



Infectious Diseases Division Newsletter

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Awards and Honors



Congratulations to **Marshall Glesby**, who was selected as the sixth recipient of the Dean's Award for Excellence in Mentorship. This prize recognizes a faculty member who demonstrates an outstanding commitment to supporting colleagues to become academic leaders in clinical care, research, or education. He will receive the award at this year's commencement on 5/15/2025.



Congratulations to **Carrie Johnston**, who was one of the top-performing reviewers at Clinical Infectious Diseases this quarter.



Appointments and Transitions



David DiTullio's project *“Implementation of Diagnostic Stewardship to Reduce Inappropriate Cytomegalovirus and Epstein-Barr Virus PCR Testing”* has been selected by the Quality Improvement Academy (QIA) leadership to be included in their advanced QI training and faculty development program.



Congratulations to **Brad Jones**, who was granted tenure effective May 1, 2025.



Yesha Malik's project *“Using Epic to Streamline Care for Patients Received Outpatient Parenteral Antimicrobial Therapy (OPAT)”* has been selected by the Quality Improvement Academy (QIA) leadership to be included in their advanced QI training and faculty development program.



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Congratulations to **Harjot Singh**, who was appointed as Medical Director for Antimicrobial Stewardship at NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital (all campuses).





Other News

Lish Ndhlovu co-organized the Weill Cornell/Rutgers Health NeuroHIV Symposium held in-person at Rutgers in Newark, on 4/24/2025, featuring talks by Teresa Evering and Hagen Tilgner from WCM.





Other News



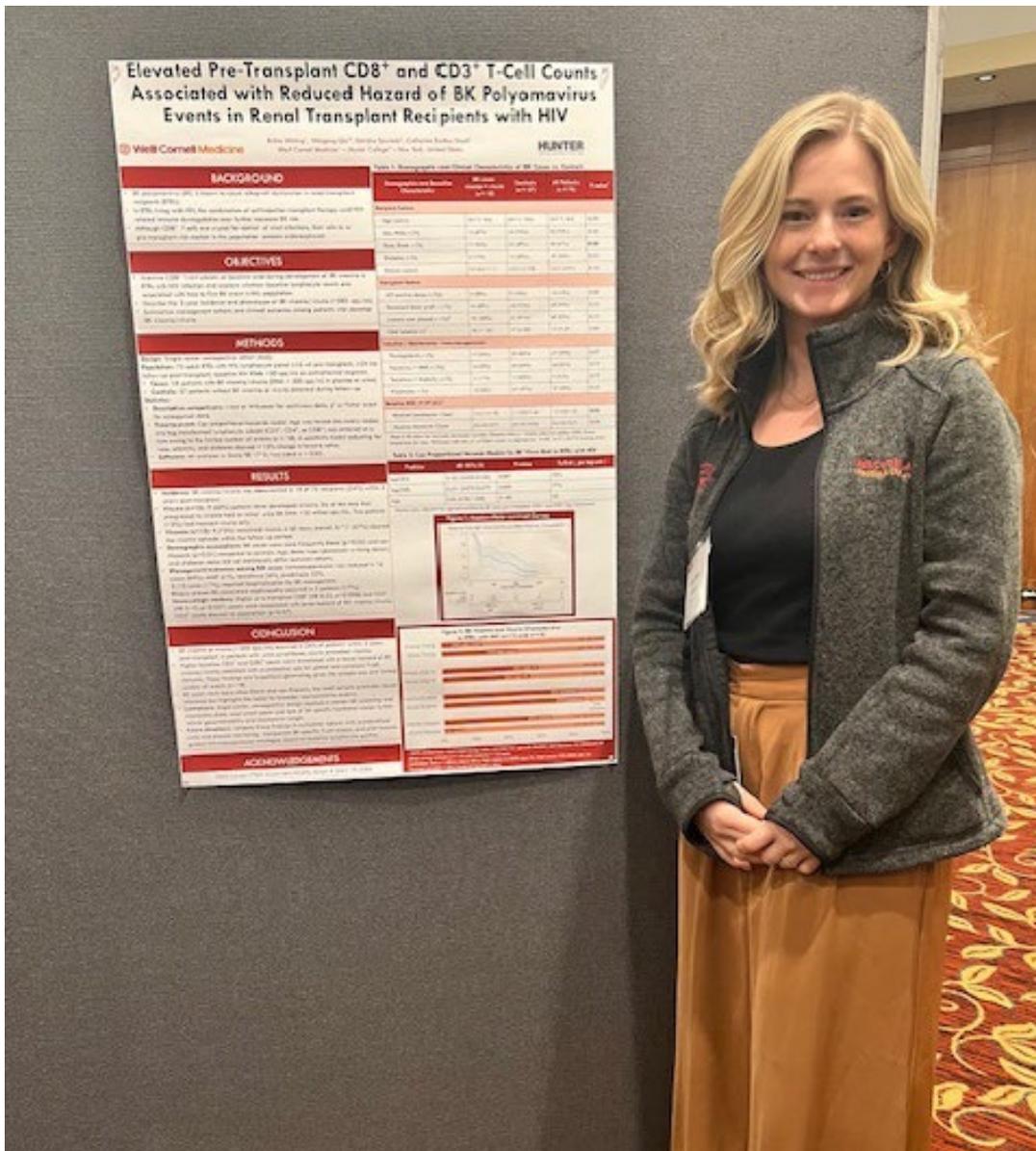
Lish Ndhlovu chaired and hosted a Guest Symposium at IMMUNOLOGY2025™, the Annual Meeting of the American Association of Immunologists in Honolulu, HI. ([Link](#))

Lish Ndhlovu also moderated the 2025 Keystone Symposium “HIV Cure: Antiretroviral Therapy-Free Control of HIV Infection”. ([Link](#))



Other News

Britta Witting presented her poster “Elevated Pre-Transplant CD8+and CD3+T-Cell Counts Associated with Reduced Hazard of BK Polyomavirus Events in Renal Transplant Recipients with HIV”, at the 44th Annual du Vigneaud Research Symposium on 4/24/2025.





Newsroom Updates



Former Fellow **Anna Mertelsmann** was featured in [The ASCO Post](#): “Parasitic Infection and Its Treatment Linked to Cancer-Related Gene Activity in the Cervix”.



Jennifer Downs and former Fellow **Anna Mertelsmann** were featured in the following:

[Live Science](#): “Parasitic Worm Raises Risk Of Cervical Cancer, Study Finds”.



Alina Pang was featured in the following:

[POZ](#): “Can Semaglutide Slow Aging And Improve Cognition In People With HIV?”



Divisional Publications

- **Abraham BK, Vogler M**, Talati A, Suresh P, Gill B, Ravikumar S, Shepard C, **Gulick R**, Nash D, Peters V. Pregnancy Outcomes and All-Cause Mortality After Pregnancy Among US-Born Women With Perinatally Acquired HIV. *J Acquir Immune Defic Syndr*. 2025 Jan 1;98(1):20-28. [PMID: 39642019](#).
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- **Singh HK**, Claeys KC, Advani SD, Ballam YJ, Penney J, Schutte KM, Baliga C, Milstone AM, Hayden MK, Morgan DJ, Diekema DJ. Diagnostic stewardship to improve patient outcomes and healthcare-associated infection (HAI) metrics. *Infect Control Hosp Epidemiol*. 2024 Apr;45(4):405-411. Epub 2024 Jan 11. PMID: 38204365; PMCID: [PMC11007360](#).
- Reddy K, **Lee GQ**, Reddy N, Chikowore TJB, Baisley K, Dong KL, Walker BD, Yu XG, Lichterfeld M, Ndung'u T. Differences in HIV-1 reservoir size, landscape characteristics, and decay dynamics in acute and chronic treated HIV-1 Clade C infection. *Elife*. 2025 Feb 20;13:RP96617. PMID: 39976231; PMCID: [PMC11841988](#).





Important Dates



I.D. Faculty Meeting
12PM to 1PM
([Zoom Link](#))



Dept. of Medicine COVID-19 Remembrance
(5pm-6pm) – Weill Greenberg Center (2nd Floor)
(6pm-8pm) – Reception Belfer Courtyard



Annual IDSNY Meeting at Columbia



WCM Commencement
12pm-2pm – Carnegie Hall



Women in Global Health Research Initiative
10th Annual Scientific Symposium
Belfer Research Building
([Register](#))



State of the Division
(4PM – 5PM) (Belfer 204)
End of Year Celebration
(5PM – 8PM) (Belfer Terrace - Skylight Lounge)