



Infectious Diseases Division Newsletter

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Awards and Honors



A colleague compliment for
Lee Gottesdiener:

“When I work with consultants, my favorite part is learning from you. With patients he is consulted on, he is incredibly patient with my (many) questions, and clear with his responses. His overall demeanor (though all over EPIC messaging which can be near impossible,) fosters the best parts of collaborative care in medicine where we can learn from each other and in the process give the best care to patients. I hope he keeps up the great work!”



Awards and Honors



Congratulations to **Samuel Merrick**, who received the Weill Cornell Community Clinic Spirit of Service Award, for “unyielding generosity in the care of patients, exceptional clinical expertise, and devotion to medical student education and mentorship”.

Congratulations to **Samuel Merrick** for also being listed as a Super Doctor - Internal Medicine.





Appointments and Transitions



Farewell to **Adrian Jinich**, Postdoctoral Associate in Kyu Rhee's Lab, who will leave Weill Cornell to start a new role on the faculty at the University of California, San Diego (UCSD).



Welcome to **Shane Vedova**, a new grad student in the Jones Lab.



Other News

Dr. **Vasiliki Koumaki**, former Salzburg fellow, visited from Greece and attended Micro Lab and ID Division Functions.





Newsroom Updates



Shashi Kapadia was featured in the following:

[Cornell Chronicle](#): “Hep C treatment initiation low among Medicaid recipients”.

[Cornell Newsroom](#): “Initiation of Hepatitis C Treatment Low Among Medicaid Recipients”.

[Contemporary OB/GYN](#): Hepatitis C treatment initiation low among younger, female Medicaid enrollees”.

[HCPLive](#): “Hepatitis C Treatment Initiation Low Among Younger, Female Medicaid Enrollees”.



Lish Ndhlovu was featured in the following:

[Boulder Weekly](#): “NIDA awards researchers \$11.2 million grant to study how cannabis affects HIV-infected brain tissue”.



Divisional Publications

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Important Dates



First Advanced Topics at the new date/time (Thursdays)
8:30AM – 9:30AM



Next I.D. Faculty Meeting new date/time (Mondays)
12PM -1PM
([Zoom Link](#))



8th Annual Weill Department of Medicine Research Retreat



State of the Department of Medicine at Medical Grand Rounds from 8AM – 9AM



IDSNY Intercity Rounds At 5:30PM – 7:30PM
([Link](#))



IDWeek
WCM Reception on 10/12
7PM to 9PM