



# Current Infectious Diseases Fellowship Classes

## Class of 2023

### **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.

### **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.

### **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.

### **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.

### **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).



# Current Infectious Diseases Fellowship Classes

## Class of 2022

### **Michelle Chan, MD**

Michelle grew up in the Boston area but moved to the Midwest for medical school at Case Western Reserve University followed by internal medicine residency at Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center. Her interests include general ID, antibiotic stewardship, and quality improvement. Outside of the hospital, she enjoys reading, discovering tasty foods, and spending time with her family, friends, and cat (creatively named Mr. Kitty).

### **Jeffrey Larnard, MD**

Jeff grew up in Amesbury, MA and went to UMass Amherst for undergrad and UMass Medical School. In addition to medical education, he is also interested in antimicrobial stewardship. He finally decided maybe he should see another state and went to Columbia for residency before coming back home to BIDMC. In addition to being located in the best city in the country, he chose BIDMC for its broad clinical exposure and awesome clinical educator opportunities. He also couples matched with his wife who is a first year Cardiology fellow at BIDMC! In their free time they love to run, be outdoors, and watch the Celtics and Patriots

### **Suhiab Naqvi, MD**

Suhaib was born and raised in Lahore, Pakistan. He went to King Edward Medical University for medical school, one of the oldest medical institutes in the subcontinent region (India and Pakistan) – which also happens to be in Lahore! He did his residency at Lahey Clinic (in Burlington, MA – about 17 miles north of Boston). He chose the BIDMC Infectious Disease Program because of amazing faculty and mentorship, access to Harvard-wide education, and the remarkable patient diversity in the patients seeking care at BI. He's a father to a 20 month old child (Shaeel), and in his free time he enjoys cooking, reading (magical realism is my favorite genre) and spending time with family!

### **Gyula Petranyi, MD**

Gyula grew up in Cyprus and completed medical school at King's College London in the UK. He moved to Philadelphia for residency where he was also chief resident at Pennsylvania Hospital. He chose to pursue his Infectious Disease fellowship at BIDMC due to its strong clinical reputation, supportive leadership and wide variety of research opportunities. His interests in ID lie in HIV prevention and treatment. In his free time he enjoys playing the piano, and weather permitting, scuba diving.

### **Samira Reyes Dassum, MD**

Samira was born in Quito, Ecuador where she completed medical school. She completed her Internal Medicine Residency at North Shore Medical Center in Salem, MA and was recruited to do a Chief Year a few miles west at MetroWest Medical Center in Framingham, MA. As an Infectious Disease fellow she is interested in Diagnostic Stewardship and Antibiotic Stewardship with a focus on QI. In her free time, she enjoys cooking, gardening and spending time with her husband and two rescued cats.



# Current Infectious Diseases Fellowship Classes

## Class of 2021

### **Polly Van Den Berg, MD**

Polly was born in Amsterdam, The Netherlands but was raised in Philadelphia, PA. She received her MD from Temple University and then moved to Boston to complete medical residency at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center. As an infectious diseases fellow, she became interested in Infection Control and Hospital Epidemiology and will pursue advanced training in these areas. In her free time, she enjoys running, boot camp classes, and hiking with her husband and dog, Goose.

### **Andrew Kapoor, MD**

After graduating from the University of Toronto medical school, Andrew completed his residency in Internal Medicine McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario. He decided to leave Canada to pursue ID training in the United States, and was lucky to end up in Boston at one of the country's leading ID programs and is currently a first year fellow in the adult BIDMC fellowship program. In addition to general ID, his clinical focus also includes HIV and global health under the mentorship of Dr. Roger Shipiro and Dr. Rebecca Zash. Research interests include clinical and epidemiological research in international HIV. In his free time, he loves travelling to new places in New England and playing tennis!

### **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 Children's. Academic interests include transplant, immunocompromised hosts, and global health. 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.

### **Elisabeth Merchant, MD**

Elise grew up in Montana, but came East for undergrad at Brown. She moved to Boston for medical school and Internal Medicine residency at Tufts Medical Center, where she spent an additional year as a chief resident. Her passion is Medical Education, and she is excited to be accepted into BIDMC's Fellow Clinician Educator Track during her second year of fellowship. Additional medical interests include infections in persons who use drugs, a field in which she did research in residency, and HIV. Her hobbies outside of the hospital include board games, trivia, reading, yoga, boxing, and spending time with her husband and their cat, Ollivander.

### **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.