



# Current Infectious Diseases Fellowship Classes

## Class of 2025

### Leslie Blackshear, MD

Leslie moved to Boston for residency at BIDMC after completing medical school at Emory University in Atlanta. She is originally from Jacksonville, Florida, and studied biology and comparative literature at Williams College. Within the field of Infectious Diseases, she is interested in antimicrobial stewardship, infection control, and medical education. In her free time, Leslie enjoys running, cycling, gardening, cooking, and exploring the mountains around New England.

### Peter Collin, MD

Peter is originally from Long Island, NY. He went to a BS/MD program focused on developing primary care physicians at the City College of New York. Peter went to NYU for medical school, where he also stayed for his Internal Medicine Residency in the Primary Care Track. In Fellowship, he is pursuing training in HIV Primary Care as well as exploring training and research opportunities in outpatient Infectious Diseases. His non-clinical interests are running, exploring Boston with his wife, the New York Yankees (sorry), and hiking.

### Hunter Fraker, MD

Hunter is originally from Pennsylvania and moved to Washington, DC for medical school at Georgetown University. He stayed at Georgetown to complete his residency in Internal Medicine and Pediatrics, where he also served as a Med-Peds Chief Resident. His ID interests include antimicrobial stewardship and infection prevention. He is passionate about health policy, specifically surrounding access to care, cost of medications, and health inequities. In his spare time, he enjoys running, swimming, and trying to learn how to make the perfect espresso shot.

### Matthew Gwiazdon, MD

Before joining BIDMC, Matt lived out West and was raised in Whitefish, MT. He completed a Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Studies and Political Theory at Whitman College in Walla Walla, WA. More recently, Matt received his Medical Degree from the University of Nevada, Reno, and completed his Internal Medicine Residency at the University of Utah. Within the field of Infectious Diseases, Matt has a particular interest in medical education, HIV, and sexually transmitted infections, and systems-level quality improvement and patient safety work. In his free time, Matt enjoys reading Sci-Fi and Fantasy novels, collecting and enjoying vinyl records and retro Nintendo games, and a number of outdoor activities.

### Alex Linn, MD

Hailing from Pittsburgh, PA, Alex studied history at Brown University before moving to Chicago for Teach for America. She returned to Pittsburgh for medical school, where she developed an interest in caring for both children and adults, leading her to pursue a Med-Peds Residency at Penn/CHOP in Philadelphia. As a combined ID Fellow at BIDMC and Boston Children's, Alex hopes to combine her interests in medical education, global health, and stewardship. She is interested in quality improvement and aims to get involved in stewardship initiatives in both populations to help fight global antimicrobial resistance. She aspires to become an ID educator and help develop QI and stewardship curricula. In her free time, she loves to travel, read, run (slowly), eat her way through Philadelphia (and soon Boston!), and spend time outdoors.



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### 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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### **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.

### **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

## Ashwini Joshi, MD

Ashwini grew up in Memphis, TN, and attended Vanderbilt University for her undergraduate degree before returning to Memphis to complete medical school and her Internal Medicine-Pediatrics Residency at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center. She is excited to join the BIDMC and Boston Children's Hospital Fellowship programs as a Med-Peds ID Fellow. In addition to general ID, she is passionate about HIV clinical care and prevention, especially in adolescents and young adults, and STI prevention and management. In her free time, Ashwini enjoys baking, watching food shows on TV, exploring the outdoors, hanging out with her tortoiseshell cat Rosie, and spending time with her friends and family.

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