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# DIVISIONAL PROGRAMS & FACULTY AND FELLOW PROFILES

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#### **DIVISION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES -- INTRODUCTION**

The mission of the Division of Infectious Diseases (ID) at Weill Cornell Medical College and New York-Presbyterian Hospital (NYPH) is to conduct cutting-edge research; to provide outstanding clinical care; and to provide the highest quality education and training in infectious diseases. The Division has over 50 full-time, affiliated, voluntary and adjunct faculty members and includes basic, translational, clinical, and epidemiologic research programs; the ID clinical services at NYPH-Weill Cornell Medical Center; and the ID Fellowship Training Program.



The Division of ID facilities include over 12,000 square feet of research and administrative space. There are 10 research laboratories (7,500 sq. ft.) equipped for basic and translational molecular, microbiological, and immunologic studies and staff offices. Major laboratory research projects investigate antibiotic and antifungal drug development, bacterial pathogenesis, bioterrorism agents, influenza, leishmaniasis, malaria, and tuberculosis. Major clinical research projects investigate bacterial drug resistance, hepatitis, HIV/AIDS, hospital epidemiology/infection control, human papillomavirus, and transplantation ID. The Center for Global Health coordinates the division's international network of clinical, research and training programs, including our activities in Brazil, Haiti, India, and Tanzania, with faculty and/or fellows at each site. Research interests include HIV/AIDS, HTLV-1, leprosy, malaria, leishmaniasis, schistosomiasis, and tuberculosis. Current funding for sponsored research and training in the Division of ID in 2012–2013 exceeds \$7 million.

The clinical facilities of the division serve both outpatients and inpatients from the New York City area. ID Associates, located across the street from the medical school at 450 East 69<sup>th</sup> Street, includes the ID faculty and fellows outpatient practices, serving both immunocompetent and immunosuppressed patients, and the Travel Medicine service that is staffed by the faculty and provides travel advice and immunizations for 3,000–4,000 travelers annually. Inpatients are seen at New York Presbyterian Hospital, a large 867–bed tertiary care hospital, and the Hospital for Special Surgery, a 172–bed rheumatology and orthopedic specialty hospital, co-located on the Upper East Side of Manhattan. The HIV/AIDS Program provides care to over 2,500 HIV-infected persons, in addition to conducting translational and clinical research. The Center for Special Studies (the HIV primary care clinic, a New York State-designated AIDS Center) and the Cornell HIV Clinical Trials Unit (CCTU) outpatient facilities occupy two floors of NYPH as well as an off-site location in the Chelsea neighborhood of Manhattan (West 24<sup>th</sup> Street and 6th Avenue). Other major clinical programs in the division are the Transplantation/Oncology ID Service, serving patients with stem cell transplants, solid organ transplants (kidney, pancreas, liver) and/or malignancies, and the Hospital Epidemiology/Infection Control Program.

The Fellowship Training Program in ID provides intensive clinical and research training for developing physician-scientists. Graduates of the program are highly qualified to conduct research, provide clinical care, and assume leadership roles in ID. Our fellows typically go on to academic faculty appointments and/or positions in state, federal, or international public health organizations. The ID fellowship training program emphasizes both inpatient and ambulatory clinical training during the first year. The second and third years emphasize basic, translational, clinical, or epidemiologic research at Weill-Cornell, Rockefeller University (including the Aaron Diamond AIDS Research Center), Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, or other affiliated programs. Fellow research training is supported by an NIH-sponsored T32 Training Grant. Additional training is available through Master's degree programs in clinical investigation or clinical epidemiology/health services research and other specialized training programs in clinical microbiology, preventive medicine, and public health. In addition, our division offers clinical electives in ID and HIV/AIDS for residents and medical students and sponsors educational programs for providers at NYPH and in the community.

#### **DIVISION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES FACULTY**

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#### INFECTIOUS DISEASES FELLOWSHIP TRAINING PROGRAM

#### Mission

The major goal of our program is the training of academic physician-scientists. We provide a wide variety of clinical training experiences in different venues including: the inpatient consult services of New York-Presbyterian (NYPH)/Weill Cornell (general and immunocompromised), the Hospital for Special Surgery (orthopedics, rheumatology), and Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center; weekly outpatient clinic experiences encompassing general ID, HIV/AIDS, and travel medicine; clinical elective rotations; clinical microbiology laboratory and hospital epidemiology rotations; and a sexually transmitted disease rotation at the NYC Department of Health. All fellows develop a research project in collaboration with one or more faculty mentors from Weill-Cornell, Rockefeller University, or Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center. Fellows' research projects span basic, translational, clinical, and epidemiologic research in diverse areas of investigation. The majority of our fellowship graduates seek careers either in academia, government or with private foundations.

#### **Clinical Rotations**

The New York- Presbyterian Hospital-Weill Cornell Medical Center is the primary institution of our fellowship training program. The medical center is located in a large clinical and research complex on the Upper East Side of Manhattan. New York-Presbyterian Hospital (NYPH) is the current name of what were formerly two distinct institutions: the Cornell-New York Hospital and the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center. Currently, New York-Presbyterian Hospital is the largest health care facility in the New York Metropolitan area and one of the largest and most prestigious in the world. The Greenberg Pavilion of the New York-Presbyterian Hospital (Cornell campus) is a one million square foot facility with 867 patient beds. Weill-Cornell Medical College and Columbia College of Physicians and Surgeons remain independent institutions with separate infectious diseases fellowship programs.

The clinical rotations are concentrated in the first year of training. First-year fellows spend ~10 months on clinical rotations and second-year fellows spend ~2 months, with the majority of this time spent on the inpatient consultation service. Our active consultation service serves a broad range of complex medical and surgical patients. On average, the consult service manages 80-90 inpatient consults per month from both New York-Presbyterian Hospital as well as Hospital for Special Surgery (affiliated 172-bed hospital renowned for treatment of orthopedic and rheumatologic conditions). An infectious-disease trained specialty PharmD participates actively on the consult service as do Cornell's Internal Medicine residents and 4<sup>th</sup> year medical students. In addition to NYPH general ID consult service, fellows rotate on our immunocompromised host and transplant services (bone marrow and solid organ transplantation including kidney, liver, and pancreas). They also spend one month on the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center (MSKCC) inpatient consultation service (MSKCC, located across the street, is a hospital specializing in oncologic evaluation and treatment). Fellows rotate through selected clinical electives including cardiovascular and neurologic infections, HIV/AIDS, orthopedic and rheumatologic infections, and pediatric infectious diseases. In addition, fellows also spend one month combined in NYPH's Clinical Microbiology Laboratory and in the Hospital Epidemiology/Infection Control Department. Fellows also have the option of an international elective at Weill Bugando Medical Center in Tanzania.

First- and second-year fellows participate in a weekly continuity outpatient clinic that alternates between care for patients with general infectious diseases and for patients with HIV/AIDS. Through the ambulatory care system, fellows build a panel of patients whom they will follow over the course of the fellowship, with guidance from a faculty preceptor. Fellows also participate actively in the care of patients seeking consultation prior to international travel.

A sample schedule of the first two fellowship years follows:

Month	First Year	Second Year
July	NYPH Consult Service	Research
August	Epidemiology Rotation * Microbiology Rotation *	NYPH Consult Service
September	NYPH Consult Service	STD Clinic Rotation Research
October	NYPH Consult Service Research	Research
November	Vacation Clinical Elective #1	Research
December	NYPH Consult Service	Research Vacation
January	NYPH Consult Service	NYPH Consult Service
February	Leukemia Consult Service Stem Cell Transplant Consult Service	Research
March	Vacation Research	Research
April	Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center Consult Service	Research Vacation
Мау	Clinical Elective #2 Lymphoma & Solid Organ Transplant Consult Service	International Elective (Tanzania)
June	NYPH Consult Service Clinical Elective #3	Research

\* During the epidemiology and microbiology rotations, the fellows see patients in Travel Medicine one evening per week.

Clinical Elective offerings:

- Cardiovascular/Neurosurgical Infections Barry Hartman, MD
- HIV Outpatient Interdisciplinary Care Team Harjot Singh, MD
- Orthopedic/Rheumatologic Infections Barry Brause, MD
- Pediatric Infectious Diseases Christine Salvatore, MD

#### Basic, Translational, Clinical, and Epidemiologic Research

Research training occupies the majority of the second and third years of fellowship. Fellows select from a broad range of research opportunities in basic, translational, clinical or epidemiologic research. Fellows conduct their research in the Weill-Cornell Division of Infectious Diseases, other divisions within the Department of Medicine (e.g. Gastroenterology/Hepatology), other departments within the Medical College (e.g. Department of Microbiology and Immunology, Department of Public Health), Rockefeller

University, or the Memorial-Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. Faculty mentorship from these diverse institutions allows a wide diversity of research opportunities.

The Division has an NIH-sponsored T32 training grant to support research training of developing physician-scientists that supports fellows during their research years. The objective is to train physician-scientists in biomedical research, with an emphasis on the pathogenesis of infectious diseases. Weill Cornell also has an NIH-funded Clinical and Translational Science Center (CTSC) with state-of-the-art facilities for conducting translational and clinical research.

Our fellowship graduates have generally received independent research awards following their fellowship, primarily from the NIH, including K08 (Mentored Clinical Scientist Development Award), K23 (Mentored Patient-Oriented Research Career Development Award), and KL2 Post-doctoral Scholars awards. Of our past 19 fellows to complete our program, 12 have received one of these awards (100% of those who applied) and 4 others have received foundation grants. Research topics have included agents of bioterrorism, gram-negative resistance, HIV pathogenesis, HIV/TB coinfection, HIV & genital schistosomiasis, HIV vaccine development, HTLV-1, KSHV/HHV8, malaria, S. *aureus*, tuberculosis, and viral hepatitis.

#### Supplemental Training Programs

Other training programs within the medical college are available to supplement fellowship training, depending on the fellow's specific interests.

#### Clinical Research Training: Certificate and Masters Degree Programs

http://www.med.cornell.edu/clinicalresearch/ -The Graduate Program in Clinical and Translational Investigation at Weill Cornell Medical College trains patient-oriented researchers to conceive, design, and conduct independent clinical research in a well-structured cross-disciplinary team environment. The National Institutes of Health funds this program through their Clinical & Translational Science Award. The curriculum offers two tracks that are designed for rigorous training in clinical investigation. The first track covers a core curriculum providing the basic skills of clinical investigation, and leads to a **Certificate of Clinical Investigation**. It includes training in the development of research hypotheses and methods of hypothesis testing; grant writing and manuscript preparation; data collection, construction of databases and data management systems; computer programs for data analysis; statistical analysis and the appropriate use of various statistical techniques in clinical research; basic epidemiologic principles in clinical research; design and conduct of meta-analyses and clinical trials; ethics and human subjects protection in the conduct of patient-oriented research; regulatory requirements of clinical research; preparing protocols for the Institutional Review Board and other agencies; grants management and intellectual property; and general and specific state-of-the-art research tools and techniques. The second track leading to a Masters Degree in Clinical **Investigation**, includes the core curriculum; additional electives in the trainee's area of interest; and a clinical research project mentored in its design and implementation by a clinical investigator. Members of the Infectious Disease Division (Drs. Glesby, Gulick, Wilkin) serve as faculty for this training program. Many of our fellows and junior faculty members have used this program to supplement their training as clinical researchers. A K30 training grant covers tuition for those accepted to the program.

#### **Preventive Medicine Training**

<u>http://www.med.cornell.edu/public.health/res\_gen.html</u> – Weill Cornell's Department of Public Health offers a General Preventive Medicine Training Program, for which ID fellows are eligible after their initial year of clinical ID training. As part of the General Preventive Medicine Program, fellows enroll in the Masters Degree Program in Clinical Investigation. At the end of the program, they are eligible for certification by the American Board of Preventive Medicine. The program emphasizes epidemiology, biostatistics, clinical and preventive medicine, medical care organization, medical sociology, and health

economics and education. Fellows participate in Cornell's Public Health seminars. Fellows also undertake an original research project. Each fellow will have an individual program designed to meet his/her specific professional goals. Fellows have used this program to supplement their training in hospital epidemiology and public health.

#### Graduate Program in Clinical Epidemiology & Health Services

http://weill.cornell.edu/gradschool/program/ce\_courses.html

The Graduate Program in Clinical Epidemiology & Health Services offers an 8-week intensive summer program or a 2-4 year Master of Science (MS) degree in Clinical Epidemiology & Health Services Research. The program is designed for fellows who wish to plan, implement and analyze quantitative and qualitative research studies, using appropriate research designs. The core of the curriculum includes research methodology, biostatistical techniques, data management, decision analysis, health economics and program evaluation. Graduates of the Masters program will be prepared to pursue academic careers in a variety of settings where data is required to answer complex questions. The emphasis is on training clinician researchers to teach research methods, conduct methodologically rigorous and scientifically sound studies, evaluate programs and perform cost-effectiveness and cost-benefit studies in a variety of populations. Many of our fellows doing international research have supplemented their clinical research training by participating in this program's Global Health track. Members of the Infectious Diseases Division (Drs. Glesby, Fitzgerald) serve as faculty for this training program.

#### **Divisional Conferences**

A variety of conferences are offered to support education and training of Infectious Diseases Fellows. These include:

- Advanced Topics in Infectious Diseases (weekly lectures from WCMC and MSKCC faculty or outside speakers on ID-related topics)
- Clinical Case Conference (weekly discussion of cases led by the fellows)
- Department of Microbiology and Immunology Research-In-Progress talks (monthly)
- Divisional Journal Club and Research Conference
- Fellow Core Topics in Infectious Diseases (weekly basic lectures during the summer and every other week during the year)
- Fellow Journal Club (every other week)
- HIV Conference (weekly alternating with journal club, lectures, and discussion of ongoing clinical trials)
- ID Fellow Research-In-Progress talks (monthly)
- Intercity Infectious Disease Rounds (weekly rotating with other institutions in the New York area)
- Medical Grand Rounds (weekly)
- Microbiology Laboratory Plate Rounds (weekly review of interesting specimens, often from the clinical service)

## CURRENT INFECTIOUS DISEASES FELLOWS (2012)

Name	Year of Fellowship	Medical School	Internal Medicine Residency	Research Project
Kathryn Dupnik, MD kad9040@med.cornell.edu	4	University of Virginia	Columbia	Leprosy in Brazil
Jyoti Mathad, MD jsm9009@med.cornell.edu	4	Albany Medical College	University of Maryland	Latent TB and HIV in pregnancy in India; Masters of Science Program in Clinical Epidemiology and Health Services Research KL-2 Post-doctoral Scholar's Award
Selin Somersan, MD ses9022@med.cornell.edu	4	Harvard	Weill Cornell	Pathogenesis of M. tuberculosis
Samantha Jacobs, MD sej9006@med.cornell.edu	3	University of Pennsylvania	Mount Sinai	Transplant ID; Masters Program in Clinical Investigation
Daniel Shirley, MD das9135@med.cornell.edu	3	University of Kansas	University of Colorado Health Sciences Center	COPD in HIV; Masters of Science Program in Clinical Epidemiology and Health Services Research
Matthew Simon, MD mss9008@med.cornell.edu	3	Albert Einstein	Weill Cornell	Cost effectiveness in ID; Preventive Medicine Program
Bisrat Abraham, MD, MPH bka9002@nyp.org	2	Emory	Johns Hopkins	HIV epidemiology
Leah Burke, MD lab9079@nyp.org	2	Boston University	Yale – New Haven Hospital	HIV / Hepatitis C coinfection Certificate Program in Clinical Investigation

Matthew McCarthy, MD mwm9004@nyp.org	2	Harvard	Columbia	Pathogenesis of Candida
Ashita Batavia, MD asb2009@nyp.org	1	Weill Cornell	Yale/Weill Cornell	ТВА
Daniel Eiras, MD, MPH dpe9001@nyp.org	1	Mt. Sinai	NYU	ТВА
Flonza Isa, MD fli9001@nyp.org	1	NYU	Weill Cornell	ТВА



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## FORMER INFECTIOUS DISEASES FELLOWS (LAST 10 YEARS)

Name	Medical School	Internal Medicine Residency	Period of Fellowship Training and Research Topic	Current Position / K Awards
Meera Pahuja, MD	Virginia Commonwealth University	Weill Cornell	2008 – 2011 International HIV	Assistant Professor of Medicine Virginia Commonwealth University
Rituparna Pati, MD, MPH	University of Connecticut	Weill Cornell	2008 – 2011 International HIV/ HIV prevention	Director of Research of the Center for Comprehensive Care (HIV Program) St. Luke's – Roosevelt Hospital; Instructor in Medicine, Columbia
Michael Satlin, MD	University of Virginia	Weill Cornell	2008 – 2011 Multi-drug resistant gram- negative bacteria	Instructor in Medicine, Weill Cornell KL-2 Post-doctoral Scholars Award
Elizabeth Alexander, MD	Weill Cornell	Mt. Sinai	2007 – 2010 Staph. aureus	Assistant Professor of Medicine, Weill Cornell KL-2 Post-doctoral Scholars Award
Jennifer Downs, MD	Weill Cornell	Columbia	2007 – 2010 Female genital schistosomiasis	Assistant Professor of Medicine, Weill Cornell KL-2 Post-doctoral Scholars Award
Dahlene Fusco, MD, PhD	Albert Einstein	Massachusetts General Hospital	2006 – 2010 Immune responses to influenza	Instructor in Medicine, Harvard
Scott Weisenberg, MD	Tufts	University of California, San Diego	2005 — 2008 Tuberculosis	Staff Physician, Alta Bates Summit Medical Center, Oakland, CA; Assistant Clinical Professor UCSF KL-2 Post-doctoral Scholars Award
Lawrence Siegel, MD	Brown	Beth Israel- Deaconess	2005 – 2008 HPV infection; syphilis	Assistant Professor of Medicine, Weill Cornell
Daniel Morgan, MD	University of Rochester	University of Rochester	2004 – 2008 HTLV-1; MRSA	Assistant Professor of Epidemiology and Preventive Medicine, Univ. of Maryland K08 Mentored Clinical Scientist Research Career Development Award

Laura Kirkman, MD	Albert Einstein	Yale-New Haven	2004 – 2008 Malaria	Assistant Professor of Medicine, Weill Cornell K08 Mentored Clinical Scientist Research Career Development Award
Sandra Kesh, MD	Weill Cornell	Weill Cornell	2004 – 2007 Antibiotic pharmacology	Clinical Instructor in Medicine, Weill Cornell; Westchester Medical Group
Macarthur Charles, MD, PhD	Albert Einstein	Weill Cornell	2003 – 2007 HIV drug resistance	Assistant Professor of Medicine, Weill Cornell K23 Mentored Patient-oriented Research Career Development Award
Marina Caskey, MD	Universidad Federal de Sergipe, Brazil	St. Luke's- Roosevelt	2003 – 2006 HTLV-1 epidemiology	Assistant Professor in Clinical Investigation, Rockefeller University; Adjunct Assistant Professor of Medicine, Weill Cornell K23 Mentored Patient-oriented Research Career Development Award
Matthias Frank, MD, PhD	Free University, Berlin, Germany	University of Washington	2002 – 2006 Malaria antigens	Assistant Professor, Hamburg Institute for Tropical Medicine, Germany
Kristen Marks, MS, MD	Columbia	Weill Cornell	2002 – 2005 HIV/HCV hepatic steatosis	Assistant Professor, Weill Cornell K23 Mentored Patient-oriented Research Career Development Award
Kyu Rhee, MD, PhD	University of California, Irvine	Weill Cornell	2001 — 2005 Tuberculosis	Associate Professor, Weill Cornell K08 Mentored Clinical Scientist Research Career Development Award
David Gardiner, MD	Jefferson	Jefferson	2001 – 2004 HIV vaccines	Medical Director, Discovery Medicine, Virology Research and Development, Bristol-Myers Squibb K08 Mentored Clinical Scientist Research Career Development Award
Gonzalo Bearman, MD, MPH	SUNY Buffalo	SUNY Buffalo	2000 – 2003 Nosocomial infections	Associate Professor & Associate Hospital Epidemiologist, Virginia Commonwealth University
Kiren Mitruka, MD	UMDNJ	Yale-New Haven	2000 – 2002 Malaria gene expression	Medical Officer and Epidemiologist, Division of Tuberculosis Elimination, CDC

### PUBLICATIONS RELATED TO FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITIES BY CURRENT AND RECENT FELLOWS (LAST 10 YEARS)

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# ID DIVISION CURRENT RESEARCH AND TRAINING GRANTS

#### 2012 – 2013

Selected current research and training grants of the faculty and fellows in the Division of Infectious Diseases are listed below. There are opportunities for fellows to participate in these research projects, as well as with investigators at Rockefeller University or Memorial Sloan-Kettering Institute.

- 1. A Combined Metabolic and Genomics Approach to Vancomycin Resistance in *Enterococcus faecium.* **E Alexander.** WMC CTSC Pilot Award. 2012-2013.
- Enacting the Behavioral and Social Sciences in the Clinical Setting: Institution-Wide Teaching Effective Team-Based Patient Care. S Ball. NIH R25 subcontract. 2011-2015.
- 3. Benefits of Universal Glove and Gown Precautions (BUGG) Study. **DP Calfee.** Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ). 2011-2012.
- 4. Epidemiology of KPC-Producing Enterobacteriaceae in New York City. **DP Calfee.** CDC AAMC MM-1085-09/09. 2008-2012.
- 5. Health Information Technology to Reduce Healthcare-Associated Infections: HIT-HAI. E Larson, **DP Calfee.** NIH R01. 2012-2016.
- Phase III, Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled Study of the Efficacy, Safety, and Tolerability of a Single Infusion of MK-6072 (Human Monoclonal Antibody to C. *difficile* toxin B), and MK-3451A (Human Monoclonal Antibodies to C. *difficile* toxin A and B) in Patients Receiving Antibiotic Therapy for C. *difficile* Infection (MODIFY II). DP Calfee. Merck. 2012-2014.
- 7. Pathogenesis of Leishmaniasis: Host, Parasite and Vector Tropical Medicine Research Center (TMRC). **E Carvalho, WD Johnson.** NIH P50 Al30639. 1991-2017.
- 8. Monitoring Response to ARV Therapy and Development of HIV-1 Drug Resistance. **M Charles**. 5K23 AI073190. 2008-2013.
- 9. Amos Medical Faculty Development Award. **M Charles**. Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. 2008-2012.
- 10. New Creation is Everything: Christian Identity, Male Circumcision, and HIV/AIDS in Northwest Tanzania. **J Downs.** Lilly Theological Research Grants Program. 2011-2012.
- 11. Postdoctoral Fellowship in Tropical Infectious Diseases. **K Dupnik.** Burroughs Wellcome Fund/American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene. 2012-2014.
- 12. Natural History and Pathogenesis of HPV/HIV Co-infection in Haiti. **DW Fitzgerald.** NIH R01 CA142422. 2010-2013.
- 13. Global Health Research and Training in HIV and Tuberculosis. **DW Fitzgerald.** NIH K24 2012-2016.
- 14. Health Innovations at Weill Bugando Medical School, Tanzania. **D Fitzgerald, WD Johnson, R Peck.** Mulago Foundation. 2011-2013.
- 15. Clinical Trials for HIV Infection and HIV-Related Diseases. **MJ Glesby, RM Gulick, K Marks, M Vogler, TJ Wilkin**. Multiple Sources. 1999-2014.
- 16. NY/NJ AIDS Education and Training Center (AETC). **MJ Glesby, RM Gulick.** Health Research Services Administration (HRSA), CU H4A HA00071. 2002-2015.

- 17. The Women's Interagency HIV Study (WIHS/subcontract). **MJ Glesby**. NIH UO1 AI35004. 2003-2017.
- 18. Complications of Chronic Viral Infections. Mid-Career Investigator Award in Patient-Oriented Research. **MJ Glesby.** NIH K24 AI07884. 2008-2013.
- 19. H1N1 Clinical Trials Site. **MJ Glesby, RM Gulick, M Salvatore, TJ Wilkin.** NIH Division of Clinical Research. 2009-2013.
- 20. Endothelial Progenitor Cells and the Pathogenesis of Cerebral Malaria. L Golightly. NIH R01. 2011-2015.
- 21. Multiplexed Detection of Food and Waterborne Pathogens. F Barany, **LM Golightly, D** Larone. NIH U01 Al075470. 2007-2013.
- 22. Antiretroviral Therapy. Mid-Career Investigator Award in Patient-Oriented Research. **RM Gulick.** NIH K24 AI51966. 2003-2013.
- 23. Cornell HIV Clinical Trials Unit (AIDS Clinical Trials Group). **RM Gulick, MJ Glesby, K** Marks, M Vogler, TJ Wilkin. NIH U01 AI69419. 2007-2014.
- H1N1 Influenza Observational Studies in Inpatients and Outpatients. RM Gulick, MJ Glesby, M Salvatore, TJ Wilkin. NIH-funded INSIGHT Clinical Trials Network. 2009-2013.
- 25. AIDS International Training and Research Program. **WD Johnson**. NIH D43 TW000018. 1988-2013.
- 26. Pathogenesis of Infectious Diseases Training. **WD Johnson, MJ Glesby.** NIH T32 AI07613. 1999-2014.
- 27. Haiti Research Training: Models to Implementation (ICOHRTA). **WD Johnson, JW Pape.** NIH U2R TW006896. 2004-2014.
- 28. Innovative Approaches for TB Control in Brazil. **WD Johnson**. NIH 5U2RTW006885.
- 29. Clinical Scholar in Microbiology and Infectious Diseases. **L Kirkman.** William Randolph Hearst Foundation. 2012-2015.
- 30. Genetic Diversity in Virulence Genes of Plasmodium falciparum. **L Kirkman**. 1K08 Al076635. 2008-2013.
- 31. HCV Testing in Commercial Sex Venues. WCMC CTSC Community Engagement Award. 2011-2012.
- 32. Diagnosis of Tuberculosis and Th1 Immune Response in Pregnant Women in Pune, India. **J Mathad.** WMC CTSC KL2 Global Health Fellowship. 2012-2014.
- 33. Immunochemotherapy in Visceral Leishmaniasis. **H Murray.** NIH R01 Al083219. 2010-2015.
- 34. Heiser Fellowship in Tuberculosis Research. **M Nandakumar, K Rhee.** New York Community Trust. 2011-2013.
- 35. International Clinical Trials Unit (Haiti CTU). **JW Pape, RM Gulick, DW Fitzgerald, WD Johnson.** NIH U01 AI069421-01. 2006-2014.
- 36. Caribbean, Central South America Network: CCASAnet (IEDEA). **JW Pape.** NIH 5 U01 AI06992303. 2007-2012.
- 37. Epidemiology of HPV Related Cervical Diseases in Haiti. **JW Pape.** International Development Research Centre (IDRC) of Canada. C111-2, HIT-05. 2009-2012.
- 38. Enzymes of Intermediary Metabolism in *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*: Anti-Mycobacterial Targets of Nitric Oxide. **KY Rhee.** Burroughs Wellcome Career Award in the Biomedical Sciences. 2005-2012.

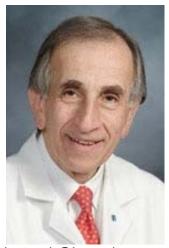
- 39. Metabolomics Approaches to TB Drug Development. **KY Rhee.** Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation TB Drug Accelerator. 2010-2013.
- 40. Tuberculosis Latency. **KY Rhee.** Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Grand Challenges. 2011-2013.
- 41. Urinary Biomarkers for TB Diagnosis. **KY Rhee.** Lura Cook Hull Trust. 2010-2012.
- 42. Carbapenem-Resistant Enterics in Patients with Hematologic Malignancies. **M Satlin**. WMC CTSC KL2 Career Award. 2012-2013.
- 43. Targeted Vector Delivery for Rapid Protection from Infectious Diseases. **M Salvatore.** Feldstein Medical Foundation. 2012-2013.
- 44. Clinical Studies of Isavuconazole in Aspergillosis, Candidiasis, and Uncommon Fungal Pathogens. **T Walsh, M Satlin, R Soave, D Helfgott, S Jacobs.** Astellas. 2012-2013.
- 45. Deferasirox for Pulmonary Aspergillus in Rabbits. **T Walsh, R Petraitiene, V Petraitis.** Novartis. 2011-2012.
- 46. Pharmacokinetics and Pharmacodynamics of ASP 9726 (antifungal) vs. Caspofungin B in Rabbits. **T Walsh, R Petraitiene, V Petraitis.** Astellas. 2011-2012.
- 47. Pharmacokinetics and Pharmacodynamics of ASP 9726 (antifungal) vs. Voriconazole or Amphotericin B in Rabbits. **T Walsh, R Petraitiene, V Petraitis.** Astellas. 2011-2012.
- Pharmacokinetics/Pharmacodynamics of Drugs in Ventilator-Associated Pneumonia. T Walsh, M Satlin, R Soave, D Helfgott, S Jacobs, R Petraitiene. Broad Agency Agreement (BAA), NIAID. 2012-2016.
- 49. Clinical Trial of Anti-herpes Zoster Vaccine in Adult Autologous Haematopoietic Stem Cell Transplant (HCT) Recipients. **T Walsh, M Satlin, R Soave, D Helfgott, S Jacobs, R Petraitiene.** GlaxoSmith-Kline. 2012-2013.
- 50. Development of Educational Initiatives for Families and Children with Infections Complicating Hematological Malignancies and Transplantation. **T Walsh.** Save Our Sick Kids Foundation. 2012-2013.
- 51. Henry Schueler Foundation Scholar. **T Walsh.** Development of New Methods for Diagnosis of Mucormycosis. 2012-2017.
- 52. AIDS Malignancy Consortium (subcontract). **TJ Wilkin.** NIH U01 CA121947. 2010-2015.
- 53. EraMune: Clinical Trial on HIV Eradication (subcontract). **TJ Wilkin.** OrVACS/Northwestern University. 2010-2013.

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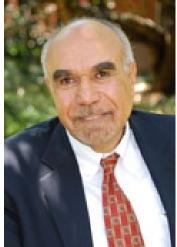
**Anne Moscona, MD** Professor of Pediatrics and of Microbiology and Immunology, Vice Chair for Research of Pediatrics at Weill Cornell Medical Center, and Director of the Division of Pediatric Infectious Diseases. She received her undergraduate degree in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology from Harvard University in 1978, her M.D. from Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons in 1982 and completed her residency and fellowship training at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine. Renowned for her research in paramyxovirus biology, Dr. Moscona is active in training faculty, fellows, medical students and graduate students in pediatric infectious diseases and in virology research. Her infectious diseases and basic virology studies bridge clinical pediatrics and basic pathogenesis research, with a focus on translating fundamental virology to future therapeutics. Her honors include election to the American Society of Clinical Investigation (ASCI) and Fellowship in the American Academy of Microbiology.

The Arthur R. Ashe Professor of Medicine. Henry W. Murray, MD Dr. Murray is an expert in macrophage activation, immunopathogenesis of infection caused by intracellular pathogens, in particular, Leishmania, and the chemo- and immunochemotherapy of leishmaniasis. Dr. Murray's long-term, NIH-supported research is currently focused on immunoregulation of the host response to antileishmanial chemotherapy in experimental visceral leishmaniasis (kala-azar). This work has in part formed the basis of experimental treatment trials in Indian patients at the internationally-recognized kala-azar clinical trials unit he co-directs in Bihar State, India. Dr. Murray received the Squibb Award (1989) from the Infectious Diseases Society of America for outstanding achievement in infectious diseases, and previously was Chief of the Division of Infectious Disease (1983-1995) and Associate Cha irman of Medicine for Clinical Research (1995-2007). Dr. Murray is currently Director of the Arthur Ashe Endowment for the Defeat of AIDS, Editor of the travel medicine web site, Tropimed U.S., and cochairs the Department of Medicine's Quality Assurance Committee.



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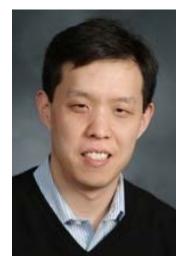


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**Michael J. Satlin, MD** Instructor in Medicine. Dr. Satlin received his M.D. from the University of Virginia School of Medicine. He completed residency training in internal medicine and fellowship training in infectious diseases at Weill Cornell Medical College. He is a member of the newly formed Transplantation-Oncology Infectious Diseases Program and provides infectious diseases supportive care to immunocompromised hosts. Dr. Satlin's research interests are in the epidemiology, diagnosis, and treatment of multidrug-resistant gramnegative bacterial infections in immunocompromised hosts. He is the recipient of a NIH/Weill Cornell Medical College Clinical and Translational Science Center KL2 Award (2012-2014).





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Mary A. Vogler, MD Associate Professor of Medicine. Dr. Vogler trained in internal medicine at the University of Connecticut School of Medicine and in infectious diseases at New York University School of Medicine where she served on the faculty prior to coming to Weill Cornell. Dr. Vogler serves as an HIV/AIDS primary care provider in the Center for Special Studies both for HIV-infected adults and adolescents. She also participates actively as an investigator in the NIH-funded Cornell HIV/AIDS Clinical Trials Unit (CCTU) and in the Fogarty international research programs. Her area of expertise is in the area of HIV-infected women. including pregnancy and mother-to-child transmission. She received the AIDS Clinical Trials Group (ACTG) Women's Health Investigator award in 2007.



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#### Research Training Faculty

ID Fellows have the opportunity to work in laboratories or programs within the Division of Infectious Diseases, other divisions in the Department of Medicine (e.g. GI, Immunology), other Departments at WCMC (Microbiology and Immunology, Pathology, Public Health), as well as Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Institute, and the Rockefeller University, including the Aaron Diamond AIDS Research Center.

#### **RESEARCH TRAINING FACULTY IN OTHER DEPARTMENTS & INSTITUTIONS**

Francis Barany, PhD Weill Cornell Dept of Microbiology and Immunology	Multiplex detection of microbial pathogens by ligase chain reaction	http://www.med.cornell.edu/research/fbarany/
Ethel Cesarman, MD, PhD Weill Cornell Dept of Pathology	Molecular basis of viral oncogenesis in AIDS-related non-Hodgkin's lymphomas due to KSHV (HHV-8)	http://www.med.cornell.edu/research/ecesarman/
Andrew J. Dannenberg, MD Weill Cornell Division of Gastroenterology & Hepatology	Weill Cornell Cancer Center: Translational studies of cyclooxygenase-2 (COX-2) and chronic inflammation in cancer	http://www.med.cornell.edu/research/andrewdannenberg/
Kirk W. Deitsch, PhD Weill Cornell Dept of Microbiology and Immunology	Molecular basis of var gene-mediated antigenic variation in Plasmodium falciparum	http://www.med.cornell.edu/research/kdeitsch/
Sabine Ehrt, PhD Weill Cornell Dept of Microbiology and Immunology	Host-pathogen interactions of Mycobacterium tuberculosis and the macrophage: Mycobacterial survival strategies in the phagosome	http://www.med.cornell.edu/research/sehrt/
David D. Ho, MD Rockefeller University Aaron Diamond AIDS Research Center	Basic and Clinical Development of Vaccines and Other Prevention Strategies against HIV-1	http://www.adarc.org/david_ho_424.html
Carl F. Nathan, MD Weill Cornell Dept of Microbiology and Immunology	Molecular mechanisms of innate immunity against Mycobacterium tuberculosis	http://www.med.cornell.edu/research/cnathan/
Charles Rice, PhD Rockefeller University	Molecular virology and immunology of Hepatitis C	http://www.rockefeller.edu/labheads/rice/rice.php
Bruce Schackman, MD	Health policy, cost effectiveness and quality of life	http://www.med.cornell.edu/research/bschackman
Dirk Schnappinger, PhD Weill Cornell Dept of Microbiology and Immunology	Molecular genetic studies of Mycobacterium tuberculosis virulence and persistence	http://www.med.cornell.edu/research/dschnappinger/
Thomas J. Templeton, PhD Weill Cornell Dept of Microbiology and Immunology	Host: parasite interactions of the malaria parasite, Plasmodium	http://www.med.cornell.edu/research/tjtempleton/
Alexander Tomasz, PhD Rockefeller University	Chemical structure, mode of assembly, and biological functions of bacterial cell walls and associated cell surface components in Gram positive bacteria	http://www.rockefeller.edu/labheads/tomasz/contact.php

#### ANTIBIOTIC DEVELOPMENT:

**Biochemical Approaches to Drug Target Identification.** *Rhee.* A defining interest of our laboratory is the identification and validation of new antibiotic targets. Unlike the case for virtually every other field of medicine, infectious diseases is the only discipline to become progressively less and less effective over time. In large part, this is due to the fact that bacteria replicate far faster and more abundantly than the hosts they infect. As a result, resistance has become the inevitable fate of every antibiotic ever developed. This problem has been further compounded by the fact that no new mechanistic classes of antibiotics have emerged in the last 40 years. While the reasons for this are multifactorial, it is a commonly overlooked fact that virtually all antibiotics in clinical use were discovered with little foresight and often serendipitously. As a result, we lack sufficient knowledge of what defines a good drug target and how to develop new antibiotics from it. We aim to address this deficiency by applying novel mass spectrometry-based metabolomics approaches to gain insight into the underlying biology of the microbes we wish to target and their responses perturbation at the pharmacologically relevant level of metabolites. Current efforts focus chiefly on Mycobacterium tuberculosis, Staphylococcus aureus and Enterococcus faecium.

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**Quarum Sensing Based Cholera Prophylactic.** *March, Golightly.* In collaboration with Dr. John March of Bio-Engineering at Cornell University in Ithaca a novel cholera prophylactic is being developed. Cholera uses cell-to-cell signaling to coordinate its growth and virulence in the human gut. Strains of commensal bacteria that naturally reside in the gut are being engineered to express chemical signals used by cholera to abort the colonization process and allow the pathogen to pass through the G.I. system without causing symptoms. The prophylactic would be administered to those at risk of exposure to prevent the development of disease. Ultimate testing is planned in Haiti in collaboration with colleagues at Groupe Haïtien d'Etude du Sarcome de Kaposi et des Infections Opportunistes (GHESKIO) in Port-au-Prince. The project is part of a Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Grand Challenges Explorations to Create New Ways to Protect Against Infectious Disease.

**Multiplexed Detection of Food and Waterborne Pathogens.** *Barany, Golightly, Larone.* The ability to rapidly detect food and waterborne pathogens is of utmost importance in preventing outbreaks associated with contamination of our nation's food and water supply. Existing detection systems have a limited ability to simultaneously screen a single sample for multiple agents. To meet this need we will use the ligase detection reaction (LDR) combined with PCR, and Universal Array detection. The new technology is an extension of our prior development of assays for distinguishing blood-borne bacterial and viral pathogens. The new PCR/LDR assays will detect category B bacterial, viral, and protozoan food and water-borne pathogens in stool specimens. The assay will be validated using samples obtained from the NYPH/Cornell as well as collaborators in Haiti (GHESKIO) and Ghana (NMIMR).

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**Clinical Studies of Viral Hepatitis.** *Marks, Glesby.* Hepatitis C infection is the leading cause of end stage liver disease and need for liver transplantation in this country. Studies have shown that patients with HIV/HCV coinfection have an accelerated course of progression to cirrhosis and end stage liver disease compared to patients with HCV infection alone. Strategies for improving treatment outcomes are needed for this population. Current studies being conducted at Cornell focus on initial treatment of HCV infection as well as treatment of refractory disease. CCTU investigators are conducting an ACTG study utilizing the protease inhibitor, boceprevir, as part of HCV treatment (ACTG 5294). Completed studies include an epidemiologic investigation of risk factors for hepatic steatosis in HIV/HCV coinfection, a pilot study examining the safety and efficacy of treatment of acute HCV infection in HIV-infected patients, as well as additional clinical trials conducted with the ACTG. The Center for the Study of Hepatitis C, a multidisciplinary center involving Rockefeller University, Weill Cornell Medical College, and New York Presbyterian Hospital, provides additional opportunities for translational research, access to a serum and tissue bank, and collaboration with experts in the field of virology and hepatitis treatment (e.g. Drs. Ira Jacobson, Charlie Rice, Andrew Talal).

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**Observational Studies.** *Glesby, Gulick, Jacobs, Marks, Merrick, Siegel, Singh, Vaamonde, Vogler, Wilkin.* The Center for Special Studies (HIV clinic) at New York-Presbyterian-Weill Cornell Center uses an electronic medical records system that is an invaluable resource for clinical research. Over 10,000 records of HIV-infected patients dating back to 1991 are available. Completed projects include case-control studies of osteonecrosis, diabetes mellitus, and polycythemia in HIV-infected patients, a retrospective review of the safety and efficacy of antiretroviral regimens containing three protease inhibitors, temporal trends in hospital admission diagnoses, and hepatic steatosis. Other projects utilize data from the Women's Interagency HIV Study (WIHS, a cohort study of women with or at high risk for HIV infection) through ongoing collaboration. Fellows have the opportunity to design, conduct, and analyze studies using the databases.

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### **HOSPITAL EPIDEMIOLOGY AND INFECTION CONTROL:**

Healthcare-Associated Infections. Calfee. The Hospital Epidemiology Program at New York Presbyterian Hospital-Weill Cornell Medical Center has research activities ranging from traditional epidemiologic studies of infection control risk factors and outcomes to intervention trials of infection control policies and procedures. The primary goal of the research program is to improve patient safety by reducing the risk of healthcare-associated infections. Observational studies can be carried out utilizing infection control surveillance data, clinical microbiology data, and a robust hospital-based clinical database, which can be queried electronically. Previous and ongoing projects have studied patient-oriented and systems-based factors associated with transmission of multidrug-resistant organisms, device-related infections, and procedure-related infections. In addition, the program has the potential for performing individual and cluster randomized trials of infection control interventions at Weill Cornell and in collaboration with Columbia University Medical Center. Fellows, residents, and students interested in epidemiologic research can choose from a wide variety of large or small projects depending on their needs. For fellows interested in a career in hospital epidemiology, there is opportunity to receive intensive training in this exciting field by participating in the Masters of Science in Clinical Investigation Program, or the Graduate Program in Clinical Epidemiology and Health Services and through direct participation in the Hospital Epidemiology Program.

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## HUMAN PAPILLOMAVIRUS (HPV):

**Human Papillomavirus Test and Treat in HIV-Infected Women**. *Wilkin*. Cervical cancer is a major cause of morbidity and mortality in areas of the world without access to cervical cancer screening. Implementation of cytology-based screening is difficult in areas with limited resources. This clinical trial will investigate a promising alternative screening strategy: a direct test for high-risk HPV types with immediate cryotherapy for those women with HPV detected. This project will be conducted at clinical trials sites in Africa, Peru, India and Haiti. This study will randomize women to a conventional cytology-based cervical cancer screening or a novel HPV test-and-treat strategy. This is funded in part by a PEPFAR/NIH collaboration.

**Human Papillomavirus Vaccination in HIV-1-Infected Men**. *Wilkin.* Anal carcinoma is increased among HIV+ and HIV- men who have sex with men. Similar to the cervix, premalignant lesions of the anus (squamous intraepithelial lesions or SIL) are readily detectable by screening cytology and have high-risk types of human papillomavirus as the most important cofactor. This study evaluated the safety and immunogenicity of the quadrivalent HPV vaccine in HIV-1-infected men. The study found that the vaccine was safe and highly immunogenic. An extension of the clinical trial will evaluate whether this vaccine induces immune memory. A follow-up clinical trial is being developed that will test the efficacy of this vaccine in this population.

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### LEISHMANIASIS:

**Visceral Leishmaniasis: Immunoregulation of Host Response to Antileishmanial Chemotherapy and Immunochemotherapy.** *Murray.* Various host immunologic mechanisms, largely T [Th1] cell-dependent, regulate the in vivo capacity to respond to antileishmanial chemotherapy. Using pentavalent antimony and amphotericin B as two distinct pharmacologic probes in *L. donovani*-infected mice, this project is examining the host mechanisms that determine or can enhance initial in vivo host responsiveness to chemotherapy and/or regulate subsequent prevention of posttreatment relapse. The work is focused on the interaction of antileishmanial chemotherapy with amplified cytokine-induced macrophage activation, chemokine-induced granuloma assembly, CD4 and CD8 cell responses, activating and deactivating mechanisms (cytokines, receptors, intracellular signaling) and immunologic effects induced by chemotherapy itself. The goal of the project is to employ immunochemotherapy to improve treatment-induced outcome in visceral leishmaniasis, both the initial host response to chemotherapy and the long-term prevention of relapse in this intracellular protozoal infection.

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### MALARIA:

**Endothelial Progenitor Cells and the Pathogenesis of Cerebral Malaria.** *Golightly, Gyan.* Despite its virulence, the pathophysiologic basis of *P. falciparum* disease and cerebral malaria are poorly understood. Sequestration of infected red blood cells (iRBCs) in the microvasculature is a major pathologic finding in *P. falciparum* infections. The repair of microvasculature damaged by infection may occur either by the proliferation or migration of local endothelial cells, or the recruitment of bone marrow-derived circulating endothelial progenitor cells (EPCs). We hypothesize that *P. falciparum* infection results in an imbalance between microvascular damage and repair. Cerebral malaria occurs when circulating EPCs are diminished and damaged endothelial cells cannot be replaced. To test this hypothesis, EPC levels and markers of bone marrow activation in *P. falciparum*-infected patients with different degrees of disease severity are being compared with normal uninfected controls. These studies are being performed in collaboration with the Noguchi Memorial Institute for Medical Research in Accra, Ghana.

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A Non-invasive Cell Phone Imaging Probe for Diagnosing Malaria. *Bilenca, Golightly.* Cerebral malaria is a major cause of morbidity and mortality particularly in young children. There are currently no tests to determine which of those infected will develop the syndrome or recover. In collaboration with Dr. Alberto Bilenca at the University of the Negev in Israel, a cell phone imaging system that can non-invasively detect malaria parasites in the blood is being developed. The system uses a polarized laser to detect hemozoin crystals indicative of malaria parasite infection, as well as micro-obstructions in the circulatory system that result from the infection and have been postulated to be indicative of disease severity. Ultimately human testing of the device is planned in Ghana in collaboration with colleagues at the NMIMR. This project is part of a Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Grand Challenges Explorations to Create Low-Cost Cell Phone-Based Applications for Priority Global Health Conditions.

#### Genetic variation in the human malaria parasite, Plasmodium falciparum. Kirkman.

Malaria, a vector borne disease, causes great morbidity and mortality in tropical and subtropical regions of the world. Infection with the parasite leads to one to two million deaths and 300 to 500 million clinical cases per year. Crucial to the continuing burden of disease is the parasite's ability to evade clearance in the host; both the ability to evade the host immune system by changing surface proteins inserted into the host red blood cell, a process termed antigenic variation, and the ability to develop drug resistance. Underlying both is the ability of this eukaryotic pathogen with a haploid genome for most of its lifecycle to generate and incorporate DNA mutations. We aim to study malaria DNA recombination and repair in the context of disease pathogenesis focusing on antigenic variation and the development of drug resistance.

**Antigenic Variation:** After invading a red blood cell the malaria parasite modifies its host cell in different ways including inserting parasite derived proteins into the surface of the parasitized red blood cell. These parasite proteins bind to receptors on host endothelial cells, a process termed cytoadherence and is one of the key pathogenic and virulence factors of *P. falciparum* infections. A surface protein termed *Plasmodium falciparum* erythrocyte membrane protein 1 (PfEMP1) was identified as the protein responsible for cytoadherence. This protein is encoded by the large multi-copy gene family termed *var*. There is great diversity within this gene family and the mechanisms creating this diversity are a focus of our work. To better understand the generation of genetic diversity within this multi-copy gene family we are manipulating the parasite genome to determine how the parasite repairs damaged DNA.

**Drug Resistance:** We are studying the mechanisms by which a parasite becomes resistant to antimalarials by focusing on the ways in which the parasites acquire mutations in DNA. Using genetically modified parasites we are studying the ability of the parasite to generate point mutations and gene duplications that have been previously associated with drug resistance in the field. We are able to manipulate both copy number and specific sequence in order to further study the interplay of different aspects of pathways implicated in parasite drug resistance.

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## TRANSPLANTATION-ONCOLOGY INFECTIOUS DISEASES:

**Translational Research:** *Walsh, Soave, Helfgott, Satlin, Petraitiene, Petraitis.* Infectious diseases are important causes of morbidity and mortality in immunocompromised patients with cancer and those undergoing transplantation. The mission of the transplantation-oncology infectious diseases program is to develop new strategies for diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of life-threatening infections in immunocompromised children and adults with transplantation and neoclassic diseases through multidisciplinary translational research. The tools of this research include epidemiology, pathogenesis, antimicrobial pharmacology, immunopharmacology, molecular diagnostic microbiology, and studies of innate host defenses.

Following the observations at the bedside, we work systematically through in vitro systems, laboratory animal models, phase I-II clinical trials, and, where applicable to multicenter phase III clinical trials. Our clinical trials are conducted with consortia composed of seasoned clinical investigators with expertise in immunocompromised patients. Among the pediatric and adult patient populations studied within the Program are those hematological malignancies, aplastic myelodysplasia, hematopoietic stem cell transplantation, and solid organ anemia. transplantation. Our strategy for translational research is predicated on an iterative process of bedside to bench to bedside with an emphasis on the critical role of the physician-scientist in this process. These studies are conducted in collaboration with our colleagues in Pediatrics, Nephrology, Hematology, Hepatobiliarv Surgerv. Clinical Oncoloay. Microbiology. Pharmacology, and Microbiology & Immunology. We have a long and successful tradition of mentoring the future leaders in the field of infections in immunocompromised patients.

**Invasive Fungal Infections:** Recognizing the severe morbidity and mortality cause by invasive mycoses, the study of invasive fungal infections with specific emphasis on Candida spp., Aspergillus spp., the Mucorales (Zygomycetes), and emerging pathogens such as Fusarium spp., Scedosporium spp., is a critical element of our mission. We conduct translational research in three major areas of medical mycology: antifungal pharmacology, molecular diagnosis, and innate host defenses. Among the recent advances in 2011-2012, are the identification of the critical role of antifungal therapy in improving survival in patients with severe aplastic anemia, the combination antifungal therapy of Candida biofilms, transcriptional profiles and immunomodulatory activity of lipid formulations of amphotericin B on human monocytes. development and validation of the first multispecies PCR system for Aspergillus spp to be made available in a U.S. reference laboratory, plasma pharmacokinetics of posaconazole, largest case series of Candida osteomyelitis (collaboration with Hospital for Special Surgery), in vitro and in vivo interspecies analysis of virulence in experimental pulmonary mucormycosis: correlation with circulating molecular biomarkers, sporangiospore germination and hyphal metabolism. Ongoing clinical trials include pharmacokinetic studies of novel triazoles and diagnostic biomarkers in immunocompromised children and adults.

**Resistant Bacterial Infections:** The Program is developing new strategies for pharmacodynamically rational methods for administration of existing antibacterial agents, as well as development of new compounds. We have characterized the epidemiology of carbapebem-resistant Enterobacteriaciae in patients with hematological malignancies. We are currently investigating molecular diagnostic approaches to rapid identification of resistant bacteria as a guide to management of critically-ill patients. As *Clostridium difficile* represents a serious threat to our patients, international trials are being initiated in the immunocompromised Transplant Oncology Program.

**Viral Infections:** The epidemiology and risk factors for development of human rhinovirus (HRV) respiratory tract infections have been characterized in HSCT recipients. An ongoing prospective observational study is characterizing the molecular epidemiology of these HRV

infections. Studies of anti-influenza and parainfuenza compounds (especially in collaboration with Dr. Moscona in Pediatrics) will provide our patients with new agents that may improve outcome from these serious infections in our immunocompromised population. The epidemiology of respiratory viral infections in these patients continues to evolve and will be the subject of further study. Finally, the Program will be initiating studies of the efficacy and the immunologic response of antiviral vaccines.

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### **INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS**

#### **BRAZIL:**

The collaboration between Cornell University and the Federal University of Bahia started in 1964 and may be the longest collaboration of its type in the world today. To date, over 20 Cornell faculty members and ~120 students and fellows have participated in the program, and over 250 peer reviewed journal publications have emerged from the research. The program has been funded by the Commonwealth Fund and the Rockefeller Foundation, and since 1979, by the NIH. The current NIH funding supports our Tropical Medicine Research Center and a research training program in infectious diseases in Salvador, Brazil.



Leishmaniasis and HTLV-I: *Carvalho, Johnson, Glesby.* This is a multi-disciplinary research program with investigators from Brazil and the United States. We seek to define the pathogenesis of these diseases and to develop intervention measures. Research is conducted at field study sites in the state of Bahia, Brazil, the Federal University of Bahia, and the Division of Infectious Diseases at Cornell. We are working to identify host and parasite factors that determine the outcome of leishmania infection. Based on the immunological studies previously performed, clinical trials have been performed using immunomodulatory agents combined with antimony therapy in cutaneous and mucosal leishmaniasis. Ongoing studies are also investigating the spectrum and natural history of subclinical and clinical disease in HTLV-I infection in relation to cytokine profiles and co-infections.

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The Cornell program in Haiti began in 1980 with the establishment of a unit for the study and treatment of infantile diarrhea at the State University Hospital in Port au Prince. The Cornell team began its AIDS research in 1982 and was instrumental in the formation of Groupe Haitien d'Etude du Sarcome de Kaposi et des Infections Opportunistes (GHESKIO). Since 1983, Cornell and GHESKIO have had uninterrupted NIH support resulting in over 125 publications, including the first detailed description of AIDS in a developing country (NEJM, 1983). Cornell-GHESKIO conducts NIH-sponsored HIV and tuberculosis clinical trials. With support from the US Presidents Emergency Program for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) GHESKIO provides AIDS, TB, and other services to ~500,000 persons annually. In 2010, GHESKIO received the Gates Award as the most outstanding global health institution in the world.



### Research at GHESKIO: HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and STDs

Through clinical and operational research, GHESKIO seeks to define treatment and prevention models for HIV/AIDS and related diseases that are appropriate and effective for Haiti. The main focus of the research is HIV, sexually transmitted infections, and tuberculosis. The GHESKIO research program has evolved from early observational studies to large clinical trials and its designation as an NIH clinical trials unit. In 1983, GHESKIO received its initial funding from the National Institutes of Health to define the epidemiology, natural history, risk factors, and associated co-infections of HIV/AIDS. Since then, GHESKIO's consistent research productivity has been recognized by uninterrupted support from the National Institutes of Health, a MERIT award in 1990, and 25 new or competitive renewal grants. GHESKIO also conducts research with support from the World Health Organization and the French Government's National Agency for AIDS Research.

HIV/AIDS: Charles, Fitzgerald, Gulick, Johnson, Pape. Ongoing research projects include a randomized controlled clinical trial of early vs. late antiretroviral therapy for AIDS patients (NIHsponsored CIPRA study; 2003 – 2010). The research is focused on finding the optimal time to start antiretroviral therapy in patients with CD4 counts between 200 and 350 cells/ml. GHESKIO is a member of an international collaboration of scientists and educators searching for an effective and safe HIV vaccine (NIH-sponsored HIV Vaccine Trials Network; 2001 -2013). GHESKIO Director Dr. Jean Pape is the Principal Investigator of the HIV Vaccine Trials Network in Haiti and GHESKIO investigators conduct clinical trials of promising new HIV vaccine candidates. GHESKIO also is a member of an international group of scientists dedicated to developing treatment strategies for HIV and related disorders (NIH-sponsored AIDS Clinical Trials Group; 2002 - 2013). GHESKIO conducts clinical trials to evaluate the efficacy of antiretroviral treatment for HIV infected individuals in resource-limited countries. Research continues to evaluate the efficacy and feasibility of other AIDS prevention and treatment programs. GHESKIO investigators are evaluating the cost-effectiveness of HIV prevention and care services to maximize efficiency and demonstrate the feasibility of treatment programs in developing countries.

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**SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES:** *Fitzgerald, Johnson, Pape.* Studies of sexually transmitted diseases include the evaluation of rapid syphilis diagnostics for the elimination of congenital syphilis in Haiti (2002 – 2011); the goal of this project is to improve syphilis screening throughout the country to reduce deaths due to congenital syphilis. Support is from the United Nations Development Program, the World Bank, and the World Health Organization's Special Program for Research and Training in Tropical Disease. STD studies also include NIH sponsored research on the natural history of HIV and HPV co-infection and AIDS related cervical cancer.

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## INDIA:

**Visceral Leishmaniasis in India: Clinical Trials at the Kala-Azar Medical Research and Treatment Center.** *Murray.* In 1994, we established the Kala-Azar Medical Research Center (KAMRC) in rural India, in Bihar State (the epicenter of India's visceral leishmaniasis epidemic), to test new treatments and develop new diagnostic and therapeutic approaches. Some of these new clinical approaches were the direct result of experimental work carried out in parallel in *Leishmania*-infected animals in our Weill-Cornell laboratory in New York City.

Visceral leishmaniasis (kala-azar) is a worldwide parasitic infection that involves the liver, spleen and bone marrow in children and adults. One-half of the world's 500,000 new cases occur in India. The treatment trials work at KAMRC has been remarkably successful, and initially more than 35 separate clinical trials were carried out in over 5,000 children and adults. For injectible treatments, we defined the usefulness of combination immunochemotherapy, short-course cost-effective treatment, and single-dose therapy using liposomal amphotericin B (heretofore, 21-28 days had been the usual prior treatment duration). Equally important, we identified and tested miltefosine, the first effective oral therapy for this disease, representing, along with single-dose parenteral therapy, a second major breakthrough in treatment in kala-In addition, we developed the concept of and tested short-course combination azar. chemotherapy, using a single dose of a parenteral agent (liposomal amphotericin B) followed by 7 days of oral therapy (miltefosine). Separate results from a series of other trials have also demonstrated the sensitivity, specificity and clinical usefulness of rapid non-invasive diagnosis of kala-azar using fingerstick blood and the K39 antibody strip test. This reliable diagnostic method spares patients with kala-azar splenic or bone marrow aspiration.

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### TANZANIA:

In 2006, a formal affiliation was established between WCMC and the Bugando University College of Health Sciences (BUCHS) and Bugando Medical Center (BMC) in Mwanza, Tanzania. BMC is a 900-bed tertiary care center serving a population of ~13 million Tanzanians. BUCHS was founded in 2003 with a first class of ten students, and now admits approximately 150 medical students per class, per year. BUCHS has been renamed Weill Bugando in recognition of the support of Joan and Sanford Weill.



The goal of WCMC is to make WBUCHS/BMC the best medical school and teaching hospital in East Africa. The goal of the Weill Cornell collaboration is to aid in the development of the WBUCHS/BMC infrastructure and training programs by the exchange of faculty, fellows, residents and students. Long-term goals are to create a platform for self-sustaining research programs and clinical knowledge transfer as in our Haiti and Brazil programs. Each year since 2007 WCMC rotates approximately 40 senior teaching residents and fellows in medicine, pediatrics, surgery, and obstetrics and gynecology to Tanzania and brings 10 Tanzanian physicians to New York for clinical and research training. Two WCMC faculty members are based in Mwanza to serve as mentors, for both the Tanzanian and WCMC medical students and physicians at WBUCHS/BMC.

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