



Infectious Diseases Division Newsletter

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Awards and Honors



Congratulations to **Trip Gulick**, who completed 25 years at WCM at the end of 2023.



Congratulations to **Jhumpa Sarkar** - Regulatory Assistant – for being selected as a SUPER Star Performers in the Department of Medicine's Results, Rewards and Recognition Program.

The Star Performer Program recognizes:

Service that is consistently exceptional,
Thoughtful, considerate treatment of others,
Actions that demonstrate extraordinary dedication and
Role models of excellence

Feel free to nominate an employee who exhibits STAR qualities here: ([Link](#))





Awards and Honors

Congratulations to **Linnie Golightly** and Vivian Bea, who have been selected to be an honoree for the **2024 Salute to African Americans in Medicine: The Art of Healing** celebration during the 16th Annual Harlem Fine Arts Show (HFAS) event. This event will be on February 24th.

Leadership in action

At Weill Cornell Medicine,
the future of medicine starts here.



Vivian Bea, M.D., FACS

Assistant Professor of Surgery,
Weill Cornell Medical College
Section Chief of Breast Surgical Oncology,
New York-Presbyterian Brooklyn Methodist Hospital



Linnie Golightly, M.D.

Associate Dean of Diversity
Associate Professor of Clinical Medicine
Associate Professor of Medicine in Microbiology and Immunology,
Weill Cornell Medical College

Congratulations to our physicians on being recognized by the Harlem Fine Arts Show honoring African Americans in Medicine for their many accomplishments.



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Appointments and Transitions



Farewell and congratulations to **Michael Cenname**, Senior Research Assistant, who is leaving the CRU and starting medical school during Fall 2024. He will be going to Temple University.



Farewell and congratulations to **Philip Gialopsos**, Senior Research Assistant, who is leaving CCTU and beginning a new role with the Cancer Clinical Trials Office-Lymphoma on 2/5/2024.





Grants



Congratulations to **Brad Jones**, who successfully competed for an R01, entitled: “Defining and then Maximizing the Footprint of CTL Selection on HIV Integration Site Landscapes to Optimize Cure Strategies”.





Other News

Vidmantas Petraitis and **Ruta Petraitiene** presented a poster at the 11th Advances against Aspergillosis & Mucormycosis Conference (AAAM 2024), entitled "Evaluation of *in vitro* activity, cytotoxicity, and *in vivo* efficacy of novel liposomal formulations of amphotericin B in comparison to natamycin and liposomal amphotericin B (AmBisome) in a murine model of experimental mycotic keratitis caused by *Aspergillus fumigatus*" (by **Petraitiene R, Petraitis V, Naing E, Garcia A**, Kavaliauskas P, Kalasauskiene A, Wiley JM, Resnick M, Gorlatova N, Fornasini GF, Walsh TJ), on January 25-27, 2024, in Milan, Italy.





Newsroom Updates



Lee Gottesdiener was featured in the following:

[TWiP 225](#): “Wandering worm with Lee Gottesdiener”.



Trip Gulick was featured in the following:

[TIME](#): “Should Healthy Young Adults Take Paxlovid?”



Harjot Singh was featured in the following:

[BON APPETIT](#): “Does Double-Dipping Really Spread Germs?”





Divisional Publications

- **Morales AE**, Gumenick R, Genovese CM, Jang YY, Ouedraogo A, Ibáñez de Garayo M, Pannellini T, Patel S, Bott ME, Alvarez J, Mun SS, Totonchy J, Gautam A, Delgado de la Mora J, Chang S, Wirth D, Horenstein M, Dao T, Scheinberg DA, Rubinstein PG, Semeere A, Martin J, Godfrey CC, Moser CB, Matining RM, Campbell TB, Borok MZ, Krown SE, **Cesarman E**. Wilms' tumor 1 (WT1) antigen is overexpressed in Kaposi Sarcoma and is regulated by KSHV vFLIP. PLoS Pathog. 2024 Jan 8;20(1):e1011881. doi: 10.1371/journal.ppat.1011881. Epub ahead of print. [PMID: 38190392](https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/38190392/).





Important Dates



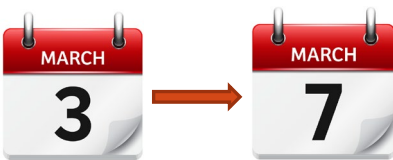
I.D. Faculty Meeting
12:00PM to 1:00PM
([Zoom Link](#))



I.D. Holiday Party
ALVIN Public House
406 E 64th Street
New York NY 10065
5:30PM – 8:30PM



President's Day
(WCM Holiday)



CROI (Conference on Retroviruses
and Opportunistic Infections)
Conference in Denver

2024