



Division of Infectious Diseases

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Dear ID Division Members,

As the holiday season is upon us, we wanted to take a moment to wish you all a happy and healthy holidays and New Year, and to thank everyone for attending the first ID Division Holiday Gathering in three years on December 20!

Sincerely,

Eleanor Shields

Communications and Logistics Coordinator

Eric Poeschla, MD

Professor and Division Head



Honors and Awards



Michelle Barron, MD

Dr. Michelle Barron was selected as the ARCS Foundation, Inc., Colorado Chapter, Honoree of the Year. This is an impressive honor awarded to a Chapter member deemed to have provided the highest quality of long-term service to ARCs Foundation. Many congratulations to Michelle!

Grants Received



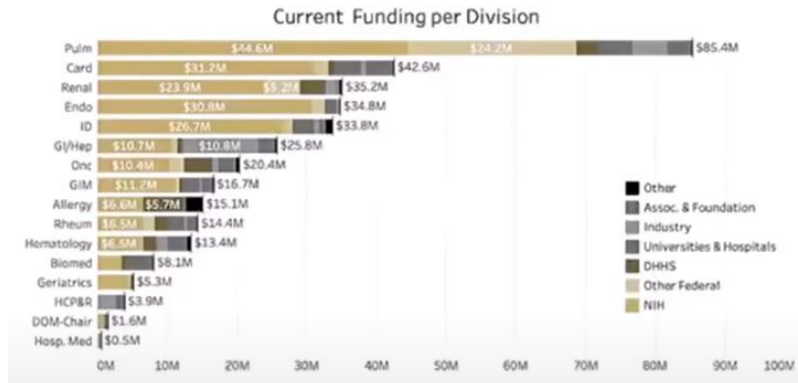
Kellie Hawkins, MD

Dr. Kellie Hawkins and the Denver Health ID Clinic received funding to implement a low-barrier, walk-in HIV clinic modeled after MAX clinic in Seattle. The 3-year grant was awarded by AIDS United and HRSA. The funding began July 2022 and the team hopes to open enrollment to the clinic soon. Congratulations, Kellie!

Division Research Funding

Dr. Vineet Chopra showed in his State of the Department talk the DOM Research Dashboard. You'll see from the image below that our Division ranks 5th place of the Department's 14 divisions in research funding, and is essentially in a tie for 4th place in NIH funding. In a [10% NIAID R01 payline world \(14% for new investigators\)](#), this is something for us collectively to be very proud of, and unambiguous evidence of your talent, excitement for discovery, and abilities to drive critical knowledge in our fields forward. For each grant awarded, many more

proposals were arduously prepared but not funded. We are campus leaders in science and scholarship of diverse kinds



On this note, as the slide shows, many research successes happened and many grants were awarded to our faculty for diverse kinds of research and scholarship in the past few years. Kudos to all. The division would like to extend a special congratulations and recognition in this month's newsletter to our HIV researcher **Dr. Mamuka Kvaratskhelia** who is now a PI on: three R01s, an MPI on one R01, a Project Leader on a U54 grant, a Co-Investigator on two R01s, and an MPI on a T32. Mamuka now has total NIH funding of > \$3 Million per year. Congratulations to Mamuka and his creative team of scientists.

Other Division News

Dr. Sarah Mann

Dr. Sarah Mann presented an oral abstract titled *"The impact of diabetes mellitus on adherence and HIV virologic control: results of the multicenter AIDS cohort study/women's interagency HIV study combined cohort study"* at the International Workshop on Long-term Complications of HIV and SARS-CoV-2. Congratulations, Sarah!

FY24 Clinical Fellows

As **Dr. Brian Montague** has communicated, we will have four clinical fellows joining us on July 1, so despite the national ID scene (44% of programs going unfulfilled), our own program is filled. The incoming fellows that we will be pleased to welcome in July are Zachary Cantor, DO, Sawyer Ricker, MD, Braden Sciarra, MD, and Maxwell Witt, MD. Congrats to Brian and Mike Haden this great success among the challenging FY23 clinical fellowship landscape.

Transplant ID Fellowship

Dr. Bruce McCollister has stepped up to be Program Director for the Transplant ID fellowship this year. Bruce comes to this role with first-rate medical education credentials. For several years he was the Microbiology Content Director and designer for the new Trek Curriculum that Dr. Shanta Zimmer pioneered. When medical students were asked to elect

the top teachers from the first year and second year, they picked Bruce. In addition, based on his evaluations, his course matter, and student votes, he was selected to receive the first annual JJ Cohen Basic Science Teaching Award. Closer to home, so many of our clinicians, from residents to Professors, have learned very much for years from Bruce's friendly and elegant weekly teaching hour in the UCH Clinical Microbiology Laboratory.

Intermountain Transplant ID Society

We are excited to announce the launch of the Intermountain Transplant ID Society to promote regional collaboration among transplant ID colleagues from the University of Colorado, the University of Utah, the University of Nebraska, the University of New Mexico, and the University of Utah. The Society was founded by **Dr. Maheen Abidi**, who notes that the creation of the society is only made possible by regional collaboration with the participating sites and their enthusiastic site TID leads. **Dr. Lakshmi Chauhan** and **Dr. Brian Montague** are assisting Maheen with our site. Check out the Society's [website](#) and follow the Twitter page [@MountainTID!](#)

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