



Infectious Diseases

Division Newsletter

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Awards and Honors



Congratulations to I.D. Division “[New York Super Doctors](#)”
2024

Super Doctors

- Marshall J. Glesby
- Roy M. Gulick
- Barry J. Hartman
- David Helfgott
- Jason S. Kendler
- Andy Miller
- Michael J. Satlin
- Matthew S. Simon
- Ole Vilemeyer

Rising Stars

- Shashi Kapadia
- Rosy Priya Kodiyanplakkal
 - Ayana Morales
 - Kohta Saito



Awards and Honors



Congratulations to “Castle Connolly 2024, Infectious Diseases” top doctors. These awardees are recognized throughout the year, based on peer nominations and outstanding accomplishments and dedication to the field of medicine.

- Barry Brause
- Marshall Glesby
- Catherine Hart
- David Helfgott
- Michael Henry
- Henry Murray
- Thomas Nash
- Sorana Segal-Maurer
- Rosemary Soave
- Adam Stracher
- Ole Vielemeyer



Awards and Honors



Congratulations to **Alexander Stabell**, who was one of two 2024 IDSNY Abstract Winners.

The Barrier to HIV-1 Escape from Broadly neutralizing antibodies varies between different HIV-1 isolates

At WCM Commencement (May 16, 2024) the 4th Year Medical Student Awards in Infectious Diseases were awarded to:

The Jay Lawrence Award for Clinical Proficiency in Infectious Diseases:
Nissiya Adjei

The Anthony Seth Werner, MD, Memorial Prize for Research in Infectious Diseases: Natalie Nguyen



Nissiya Adjei



Natalie Nguyen



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Congratulations to **Juana Disla**, Sr. Patient Coordinator, 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 **Grace Maldarelli**, who successfully competed for a CTSC KL2 Scholar Award for the initial funding period starting on July 1, 2024.



Congratulations to **Joshua Rosenblatt**, who was accepted into the 2024-2025 Leadership in Academic Medicine Program (LAMP).



Congratulations to **Mirella Salvatore**, who was elected as Vice President of the Infectious Diseases Society of New York (IDSNY).



Awards and Honors



Congratulations to **Candace Alleyne**, who was awarded her Masters of Science in Clinical and Translational Investigation from Weill Cornell Medicine Graduate School in May 2024.



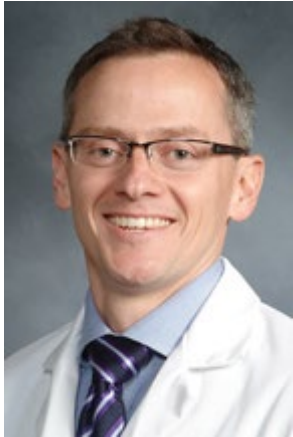
Congratulations to **Evan Cooper**, who was awarded his Masters of Science in Clinical & Translational Investigation from Weill Cornell Medicine Graduate School in May 2024.



Congratulations to **Anna Mertelsmann**, who was awarded her Masters of Science in Clinical Epidemiology and Health Care Services from Weill Cornell Medicine Graduate School in May 2024.



Appointments and Transitions



Farewell and congratulations to **David Calfee**, who will be leaving WCM on 6/30/2024 and taking a position as Director of the Healthcare-Associated Infection Division of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) (U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services).

We will recognize all our departing faculty members and fellows at the end-of-year celebration (06/25/2024)!



Grants



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



Congratulations to **Chris Brown** and **Kohta Saito**, who successfully competed for an NIH R21 Grant entitled: “Interrogating complex mycobacterial population structures using single-cell RNA sequencing”.





Other News



Congratulations to **Carrie Johnston**, who welcomed a baby girl on 05/02/2024. Her name is Sloane Waverly Johnston.





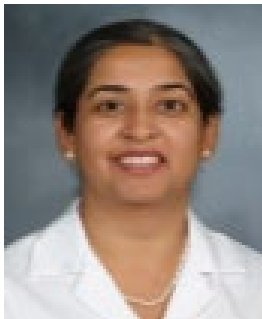
Other News

Congratulations to **Shashi Kapadia** and his wife Czarina on their wedding. It was on May 19th at the Swan Club on the Harbor, in Roslyn, NY.





Other News

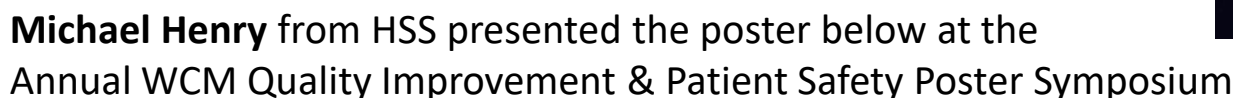


The following abstracts from **Harjot Singh** was selected for the Annual Weill Cornell Medicine Quality Improvement and Patient Safety Poster Symposium:

- “Improving Physician Assistants’ and Nurses’ Knowledge, Attitudes, and Practice of Diagnostic Stewardship and HAI Prevention” -Cynthia Cain¹, PA-C, Daniella Dusevic, Karolina Walichnowska, **Harjot K. Singh**
- “Improving Peripartum Beta lactam Use Among Pregnant Patients with Reported Penicillin Allergy” -Ethan Wood, Sarah Weingarten, Debra D’Angelo, Inna Landres, Corrina Horrey-Oxford, Szilvia Nagy, Julia Cron, Steven Yen, Ally Stilwell, **Harjot K Singh**
- “Reducing Cytomegalovirus and Hepatitis Genotype Inappropriate testing with Diagnostic Stewardship” - Christian Darren Baguistan, Regina Wulff, Stacia Semple, Sonal Kumar, **Lars Westblade**, Jacob Rand, Neal Lindeman, **Harjot K. Singh**



Our deepest condolences to **Hank Murray** for the loss of his wife, Diana.





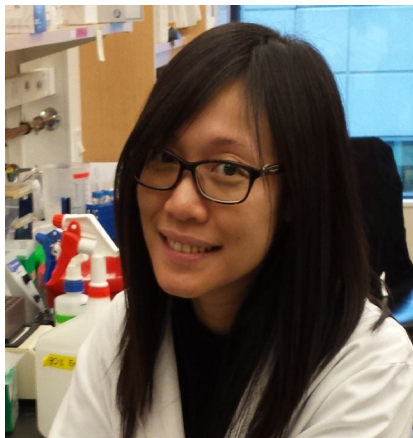
Other News

REACH
For the Cure

Research Enterprise to Advance a Cure for HIV



Year 3 - Annual REACH Meeting was held on May 16 - May 17.



The following were awarded:

Young Investigator – **Louise Leyre**

Paper of the Year – **Guin Lee**





Other News

Congratulations to **Evan Cooper**, who participated at the annual New York AIDS Race, on May 19, 2024, and finished at 3rd place.





Divisional Publications

- Anoushka Joglekar, Wen Hu, Bei Zhang, Oleksandr Narykov, Mark Diekhans, Jordan Marrocco, Jennifer Balacco, **Lishomwa C. Ndhlovu**, Teresa A. Milner, Olivier Fedrigo, Erich D. Jarvis, Gloria Sheynkman, Dmitry Korkin, M. Elizabeth Ross, & Hagen U. Tilgner. Single-cell long-read sequencing-based mapping reveals specialized splicing patterns in developing and adult mouse and human brain. *Nat Neurosci* (2024). <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41593-024-01616-4>.
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- Caplan AS, Todd GC, Zhu Y, Sikora M, Akoh CC, Jakus J, Lipner SR, Babbush K, **Acker KP, Morales AE, Rolón RMM, Westblade LF**, Fonseca M, Cline A, Gold JAW, Lockhart SR, Smith DJ, Chiller T, Greendyke WG, Manjari SR, Banavali NK, Chaturvedi S. Clinical Course, Antifungal Susceptibility, and Genomic Sequencing of *Trichophyton indotineae*. *JAMA Dermatol*. 2024 May 15:e241126. doi: 10.1001/jamadermatol.2024.1126. Epub ahead of print. PMID: 38748419; PMCID: PMC11097098.
- Kyle W. Kroll, Brady Hueber, Harikrishnan Balachandran, Ameera Afifi, Cordelia Manickam, Danielle Nettore, Justin Pollara, Andrew Hudson, Griffin Woolley, **Lishomwa C. Ndhlovu**, R. Keith Reeves, Fc α RI (CD89) is upregulated on subsets of mucosal and circulating NK cells and regulates IgA-class specific signaling and functions, *Mucosal Immunology*, 2024, ISSN 1933-0219, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.mucimm.2024.04.003>.





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- **Thomas A. Premeaux, Scott Bowler, Courtney M. Friday,** Carlee B. Moser, Martin Hoenigl, Michael M. Lederman, Alan L. Landay, Sara Gianella, **Lishomwa C. Ndhlovu.** Machine learning models based on fluid immunoproteins that predict non-AIDS adverse events in people with HIV, *iScience*, Volume 27, Issue 6, 2024, 109945, ISSN 2589-0042, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.isci.2024.109945>.
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- Weili Kong, Julie Frouard, Guorui Xie, **Michael J Corley**, Ekram Helmy, Gang Zhang, Roland Schwarzer, Mauricio Montano, Peter Sohn, Nadia R Roan, **Lishomwa C Ndhlovu**, Li Gan, Warner C Greene, Neuroinflammation generated by HIV-infected microglia promotes dysfunction and death of neurons in human brain organoids, *PNAS Nexus*, Volume 3, Issue 5, May 2024, pgae179, <https://doi.org/10.1093/pnasnexus/pgae179>





Important Dates



15th Annual Infectious Disease Update 2024
Uris Auditorium
9AM to 1PM
([Register Link](#))



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



Juneteenth
(WCM Holiday)



State of the I.D. Division Talk
Belfer 202-3
4PM – 5PM

End of Year Celebration
1300 York Courtyard
5PM – 8PM



Independence Day
(WCM Holiday)