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From the desk of Dr. Lara Shekerdemian



Hello Team -

As summer draws to a close, it is my pleasure to extend a warm welcome to all our new department of pediatrics faculty, and to our trainees embarking on their residency or fellowship journey. Your arrival marks a significant milestone in your professional careers, and we are thrilled to have you here! The start of this new chapter brings with it opportunities for growth, learning, and collaboration, and I have no doubt that each of you will make invaluable contributions to your divisions and the patients we care for.

This summer has presented us with its share of challenges, as we have faced and navigated various headwinds that have tested our resilience. The road ahead may still have its hurdles, but I assure you that we are steadfast in our commitment to supporting our department members, as well as the patients and families who depend on us. Despite the events of the past several weeks, where I like many of you felt a multitude of emotions, I am optimistic and hopeful for our future.

On a lighter note, as we transition into the fall, I would like to extend my best wishes to those of you with loved ones returning to school. May this season bring success and fulfillment to your families, just as we strive to achieve within our department. I look forward to forging ahead alongside each and every one of you, to cooler and brighter days!

Happy reading and take care,
Lara

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Transitions



Dr. Poplack Honored at Retirement Party

Dr. Poplack joined Texas Children's in 1993, bringing with him a passion for pediatric oncology and a commitment to patient-centered care that has defined his world-renowned career. During his 25 years as Director, the Cancer Center grew exponentially from seven faculty members, 42 employees, and one laboratory to nearly 200 faculty members, more than 1,000 employees, and more than 40 laboratories.

"Overall, Dr. Poplack has been a beacon of hope and healing for countless patients and their families, providing not only exceptional medical treatment but also the compassion and support that are so crucial during the cancer journey."

-- Mark Wallace, CEO, Texas Children's Hospital

Infectious Disease Celebrates Dr. Edwards on Her Retirement

On March 23, 2024, Infectious Diseases celebrated the long and distinguished career of **Dr. Morven S. Edwards**, who retired from Baylor College of Medicine with Distinguished Emeritus Professor Status after 45 years of service.



Dr. Appachi Appointed to Endowed Chair

Dr. Elumalai Appachi was appointed to the Sister Angela Clare Moran, CCVI Endowed Chair in Pediatrics at ChofSA, where he serves as Regional Chair of Pediatrics. He earned his MD at Stanley Medical College, Madras University in India and completed his pediatric residency at the Institute of Child Health and Hospital for Children, Madras, as well as a pediatric residency and pediatric critical care fellowship at Cleveland Clinic. The honor will allow him to further advance education and research in his field of pediatric critical care.



New Division Chief for IAR Announced



Dr. Lisa Forbes Satter will be appointed new Division Chief of Immunology, Allergy, and Retrovirology, beginning on October 16, 2024. She replaces Dr. Carla M. Davis, who has accepted a new position (see below). Dr. Satter completed her undergraduate degree in Business Administration from The University of Texas at Austin, her medical training at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio Medical School, followed by a residency (pediatrics) at Saint Vincent Catholic Medical Center/New York Medical College in New York, NY, and an Allergy and Immunology Fellowship at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. She serves as Director of the William T. Shearer Texas Children's Center for Human Immunobiology, Director of the Jeffrey Modell Foundation Center, and Medical Director of the BCM Department of Pediatrics Center for Research Advancement.

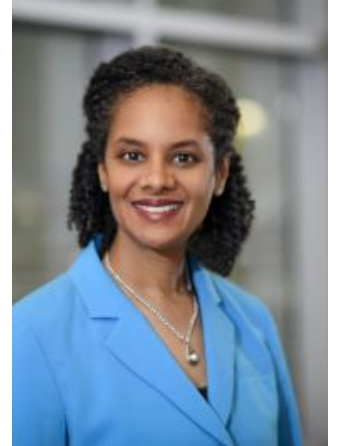
Dr. Davis Accepts a New Chair Position at Howard University

Dr. Carla M. Davis, Chief of the Division of Immunology, Allergy, and Retrovirology, has accepted the position of Chair of the Department of Pediatrics and Child Health at Howard University College of Medicine, beginning in October of this year.

"This will be an incredible opportunity to build and innovate at her Alma Mater, while contributing to social justice efforts in medicine. She will do a phenomenal job in her new role, and her leadership will only elevate the work being done at Howard further.

This announcement is truly bittersweet for me, as it will be for all of you. Carla has been with us for 27 years, from internship, residency, to fellowship, to faculty and since 2019 as a leader in the Department of Pediatrics. "

*-- Dr. Lara Shekerdeman,
Department Chair*

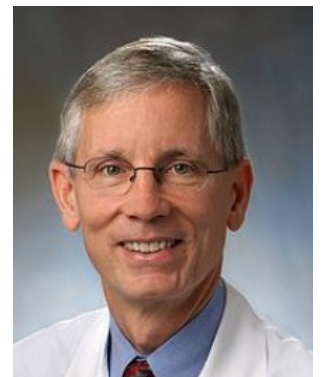


New Pediatric Residency Program Director Announced

Dr. Brian Rissmiller has been appointed the new Program Director for the Pediatric Residency at Baylor College of Medicine. Dr. Rissmiller completed his undergraduate degree at Princeton and attended medical school at Robert Wood Johnson Medical School in New Jersey. He completed his pediatric residency at BCM, where he served as a fourth-year chief resident. In 2016, Dr. Rissmiller completed his fellowship in Pediatric Critical Care at BCM, also serving as chief fellow in his final year. He joined the leadership of the pediatric residency program as an Associate Program Director in 2019.

Appreciation Extended to Dr. Mark Ward

Finally, a huge thank you to **Dr. Mark Ward** for his exceptional leadership over the past year. Dr. Ward stepped smoothly into the interim Program Director role last July, leading with grace, sensitivity, and unwavering support and advocacy for our trainees.



EVENTS



Presenters and Mentors, pictured with Chair of Pediatrics, Dr. Lara Shekerdemien

On May 31, 2024, the Department of Pediatrics celebrated the **10th Annual Resident Scholarship Day**, showcasing the impactful scholarly projects of our pediatric residents. The milestone event, organized by the Resident Scholarship Program, highlighted the breadth and depth of research and scholarship conducted by our residents throughout their training. The day began with Grand Rounds oral presentations, which were followed by a vibrant poster session. The excitement from residents and faculty was palpable, filling the room with the buzz of scientific discussion around the poster session. We extend our

appreciation to all residents, mentors, and faculty that made the day a resounding success. The Resident Scholarship Day Planning Committee: Chief Residents, **Drs. Sarah Ho and Arjun Patel**; Resident Scholarship Program, **Drs. Shailendra Das, Teresa Duryea, Amy Hair, Steven Lazar, and Satid Thammasitboon.**



On February 29, Infectious Disease leadership held a day-long **Pediatric Infectious Diseases Division Retreat** at III by Wolfgang Puck for faculty members. One goal was to facilitate collaboration among faculty (both within the division and college-wide). The retreat was facilitated by **Dr. Kelley J Slack**, Organizational Psychologist in the DoP and TCH, who helped begin the steps required to develop a division Code of Collaboration, which is in the process of being finalized.

The first **Pediatric ID Division Research Retreat** was held on April 12 at TCH. The all-day event was kicked off by divisional Basic/Translational Science Director **Dr. Katherine King** and ID Division Chief **Dr. Deb Palazzi**. The event consisted of showcasing research by the ID faculty in platform and poster sessions, as well as a keynote speech by **Dr. Lisa Forbes Satter**, Medical Director of the Center for Research Advancement. These activities were followed by brainstorming sessions to enhance research work in the division. The planning committee consisted of **Drs. Katherine King, Mary Healy, Ankhi Dutta, Erin Nicholson, and Ryan Rochat**, and coordinators, **Madiha Charania, Robin Schroeder, and Rachel Alvarado.**





On May 29, 2024, the **William T. Shearer Center for Human Immunobiology** hosted its first **Researcher's Appreciation Day**, dedicated to recognizing the invaluable contributions of researchers in the field of pediatrics at TCH. This special day was inspired by **Dr. Alexander Vargas-Hernandez** (above, right), who noted that while there are days set aside to honor doctors, administrators, nurses, and others, researchers in pediatrics had yet to receive their own day of appreciation. The Center aims to set a precedent, hoping to see the entire pediatrics sector embrace the tradition of celebrating the hard work and dedication of researchers. The event was a resounding success, with researchers expressing their overwhelming gratitude for the recognition. The Center looks forward to making Researcher's Appreciation Day an annual tradition, ensuring that those who tirelessly work behind the scenes receive the acknowledgment and appreciation they so richly deserve.



TCH The Woodlands celebrated its **7th Anniversary** on Thursday, April 11, with the TCH The Woodlands Annual Values Awards. The winners were: Live Compassionately, **Jay Mennel** and **Dr. Kylie Durand** (PHM); Embrace Freedom, **Tracie Stone** and **Dr. Swati Karmarkar** (neurology); Amplify Unity, **Jackie Reames** and **Bonny Buruca**; and Lead Tirelessly, **Jessica Smith** and **Dr. Christian Erikson** (CCM).

TCH Retrovirology collaborated with BCM's Office of Health Equity and Community Engagement (CEHE) to staff their booth at Houston's 46th Annual LGBTQ+ Pride Festival and Parade on June 29, 2024. TCH Retrovirology actively participates in valuable research through the Adolescent Medicine Trials Network for HIV/AIDS Interventions (ATN). Since 2011, their team has collaborated closely with ATN on diverse studies focusing on vulnerable populations aged 13-24 years, addressing HIV prevention and treatment adherence. To amplify awareness and engagement, the ATN team at Retrovirology has engaged in numerous community events and campaigns with partners like Allies in Hope and BCM Teen Clinic.





Immunology Allergy Retrovirology (IAR), and Rheumatology held their 3rd Annual Summer Backyard BBQ Luncheon June 26, 2024 in the IAR conference room. Thank you to Samantha Johnson, Karen Johnson, Olivia Trzepacz and Cynthia Villarreal for coordinating this fun event.

The **30th Anniversary of David’s Dream Run** took place Saturday, May 4, 2024. The Run is organized by The David Elementary School in the Woodlands area with Carol Ann Demaret, David Vetter’s mother. David had SCID at a time before newborn screening and the curative treatments of today. He received care in a germ-free environment at TCH by the late Dr. William T. Shearer, our former Chief of Allergy & Immunology. David’s Dream Run celebrates the advancements in science and clinical care now possible through newborn screening, immunogenetic diagnostics, and curative treatments. Our Immunology, Allergy & Retrovirology Service has partnered with the Run since its inception in 1994. One-hundred percent of the sponsorship goes to TCH to support scientific discovery, clinical care, and educational initiatives for persons with immune disorders. On May 22nd, Carol Ann Demaret presented a check from David’s Dream Run for TCH to Clinical Chief-Woodlands, Dr. Javier Chinen, in the amount of \$36,735.14.



The BCM DOP was well-represented at the annual AAP leadership conference at AAP Headquarters in Itasca, Illinois, this weekend. From L to R: **Dr. Carl Allen** (Chair, Section on Hematology Oncology), **Dr. Charleta Guillory** (President, Texas Chapter), **Dr. Binal S. Kancherla** (Chair, AAP Section on Pediatric Pulmonology and Sleep Medicine), **Dr. Rachel Marek** (Chair, Section on Hospital Medicine), **Dr. Eileen Brewer** (Chair, Committee on Coding and Nomenclature), **Dr. Sanghamitra Misra** (Chair, Section on Integrative Medicine), **Dr. Sonny Harpavat** (Chair, Section on Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition), and **Dr. Timothy Lotze** (Chair, Section on Neurology).



Rheumatology’s “Texas Children’s Mighty Joint Crew,” **Dr. Andrea Ramirez** and spouse Doel Rodriguez and fur babies, **Dr. Cagri Toruner**, and Nurse Practitioner **Shelby Brooks** and spouse John Jones, participated in the **Walk to Cure Arthritis** at Fish Plaza/Buffalo Bayou Trail, on May 4, 2024.



Dr. Marietta de Guzman, Nurses **Sarah Brock** and family and **Nikisha Foster** and friend Marcel, and Social Worker **Karina Duran**, Rheumatology, participated in the 2024 Texas Southern University **Walk to End Lupus Now** at the TSU campus on May 4, 2024.



Dr. Marietta de Guzman headed the Lupus Team consisting of Rheumatology Nurses **Patsy Keegan**, **Sarah Brock**, and **Nikisha Foster**. Patsy Keegan and Nikisha Foster attended the Lupus Foundation of America Texas Gulf Coast Chapter Corporate Competition dinner at Texas Southern University on May 7, 2024, and the team achieved First Place as Top Donors!

Texas Children’s hosted the annual **Texas Children’s Global Health Network Executive Directors Meeting** on May 13-17, 2024, in Houston. The week-long meeting reinforced the organization’s commitment to enhancing global health equity for children and women in resource-constrained settings around the world. Leaders from 9 countries across three continents convened to evaluate their ongoing initiatives, share best practices, and strategize for the future.





Texas Children's Cancer and Hematology Center hosted its first Faculty Awards Ceremony. The event celebrated faculty accomplishments and honored former center director **Dr. David Poplack**, who served as director of the center for 25 years and director of Global HOPE for five years. **Dr. Lisa Bomgaars** received the inaugural Pediatric Hematology Oncology Quality Safety (PHOQS) Award, along with Texas Children's Clinical Director **Kathleen Magee**. Poplack is pictured here with colleague Dr. Ernest Frugé.



Andrea Ramirez, MD, and her spouse **Doel Rodriguez** hosted the **Class of 2024 BCM Pediatric Rheumatology Fellowship Graduation** for **Drs. Emily Beil and Sharanya Joginpalli** at their beautiful residence. The event featured an Italian send-off, including dinner and cocktails, on June 22, 2024.

The annual **Autoimmune Encephalitis (AE) Day** was held to promote family advocacy, and raising awareness at the United Way headquarters on June 15, 2024. This was the sixth family day held by Rheumatology. There were approximately 80 participants, which consisted of parents, children, faculty, and staff, which was double the attendance of last year! Thank you to **Divya Thomas** and **Sarah Brock** for their planning and preparation of the AE Day event, which included getting programs for teens, younger kids, and family members! In addition, kudos to **Monica Guevara**, **Priscilla Valdez**, and **Nikisha Foster** for taking time away from their families and keeping all the kids happy!





The **Baylor Global TB Program’s NIH-Fogarty International Center** funded D43 training grant, *Siyakhula* (meaning “we are growing,” in siSwati), concluded the second CHART month-long course on May 31, 2024, in Mbabane, Eswatini. *Siyakhula*, led by PI **Dr. Anna Mandalakas**, supports two cohorts of in-country learners through CHART and three PhD candidates. With partners at the Ministry of Health-Eswatini, the University of Eswatini, Baylor Children’s Foundation-Eswatini, and UTHealth, they are building a robust and sustainable research community and putting systems in place to continually enhance research capacity in eSwatini. They received more than 100 applications for the second CHART cohort, a five-fold increase from the first course, held in 2022. The scholars participated in a four-week intensive course of didactic lectures, case study learning, hands-on training with field day experiences, and project proposal development. The CHART course engaged more than two dozen faculty members from partners, including BCM, the Ministry of Health-Eswatini, UNESWA, UTHealth, CDC-Eswatini, and other local NGOs.



The **Network of Practice in Health Sciences Scholarship (NoP-HSS)** is an international movement dedicated to creating a collective impact in health sciences and enhancing health outcomes and well-being globally through pioneering research, innovation, and scholarship. **Dr. Diane Nguyen** and **Dr. Satid Thammasitboon** co-lead NoP-HSS, a global network of empowered health professionals committed to advancing health sciences through open, sustainable partnerships. The NoP-HSS Advisory Committee includes **Drs. Kelli Barbour, Jennifer Benjamin, Jorge Coss-Bu, Anna Mandalakas, Gordon Schutze, Geeta Singhal, and Teri Turner**. The network connects communities of practice (CoP) to form an international network of practice, with the mission to enhance the professional capacity and promote excellence in health sciences globally by providing targeted professional development programs and resources, facilitating impactful collaborations within and across communities of practice, and ensuring equitable access to cutting-edge resources and expert mentorship. Inaugural CoPs include institutions in Indonesia, Taiwan, Thailand, and South Africa, as well as the Center for Research, Innovation and Scholarship in Health Professions Education (CRIS) at BCM and Global Health Scholarship Community of Practice at Texas Children’s Global.



Our institution has been awarded the prestigious **ASPIRE to Excellence Award for International Collaboration in Health Professions Education** by AMEE. The recognition showcases the culmination of years of dedicated effort for capacity enhancing initiatives across the Texas Children's Global Health Network (TCG)/BIPAI, including the Global Health Scholarship Community of Practice (CoP) Program and affirms our reputation and leadership in health-capacity building.

The ASPIRE Award Executive Committee highlighted the strength of our application, stating:
"The major strength of this application is the way that the submitting team have demonstrated the inception, development, and mature adaptation of a network of practice from a modest beginning as a community of practice dedicated to providing staff development. This is a strong application, with clear evidence, and sound reflection on progress."

Dr. Arianexys Aquino-Lopez received an Outsmarting Osteosarcoma Young Investigator Award from the MIB Agents Osteosarcoma Alliance. The grant, which is funded by Sydney's Osteosarcoma Fund, will support his innovative preclinical research into new, cutting-edge immunotherapy approaches for osteosarcoma.

Dr. Bertuch and her team have discovered that many patients with bone marrow failure have heretofore unknown disorders of their telomeres, structures at the end of our chromosomes that play an essential operant role in chromosomal and genetic stability. The Center has been chosen as a Tier 1 Center of Excellence, a designation that is truly a reflection of the dedication, hard work, and outstanding contributions to the TBD community.

Dr. Claire Bocchini received the Clark Faculty Service Award, which honors Baylor College of Medicine faculty members who represent their professions and Baylor's mission, vision, and values at the highest level and contribute above and beyond a faculty member's day-to-day responsibilities

Dr. Maria Elena Bottazzi was appointed to The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine ad hoc Committee on Strategies to Better Align Investments in Innovations for Therapeutic Development with Disease Burden and Unmet Needs.

Martha Curry, MS, APRN, CPNP-PC

-- was promoted from Instructor to Assistant Professor – Nurse Practitioner
-- received a "Caught you Caring" award in May of 2024.

Dr. Carla Davis received the Floyd Malveaux Physician of the Year award from the National Medical Association, Allergy, Asthma and Immunology and was recognized at the NMA annual convention Aug. 3 – 7 in New York City.

Dr. Megan Duffey has completed her research fellowship with BCM and will be staying on as a Clinical Instructor in the Department of Pediatrics, Tropical Medicine and the Department of Medicine, Infectious Diseases.

Dr. Miriah Gillispie-Taylor attended the Pediatric Academic Societies (PAS) Meeting in May in Toronto, Canada, where she was a presenter and moderator for: Allergy, Immunology and Rheumatology, APA SIG: E-Learning - Artificial Intelligence in Medical Education - Friend and Foe.

Dr. Angeline Opina Gonzalez was appointed to the Texas Maternal Mortality and Morbidity Review Committee.

Dr. Marietta DeGuzman received the 2024 James T. Cassidy Award, the premier AAP rheumatology annual award, which honors pediatric rheumatologists who have made significant contributions to the field of rheumatology and to the education of pediatric rheumatology fellows.

Dr. Mary Healy

-- was named co-director of the Clinical Operations Unit of the Infectious Diseases Clinical Research Consortium, a clinical trials network of the NIH's National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

-- was named the American Academy of Pediatrics Committee on Infectious Diseases' representative to the IDSA Standards and Practice Guidelines Committee

-- was appointed as AAP Liaison to the Meningococcal Workgroup of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practice.

Dr. Peter Hotez

-- spoke on a panel for the 50th anniversary of TDR (tropical disease research) the Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases in Geneva, Switzerland

-- received the 2024 John P. McGovern Science and Society from Sigma Xi, the Scientific Research Honor Society, for his pioneering vaccine research and tireless advocacy and communication in the interests of scientific research.

Dr. Katherine King was awarded the 2024 Award for Leadership in Diversity, Equity and Inclusion from the International Society for Experimental Hematology.

Dr. B. Lee Ligon was named Top Scholar by ScholarGPS.

Dr. Keila N. Lopez was selected by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) as the 2024 Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Excellence Award winner. This award, established in May 2022, recognizes excellence in advancing equity, diversity, and inclusion in pediatric medicine.

Dr. Mariana Carretero Murillo was awarded a 2024 Community Access to Child Health (CATCH) grant by the AAP's Section of Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics (SODBP) for a project entitled "Mobile Clinics Expanding Pediatric Neurodevelopmental Care."

Dr. Eyal Muscal

-- was invited to serve as one of the speakers on the 2024 Virtual Rheumatology Practicum (VIP) Pediatric Working Group for pediatric rheumatology fellows in-training (FITs) on June 30, 2024.
-- was invited to serve on a panel by the French Foundation for Research (FFRE) on Epilepsy for his valuable expertise and support. He will help review a new-onset refractory status epilepticus (NORSE) grant application that the FFRE has received and is considering for funding.
-- was invited to serve as primary reviewer on the Grant Application Review Panel for the Food and Drug Administration's Office of Orphan Products Development Grants Program.

Dr. MaiLan Nguyen received the Power of Professionalism (POP) Award, created by the Center for Professionalism to recognize members of the BCM community who demonstrate a commitment to professionalism in their daily practice.

Diane Nino was recognized for 35 years at BCM.

Dr. Aderonke Ojo was selected to serve a 3-year term as Senator on the BCM Faculty Senate.

Dr. Debra Palazzi was awarded the 2024 Master Clinician Award for Excellence in Patient Care. This prestigious award recognizes stellar and enduring contributions to the patient care mission of BCM through clinical excellence, leadership, mentoring, clinical innovation and continuous service to the Baylor community.

Dr. Maria Pereira

-- gave an invited talk on Updates on Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis and Systemic Lupus Erythematosus at the Latin American Association of Pediatrics (ALAPE) Annual Meeting in Guadalajara, Mexico on May 18, 2024.
-- received an Early Career award from BCM.

Dr. Shweta Parmekar received The Academy of Distinguished Educators' Norton Rose Fulbright Educational Grant for "Exploring the Personal Experiences of End-of-Life Care and Patient Death Among Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine Fellows."

Dr. Tim Porea received the Jan Drutz, M.D., Society Award from the Department of Pediatrics. This award highlights the significant contributions that he has made to medical education at BCM.

Dr. Nadrea Ramirez received a Star Award from BCM.

Dr. Rayne Rouse has been named to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Board of Directors.

Dr. Sarah Sartain received an R21 award from the National Institutes of Health. The funding will enable exploratory research into the role of tissue kallikrein proteases in infectious and immunologic diseases such as STEC-HUS (Shiga toxin E. coli Hemolytic Uremic Syndrome).

Dr. Lara Shekerdemian received the 2024 Distinguished Career Award from the American Academy of Pediatrics' Section on Critical Care. This prestigious award recognizes exceptional dedication to the field of Pediatric Critical Care Medicine and outstanding contributions to the pediatric critical care community.

Dr. Cagri Toruner, MD

-- selected as a member for the American College of Rheumatology, Quality Measures Subcommittee, Fall 2024-2026.
-- selected as a Quality Improvement (QI) Coach for the BCM Institute for Continuing Professional Development in Quality Improvement and Patient Safety (I-QIPS).
-- received the Star Award from BCM.

Dr. Andrew Yee received an R21 award from the National Institutes of Health. The funding will enable exploratory research into the role of tissue kallikrein proteases in infectious and immunologic diseases such as STEC-HUS (Shiga toxin E. coli Hemolytic Uremic Syndrome).



National School of Tropical Medicine is now accepting applications for 2025 Diploma in Tropical Medicine.

Tropical Medicine begin accepting applications for the 2025 Diploma in Tropical Medicine program on June 1, 2024. The deadline for the 2025 session is 11:59 p.m. on Oct. 1, 2024 for domestic applicants and 11:59 p.m. on Sept. 1, 2024 for international applicants. The online application and all supporting documentation (e.g. transcripts, letters of recommendation) must be submitted by the due date.

The Diploma in Tropical Medicine program courses are designed for physicians, physician assistant or those in training and are therefore limited to:

- Third- and fourth-year medical students.
- Physician assistants and students in the physician assistant programs.
- Healthcare professionals such as registered nurses and nurse practitioners with clinical experience.
- Those holding an M.D. or D.O. degree including physicians, residents, fellows, and postdoc fellows.
- Note: Non-clinical students could take module 3 (Tropical Medicine in Practice) and Module 4 (Epidemiology, Public Health).

FRIENDS, AND OTHER FUN STUFF



On April 20, 2024, **Dr. Amna AlSaihati** and her husband, Dr. Haitham AlAithan, welcomed the new addition to their family, Faye.



Dr. Megan Duffey gave birth on March 12, 2024, to June Duffey Ryu.



On March 20, 2024, **Dr. Tara Ness** and Jeremiah Stringham welcomed the new addition to their family, Bjorn Arvaken Stringam

Congratulations to **Shelby Brooks** (Rheumatology Nurse Practitioner) and her spouse, John Jones, on their nuptials on May 18, 2024.

The Rheumatology Division also threw her a “hen” party.



Martha Curry (Assistant Professor, Rheumatology Nurse Practitioner) celebrated her son, Max Curry, and his wife Kate's wedding in Heber Springs, Arkansas, on June 1, 2024.

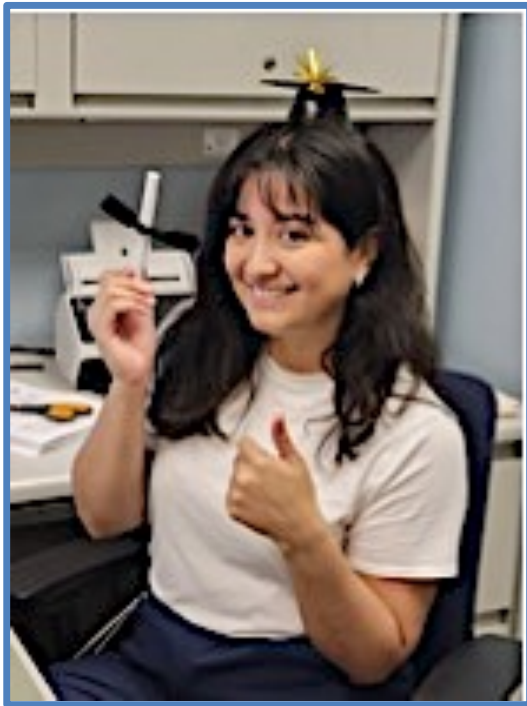
Congratulations to the newlyweds!

On March 4, Infectious Diseases hosted a baby shower for **Dr. Amna Al Saihati**, Postdoctoral Fellow, to celebrate the upcoming birth of her first child.



On May 17, Infectious Diseases celebrated the weddings of two employees, **Dr. Amira Said**, Postdoctoral Fellow, and **Holly Roos**, PA-C. Physician Assistant with a catered luncheon.

CONGRATULATIONS



On May 10, **Brenda Martinez**, Assistant Coordinator, graduated from the University of Houston with a bachelor's degree in business administration.



Wade McGee (son of **Lindy McGee**)— graduated from St. Johns School and will be attending Vanderbilt University next year.

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