

# **Current Infectious Diseases Fellowship Classes**

### Class of 2024

### Katie Bedard, MD

Katie is originally from California. She has since traversed the country, first attending Barnard College in New York City and then Case Western in Cleveland for med school, before finally heading south to Texas for Med-Peds residency at Baylor College of Medicine. She's excited to be completing combined Pediatric and Adult ID fellowship at BCH and BIDMC, and is interested in immunocompromised hosts (especially transplant recipients across all age ranges) and medical education. In her free time, she enjoys baking (especially for her co-fellows), finding the best Mexican food, visiting national parks, and spending time with her dog, Cooper.

### Noah Boton, MD

Noah was born and raised in the Chicagoland area. He completed undergrad and medical school at the University of Illinois and then moved to Ann Arbor for internal medicine residency at the University of Michigan. Within infectious diseases, he is interested in antimicrobial stewardship and C. difficile infection. In his free time, he enjoys playing tennis and disc golf. He also loves tasting new foods and exploring new restaurants with his family and friends.

### Rebecca Burns, MD

Becca was born and raised in the Boston area but traveled to Chicago to attend Rush Medical College. She was thrilled to return to Massachusetts as an IM resident at Boston Medical Center. At BMC, she participated in the HIV training pathway and her research focused on infectious sequelae of substance use disorders. She is particularly interested in immunocompromised hosts and transplant. In her free time, she has been a partially successful gardener, avid beach photographer and loves spending time with friends, family, her husband and their rambunctious puppy and long-suffering cat.

### Dana Hassneiah, MD

Dana made the journey to Boston after finishing medical school in Kuwait and Internal Medicine residency in Jackson Memorial Hospital/University of Miami. She also holds a Masters of Public Health degree from Flinders University in Australia. Her career interest in Infectious Diseases is Global Health and health equity. Outside work, she likes volunteering and cycling.

### Annie Matsko, MD

Annie grew up apple farming in Northeast Pennsylvania and worked as a paralegal representing migrant farmworkers before choosing to pursue medicine. She completed medical school at The George Washington University and then residency and a chief year at Temple University Hospital in Philadelphia. Her experiences caring for persons who use drugs and transplant patients inspired her to pursue ID fellowship. She is also interested in medical education. Outside of medicine, she spends her time running (slowly), cooking, browsing libraries, and, together with her husband, learning how to parent their 10-month-old baby and big fuzzy dog.

### Arman Yalcin, MD

Arman is from New Jersey and before coming to BIDMC was a resident and chief resident at Mount Auburn Hospital. His medical interests include transplant infectious diseases and medication education. He has participated in the Mount Auburn Fellowship in Medical Education and hopes to develop an effective and comprehensive teaching curriculum for infectious diseases for medical residents. He is also currently engaged in a clinical trial assessing the effectiveness of statins in COVID-19. Outside of the hospital, Arman can rarely be found outside of the gym or in front of his computer.



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### Hawra Al Lawati, MD

Hawra was born and raised in Muscat, Oman. She went to medical school in Doha at Weill Cornell Medicine in Qatar and then moved to the U.S to do her internal medicine residency at Massachusetts General Hospital. She is excited about ID fellowship at BIDMC – her current interests within ID are medical education and antimicrobial stewardship. Outside of the hospital she loves puzzles, walks by the Charles River, game nights with friends, water color painting and travelling (when that becomes safe again).

### Jaspreet Banga, MD, MPH

Jaspreet grew up in New Jersey, but went to the midwest for college at Northwestern University. She obtained dual MD/MPH degrees from Rutgers – New Jersey Medical School and then moved to New York City for Internal Medicine residency at Mount Sinai, where she completed the Medical Education track. Jaspreet has always had an academic interest in HIV, vaccines, and global health, and she is excited to pursue these areas further as an Infectious Diseases fellow. Outside of the hospital, her hobbies include hiking, travel, fitness, reading, and spending time with friends and family.

### Audrey Li, MD

Audrey is a native of NJ, where she stayed for undergrad at Princeton University. She's slowly moved up the northeastern seaboard since, by way of medical school at SUNY Downstate in Brooklyn, then residency at BIDMC. She loved her time so much, she decided to stay on for fellowship! She's thrilled to continue research and advocacy surrounding the interface of infectious diseases with addiction medicine. She also is passionate about anti-racism work in medicine. Outside the hospital, she enjoys cooking, trying out new restaurants (pandemic allowing), spending time outdoors, writing, and binge-watching the latest on Netflix.

### Abarna Ramanathan, MD

Abarna was born in Sri Lanka, but grew up in the North Island of New Zealand. She completed her medical degree at Oxford and subsequently worked in and around London and Auckland, New Zealand, before undertaking her internal medicine residency at the Cleveland Clinic. She loves world travel, dancing (including tango, ballet and salsa) and her grey tabby, Minerva... preferably a combination of the three. Within infectious diseases her interests lie in infection control, hospital epidemiology and global health.

### Letumile Rodgers Moeng, MD

Rodgers was born and bred in Botswana. He completed his medical training at the University of the West Indies, in Trinidad and Tobago. He then worked and managed the largest HIV clinic in Botswana for 3 years before coming to pursue internal medicine residency at Howard University Hospital where he became a chief resident. He is interested in clinical ID with a focus on HIV and his main research interests are cardiovascular diseases and aging in HIV infected patients. He enjoys travelling, playing video games, reading about science and most importantly trading and investing in the stock market.



## Medicine Pediatrics Infectious Diseases Fellows

### **Elizabeth Christian, MD**

After graduating from Rush Medical College, Liz completed Med-Peds residency at Maine Medical Center before joining the BIDMC and Boston Children's Hospital fellowship programs as a Med-Peds ID fellow. In addition to general ID, her clinical focus includes HIV clinical care and prevention. Her research will focus on expanding and optimizing PrEP use in adolescents and other high risk populations. Outside of the hospital, she enjoys baking, reading, and Argentine tango.

### Sara Winn Dong, MD

After graduating from Medical University of South Carolina, Sara completed her Internal Medicine-Pediatrics residency at Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center & Nationwide Children's Hospital. She served as a Med-Peds chief resident while in training, followed by an additional chief resident year for the Nationwide Children's Pediatric Residency program. Sara is currently completing a Med-Peds ID fellowship at BIDMC and Boston Childrens. Academic interests include transplant/immunocompromised hosts and digital medical education. In her free time, Sara enjoys collecting cookbooks and pretending to be a chef, admiring pandas, and catching up on the latest in pop culture.