



Infectious Diseases Division Newsletter

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Awards and Honors

Congratulations to **Christopher Brown** and **Harjot Kaur Singh**, who received Excellence in Medical Education Awards.

- ***Christopher Brown*** for Translational Science
- ***Harjot Singh*** for Health, Illness, and Disease (HID) 2





Appointments and Transitions



Farewell and congratulations to **Leo Ratzan** (Lab Manager in the Ndhlovu's Lab), who will be starting Medical School at the University of Miami.



Farewell and congratulations to **Duane Smith**, who will be joining the faculty of the CUNY School of Medicine as Clinical Professor of Medicine.





Grants



Congratulations to **Lish Ndhlovu**, who:

- Successfully competed for an NIH R01, entitled: “Characterization of Allogeneic T Cells Mediating HIV Cure”.
- Received a contract from NIH, entitled: “Development of novel In-vitro and In-vivo Models to support NeuroHIV Research”, for one year.





Other News

On June 24th, **Trip Gulick** presented the Annual I.D. State of the Division talk, followed by a reception in Griffis (relocated from outside due to the temperature - 102°F). PowerPoint presentation attached.





Other News

Congratulations to our graduating fellows:

Sharan Yadav



Travis Larsen



Other News

Matt Simon was awarded the Faculty Excellence Award from our ID Fellows



Current and graduating fellows, pictured with our Fellowship Director and Associate Directors



Other News

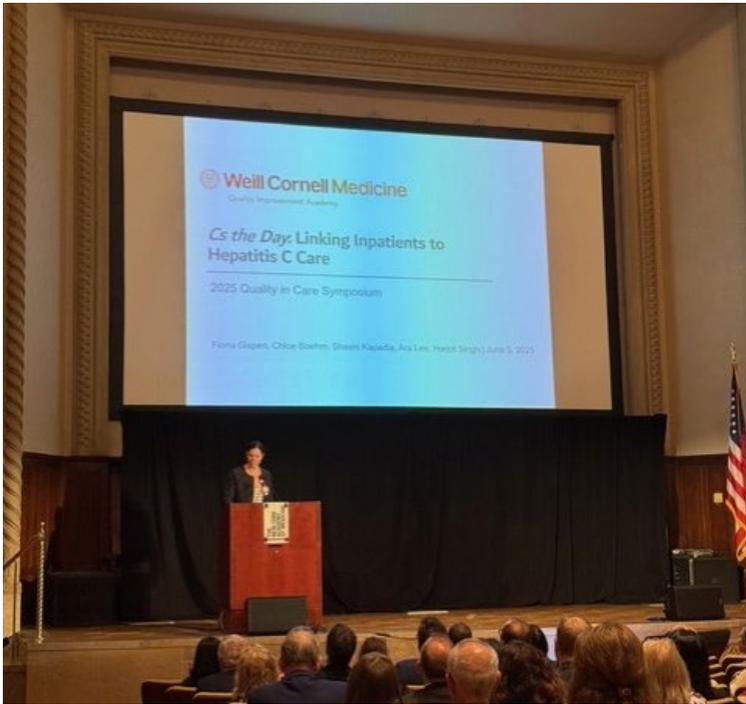
Linnie Golightly and **Duane Smith** were recognized with honorary plaques at the Year-End Celebration, recognizing 27 years of service with the Infectious Diseases Division.



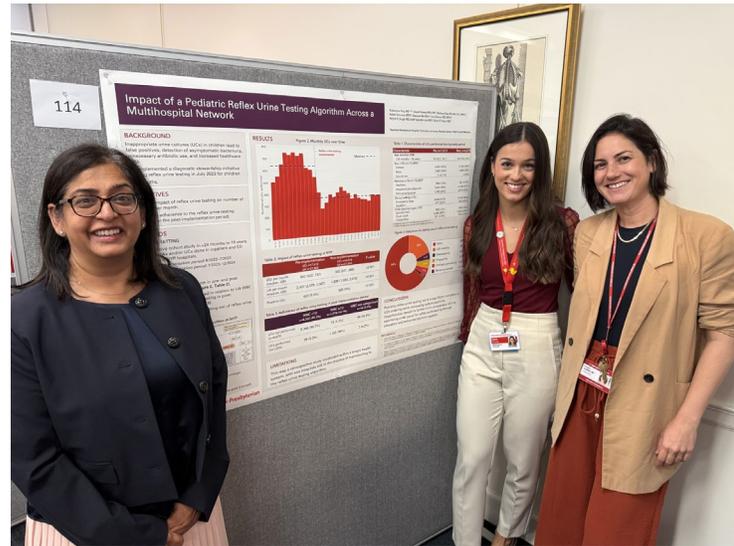


Other News

Fiona Gispen presented an oral presentation at the NYP 2nd Annual Quality Symposium, on June 5th.



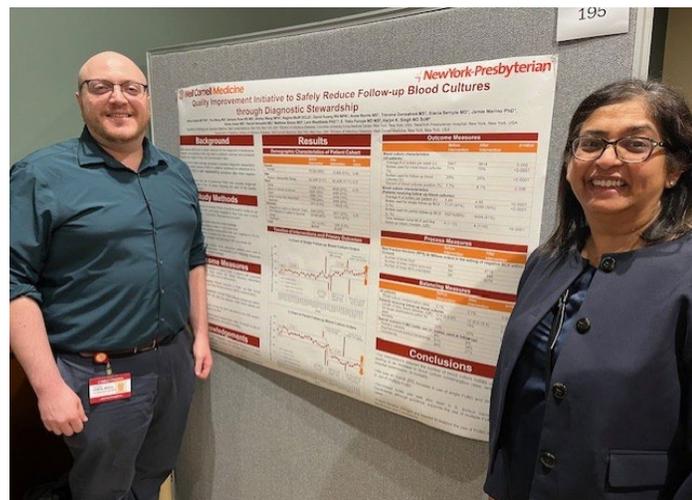
Additional posters were presented at the NYP 2nd Annual Quality Symposium:



Harjot Singh, Kasia Stoj (Peds Hospitalist) & Karen Acker



Heidi Torres & Katherine Maltz (Infection Prevention Nurse)



Jeff Kubiak & Harjot Singh



Other News

Priya Kodiyanplakkal presented on a panel at ASM Microbe, from June 19-23, in Los Angeles, entitled: “Fever and Altered Mental Status in a Renal Transplant Recipient”. ([Link](#))





Other News

Marina Caskey presented at the plenary session at the HPTN Annual Virtual Meeting, on June 3, 2025.

Summary

- bNAbs can **maintain viral suppression and prevent acquisition** of bNAb-sensitive viruses
- bNAbs are **advancing in development for therapy** in combination with LA-ARVs
- **Opportunities in prevention** as alternative to LA-ARV
- **Resistance is a major hurdle** that may be overcome by:
 - bNAb combinations
 - bNAbs of greater potency and breadth
 - bNAb engineering
- **Implementation challenges**
 - Improving manufacturability
 - Decreasing manufacturing costs
 - Creating delivery infrastructure

HPTN Annual Meeting
Together '25

Kristie Marks presented at the ACTG Annual Virtual meeting plenary, on June 26, 2025.

ACTG

Highly durable seroprotection with HepB-CpG vaccine in people with HIV (PWH): ACTG A5379 (BEeHIVE)

Kristen Marks, Minhee Kang, Triin Umbleja, Andrea Cox, Anchalee Avihingsanon, Patcharaphan Sugandhavesa, Leolin Katsidzira, Joshat Kosgei, Hugo Perazzo, Jennifer Price, Stephanie Caruso, Kevin Knowles, Beverly L. Alston-Smith, Parita Rathod and Kenneth E. Sherman for ACTG 5379 (BEe-HIVE) Study Team

Kristen Marks



Other News



Lish Ndhlovu served as an advisor for the Annual Research-for-Cure Academy in Bushbuckridge, South Africa, from June 19-21. ([Link](#))





Newsroom Updates



Brad Jones was featured in the following:

[NewYorkTimes](#): “MRNA, Used In Covid Shots, May Help Rid The Body Of H.I.V.”.



Mike Satlin was featured in the following:

[Cornell Chronicle](#): “Cancer patients face silent crisis from superbugs”.

[FORBES](#): “Cancer Patients Face Silent Crisis From Superbugs, New Research Shows”.





Divisional Publications

- Gupta V, **Satlin MJ**, Yu KC, Martei Y, Sung L, **Westblade LF**, Howard S, Ai C, Flayhart DC. Incidence and prevalence of antimicrobial resistance in outpatients with cancer: a multicentre, retrospective, cohort study. *Lancet Oncol.* 2025 May;26(5):620-628. doi: 10.1016/S1470-2045(25)00128-7. [PMID: 40318645](#).
- **Morales AE**, Benson G, Glavan S, Giuliano R, Dickson MA. Fifth subtype of Kaposi sarcoma in HIV-negative MSM: a retrospective single-arm cohort study from a tertiary care center in NYC from 2000 to 2022. *Oncologist.* 2025 Mar 10;30(3):oyaf024. doi: 10.1093/oncolo/oyaf024. PMID: 40079529; [PMCID: PMC11904781](#).
- Nambiar P, Liang T, Labo N, Hand J, Blumberg EA, Rana MM, Florman S, Haydel B, Morris MI, Schaenman J, Rodrigues MMS, Werbel WA, Bowring MG, Friedman-Moraco RJ, Stock P, Stosor V, Mehta S, Gilbert AJ, Elias N, Mehta SA, **Small CB**, Haidar G, Malinis M, Pereira MR, Aslam S, Wojciechowski D, La Hoz R, Santos CAQ, Apewokin S, Castillo-Lugo JA, Ranganna K, Morsheimer M, Massie A, Segev DL, Miley W, Marshall V, Whitby D, Tobian AAA, Durand CM. Kaposi Sarcoma-Associated Herpesvirus Risk and Disease in Kidney Donors and Transplant Recipients with HIV in the United States. *Clin Infect Dis.* 2025 May 5:ciaf229. doi: 10.1093/cid/ciaf229. Epub ahead of print. [PMID: 40324947](#).
- Shields RK, Abbo LM, Ackley R, Aitken SL, Albrecht B, Babiker A, Burgoon R, Cifuentes R, Claeys KC, Curry BN, DeSear KE, Gallagher JC, Golnabi EY, Gross AE, Hand J, Heil EL, Hornback KM, Kaye KS, Khuu TV, Klatt ME, Kline EG, Kubat RC, Kufel WD, Lee JH, Lepak AJ, Lim A, Ludwig JM, Macdougall C, Majumdar A, Mathers AJ, McCreary EK, Miller WR, Monogue ML, Moore WJ, Olson S, Oxer J, Pearson JC, Pham C, Pinargote P, Polk C, **Satlin MJ**, Satola SW, Shah S, Tamma PD, Tran TT, van Duin D, VanNatta M, Vega A, Venugopalan V, Veve MP, Wangchinda W, Witt LS, Wu JY, Pogue JM; PRECEDENT Network. Effectiveness of ceftazidime-avibactam versus ceftolozane-tazobactam for multidrug-resistant *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* infections in the USA (CACTUS): a multicentre, retrospective, observational study. *Lancet Infect Dis.* 2025 May;25(5):574-584. doi: 10.1016/S1473-3099(24)00648-0. Epub 2024 Dec 16. Erratum in: *Lancet Infect Dis.* 2025 Feb;25(2):e68. doi: 10.1016/S1473-3099(25)00004-0. [PMID: 39701120](#).



Important Dates



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



Independence Day
(WCM Holiday)



WCM-Rutgers Health NeuroHIV
Research Symposium II
Belfer Research Building
BB 302-A and B
([Zoom link](#))