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Infectious Diseases Division Newsletter

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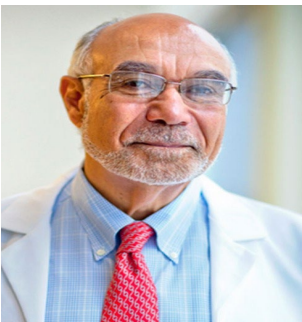




Awards and Honors



Congratulations to **Dennis Cupertino**, research specialist in the Jones Lab, who was awarded a Scholarship to attend the International AIDS Meeting in Montreal (AIDS 2022).



Congratulations to **Jean William Pape**, who was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. ([Link](#))



Congratulations to **Vidmantas Petraitis**, who was appointed the American Society of Microbiology Ambassador to Lithuania.



Grants



Congratulations to **Grace Maldarelli**, one of five recipients of the Department of Medicine Fund for the Future (FFF) award starting 7/2022. ([Link](#))





Other News



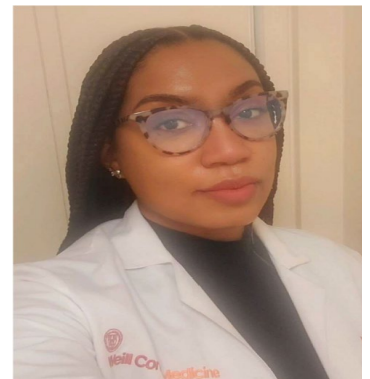
Patient Compliments:



Congratulations to **Duane Smith**, who received a compliment letter from a patient.

“He was great. You/ New York Presbyterian Hospital have some of the best staff. Thank you so much for the great and excellent care.”

“I had my second COVID-19 booster shot yesterday at 9:00 AM in ID Associates. Your team did such a super job, including Patrice, who administered my booster shot.”



Congratulations to **Patrice Morand**, Nurse in ID Associates, who also received a compliment letter from a patient.



Other News



On March 30th, **Susan Clark Ball** gave a lecture, titled: “The Heberden Society: ‘Voices in the Band’”. ([Video Link](#))



On April 12th, **Dave Calfee** gave a talk at the SHEA Spring 2022 conference: “Interesting Cases in Infection Prevention: Acute Care Case”. ([Link](#))



On April 8th, **Teresa Evering** gave a virtual talk as part of the WCM AIDS Education and Training Series to the Montefiore CICERO program titled “Cognitive Decline in HIV & Aging”.



Shashi Kapadia served as a mentor for Giselle Appel at the 2022 Grants for Emerging Researchers/Clinicians Mentorship Program.



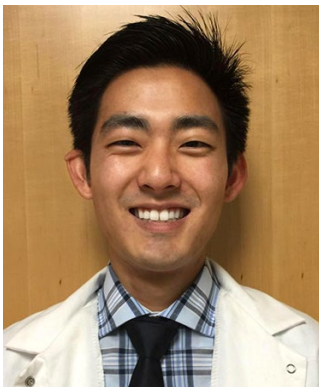
Other News



Vidmantas Petraitis gave an opening lecture at Lithuanian Microbiology Society conference “Mikrobiologija 2022”, entitled: “Bench-to-Bedside Infectious Diseases Translational Research Against Multidrug Resistant Pathogens: Every Step Matters”.



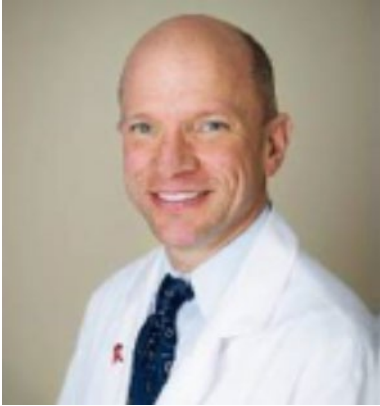
On April 22nd, **Timothy Wilkin** gave a talk at the National Association of Managed Care Physicians, Spring Managed Care Forum and assessed available and potential treatments for HIV. ([Link](#))



On April 19th, **Stephen Yeung** presented a poster at the 2nd Weill Cornell Intercampus Immunology Symposium, entitled: “Galectin-9 protects humanized-ACE2 immunocompetent mice from SARS-CoV-2 Infection”.



Newsroom Updates



On April 7th, **Trip Gulick** was featured in The Wall Street Journal: “Should I Be Worried if I Get Infected With the BA.2 Variant?” ([Link](#))



On April 7th, **Ayana Morales** was featured in Crain’s New York Business: “Weill Cornell Awards Research Grants To 5 Faculty With \$5 Million Mastercard Grant “. ([Link](#))





Divisional Publications

- ❖ Abu-Raddad LJ, Chemaitelly H, Ayoub HH, AlMukdad S, Yassine HM, Al-Khatib HA, Smatti MK, Tang P, Hasan MR, Coyle P, Al-Kanaani Z, Al-Kuwari E, Jeremijenko A, Kaleeckal AH, Latif AN, Shaik RM, Abdul-Rahim HF, Nasrallah GK, Al-Kuwari MG, **Butt AA**, Al-Romaihi HE, Al-Thani MH, Al-Khal A, Bertollini R. Effect of mRNA Vaccine Boosters against SARS-CoV-2 Omicron Infection in Qatar. *N Engl J Med*. 2022 Mar 9:NEJMoa2200797. doi: 10.1056/NEJMoa2200797. Epub ahead of print. PMID: 35263534; [PMCID: PMC8929389](#).
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- ❖ **Povilas Kavaliauskas**, Donatella Tondi, Laura Cendron, Birute Grybaite, Kazimieras Anusevicius , Vytautas Mickevicius , **Ruta Petraitiene** , Povilas Norvaisas, Gintautas Kamuntavicius, Orestis Bastas , Tony Yang , Sam Macer, Roy Tal, Zygimantas Jocys, Alvaro Prat, Arryn Craney , **Vidmantas Petraitis**. Discovery of a Novel Allosteric Inhibitor PK-188 Targeting New Delhi Metallo- β Lactamases. 32nd European Congress of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases. 2022, April 23-26, Lisbon, Portugal.
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Important Dates



I.D. Faculty Meeting
8:30AM to 9:30AM
([Zoom Link](#))



REACH Annual Meeting
([Zoom Link](#))



Annual I.D. Fellow & Junior Faculty
Workshop – Infectious Diseases Society
of New York ([Link](#))



Annual Infectious Diseases Society of
New York Meeting
([Link](#))



WCM 2022 Commencement
Ceremony



13th Annual Infectious Disease Update
CME Course: a Hybrid Conference
([Registration Link](#))