



# **Infectious Diseases Division Newsletter**

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# Awards and Honors



Congratulations to **Jasson Ruiz** - Senior Patient Coordinator- for being selected as a Star performer and Bronze Star (2<sup>nd</sup> year) in the Department of Medicine's Results, Rewards and Recognition Program.



Congratulations to **Jhumpa Sarkar** - Regulatory Coordinator- for being selected as a Star Performer 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](#))

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Congratulations to **Mary Vogler**, who was appointed as Clinical Associate Professor Emerita of Medicine, effective 1/1/2025.



# Appointments and Transitions



Congratulations to **Teresa Evering**, who has been re-elected to serve as an investigator on the NIH ACTG Comorbidities Transformative Science Group (CTSG) for a second 2-year term.





# Grants



Congratulations to **Guin Lee**, who received a grant from Merck, entitled: “Patterns of HIV archival drug resistance in intact versus defective proviral DNA genomes”.





## Other News

The Division of Infectious Diseases hosted its annual holiday party on January 7<sup>th</sup>, which was well-attended.

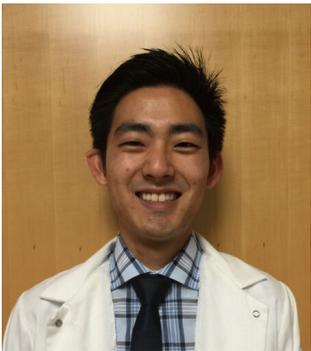




## Other News



**Lish Ndhlovu** gave an oral presentation at the 11th HIV Persistence during Therapy Workshop, entitled: “Leveraging Host Cellular Pathways for Targeting HIV CNS/Myeloid Reservoirs”. ([Link](#))



**Stephen Yeung** presented a poster at the 11th HIV Persistence during Therapy Workshop, entitled: “ Plasma levels of Galectin-3 and -9 correlate with gut microbial”. ([Link](#))



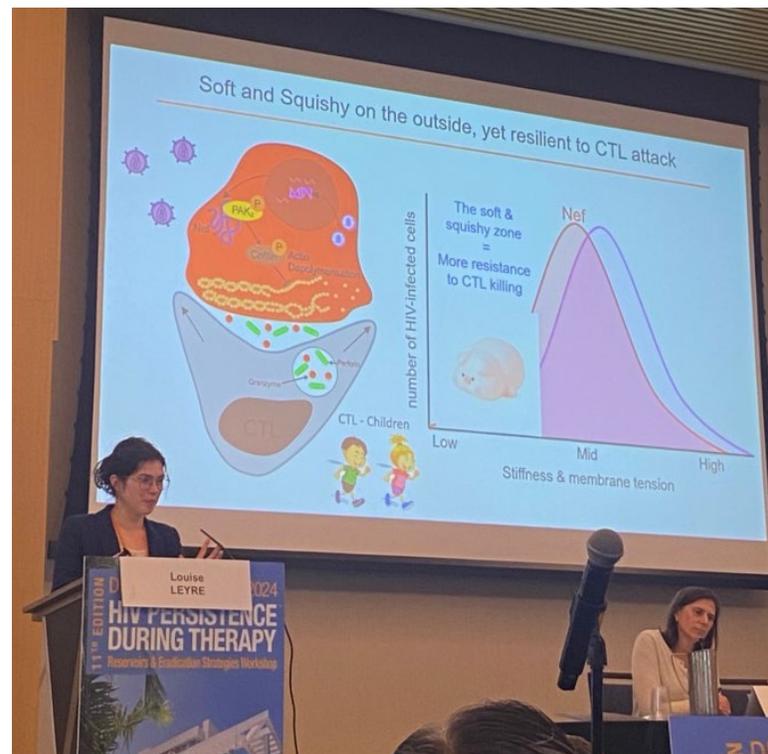
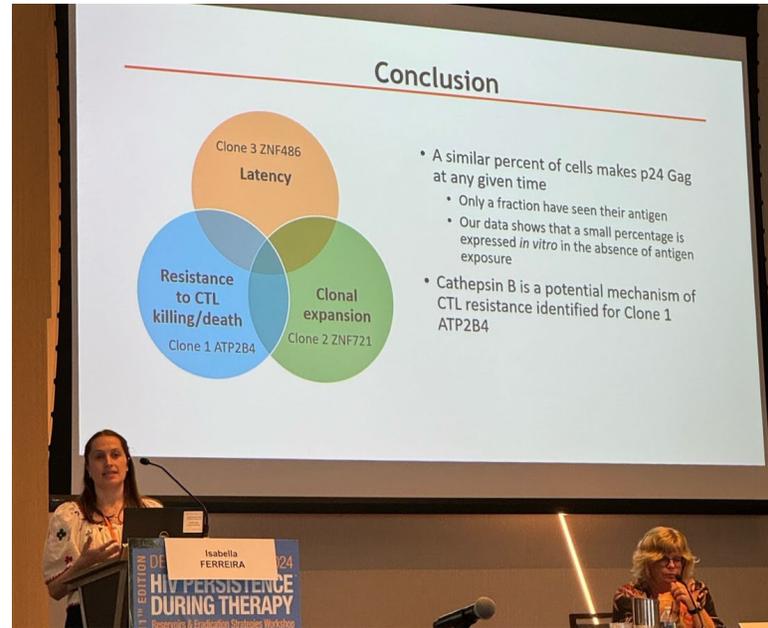


# Other News

Here are the talks given at the Ft Lauderdale workshop:

**Isabella Ferreira** (Jones Lab) – “Propagation of HIV reservoir clones reveals functional heterogeneity, suggesting diverse mechanisms of persistence”.

**Louise Leyre** (Jones Lab) – “A Novel HIV-1 Immune Evasion Strategy: How Softer HIV-1 Infected cells Preferentially Resist Cytotoxic T Lymphocytes (CTLs)”.





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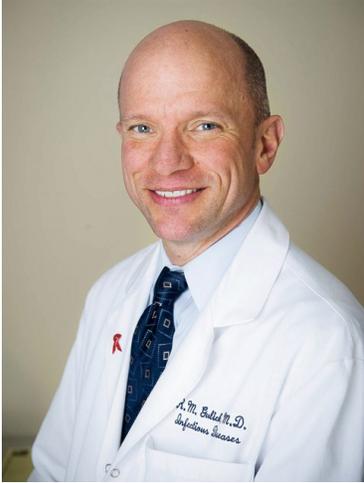


Congratulations to **Nell Eisenberg**, who had a baby girl on 1/9. Her name is Desi Vien Eisenberg. (Pictured below and with her brother.) All are happy in North Carolina!





# Newsroom Updates



**Trip Gulick** was featured in the following:

[New York Post](#): “Can You Get Bird Flu From Eating Chicken And Eggs? ”

[WCBS-TV](#) “Norovirus Cases Are Surging In New York City. Here's How You Can Avoid Getting Infected”.



**TingTing Wong** was featured in the following:

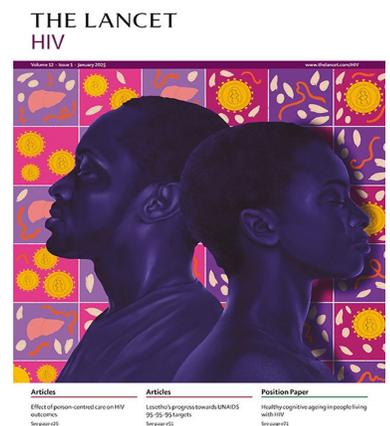
[HealthMatters.NYP](#): “Dealing With a Stomach Bug? Here’s What You Need to Know About Norovirus”.





# Divisional Publications

- **Bowler SA, Premeaux TA, Ratzan L, Friday C, Gianella S, Landay AL, Ndhlovu LC;** AIDS Clinical Trials Group NWCS 563. Plasma anti-CD4 IgG levels are associated with poor immune recovery in people with HIV initiating antiretroviral therapy. *AIDS*. 2025 Feb 1;39(2):208-210. doi: 10.1097/QAD.0000000000004044. Epub 2025 Jan 2. PMID: 39787486; [PMCID: PMC11731887](#).
- Cleary M, **Ndhlovu LC**, Sacha JB. Stem cell transplantation and allogeneic immunity: post treatment control or HIV cure? *Curr Opin HIV AIDS*. 2025 Jan 1;20(1):86-91. doi: 10.1097/COH.0000000000000892. Epub 2024 Nov 25. PMID: 39484913; [PMCID: PMC11620935](#).
- Cona A, Luppi M, **Kodiyanplakkal RP**, Perra S, Mularoni A, Malinis M. Riders on the Storm. *Transpl Infect Dis*. 2024 Dec 28:e14426. doi: 10.1111/tid.14426. Epub ahead of print. [PMID: 39731652](#).
- Maganga JK, **Pham K**, Changalucha JM, **Downs JA**. Sex as a biological variable in HIV-1 and schistosome co-infection. *Lancet HIV*. 2025 Jan;12(1):e60-e70. doi: 10.1016/S2352-3018(24)00234-0. Epub 2024 Oct 25. PMID: 39489933; [PMCID: PMC11710965](#).



- **Torres HM**. A synopsis of mpox. In: Rajendram R, Patel V, Preedy VR, ed. *The Scientific Basis of Mpox: Features, Prevention, and Treatments*. London: Elsevier; 2024:3-19. <https://doi.org/10.1016/B978-0-443-22123-1.00010-7>





# Important Dates



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



Dean's State of WCM Address  
(Robert Harrington, MD)  
Uris Auditorium  
4pm – 5pm



President's Day  
(WCM Holiday)



IAS-USA Annual Update on HIV Management  
in New York, New York  
**Grant Ellsworth** will be a Panelist  
([Register Here](#))