



Division of Infectious Diseases

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Edward (Eddie) Stenehjem, MD, MSc

Executive Vice Chair

Department of Medicine

Dr. Vineet Chopra and Dr. Eric Poeschla are excited to co-announce that Dr. Eddie Stenehjem will be joining our division faculty, in our ID practice and as Executive Vice Chair of Medicine. We very much look forward to working with him in both capacities. Dr. Stenehjem is a highly talented and experienced physician and leader. Dr. Chopra nicely summarizes his experience and numerous achievements in his [message to the Department](#). You may also remember that Dr. Stenehjem visited us and spoke to our Division on anti-microbial stewardship, a main expertise of his, at ID Grand Rounds several years ago. His large health system-wide experience in several roles at Intermountain Health, most recently as Senior Medical Director for Medical Specialties,

will be invaluable to both the Department and the Division. Please join us in welcoming Dr. Stenehjem. He will begin on July 1, 2023.

Susan Mason Endowed Fund In Infectious Diseases - Applications Due March 1

Susan R. Mason, MD was a prominent and well-loved infectious diseases physician in the Denver area until her untimely death at the age of 63 in 2016. She completed an ID fellowship at the University of Colorado in 1985, and co-founded Western Infectious Diseases PC. Dr. Mason was one of the first women to have an exclusive infectious disease practice in the Denver metropolitan area. Susan taught a generation of ID fellows, many of whom are prominent ID practitioners in the Denver area now. She inspired medical students every year with her sensitive, practical and intelligent approach to diagnosing and treating infectious diseases. The Susan Mason Education Award advances her goals and practice to enhance the ethical and inclusive care of all patients based on the most robust information available. Upon her passing, her husband, Richard J. Wedgle, established a fund to honor her legacy and support trainees interested in careers in infectious diseases.

Purpose and Donor Intent: Distributions from the Susan Mason Fund will be used to provide two annual awards (one in the Spring and one in the Fall) to internal medicine or pediatric residents and/or adult or pediatric infectious disease fellows. The fund supports research, discovery, teaching, or clinical care in infectious diseases. Each award of approximately \$1500 can provide support for costs associated with professional development opportunities (trainings, conference attendance, etc.), research (participant remuneration, clinical programs, reagent costs, etc.), clinical programs, or development of educational materials.

Application Materials:

Long-term career goals (1/2 page limit)

Description of proposed use of funds (1/2 page limit)

CV, resume, or biosketch

Statement from mentor or program director attesting to the appropriate use of the funds as requested

Application Due Date and Award Announcements:

Award applications will be due yearly on March 1 and August 1 by 5pm MT (email application materials to kristine.erlandson@cuanschutz.edu). No late applications will be considered. Funding decisions will be announced and funds will become available by April

1 and September 1, respectively.

Expectations of Award:

Awardees must submit a brief progress report (< 1 page) within 12 months of award receipt, providing explanation of the use of the funds and how funds have contributed to the awardees' experience in infectious diseases. These reports should be written in layperson language and will be distributed to Mr. Mason.

Selection Process: Recipients will be chosen based on merit of the request upon review by the selection committee including:

Kristine Erlandson (Chair and Anschutz representative)

Ed Janoff (VAMC representative)

Kellie Hawkins (Denver Health representative)

Christiana Smith-Anderson (Children's Hospital Colorado representative)

Questions Regarding the Application Process:

Please reach out to any of the selection committee members above.

Contribute to the Fund:

Interested in contributing to the fund? Continued contributions to this fund will allow for larger awards in the future. There are various ways to do this including setting up a regular deduction from your paycheck. [Click here](#) for more information.

Other Division News

Dr. Shelley Kon

Dr. Shelley Kon published a paper titled "Long-term impact of fluoroquinolone-sparing strategies for empirical treatment of acute uncomplicated cystitis among ambulatory patients" in Therapeutic Advances in Infectious Disease. [Full article](#).

ID Division in the Huffington Post

Drs. Tom Campbell, Martin Krsak, and Eric Poeschla were interviewed and gave their viewpoints on the new XBB and XBB.1.5 SARS-CoV-2 variants in a Huffington Post article on January 6, 2023. [Full article](#).

ID Division Recipe Book

Dr. Tyler Degener, a second year ID fellow, is compiling a book of recipes submitted by

faculty and staff from the division. Please email tyler.degener@cuanschutz.edu with up to three recipes that you would like to share that include ingredients and step-by-step instructions. The goal is to celebrate and share favorite foods from the diverse backgrounds that comprise our division. **Please submit your recipes no later than February 25, 2023.**

Other Links

ID Division Newsletter Archive

We are pleased to announce that an archive of ID Division Newsletters can now be found on our website for the public. [See it here.](#)

Newsletter Submissions

We want to hear your news! Please email submissions for our next newsletter to eleanor.shields@cuanschutz.edu.

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