AK, Wald G, Pinheiro LC, **Satlin MJ**, Goyal P, **Safford MM**, **Salvatore M**, Holcomb K. Sex-Related Differences in Clinical Presentation and Risk Factors for Mortality in Patients Hospitalized With Coronavirus Disease 2019 in New York City. *Open Forum Infect Dis*. 2021 Jul 9;8(8):ofab370. doi: 10.1093/ofid/ofab370. PMID: 34381847; PMCID: [PMC8344509](#).



Important Dates



Next faculty meeting 8:30AM to 9:30AM.
Special Guest: Dr. Judy Tung--who will discuss the promotion process.



Advanced Topics resumes regular schedule



IDWeek 2021 will take place from September 29th through October 3rd. Register [here](#)
➤ Early registration deadline ended on August 27th



Save the date:
Department of Medicine Sixth Annual Research Retreat