



# **Infectious Diseases Division Newsletter**

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# Appointments and Transitions



Congratulations to **Jonathan Berardi**, who was appointed the new Study Coordinator for CCTU/Uptown.



Congratulations to **Rebecca Fry**, who was appointed the new Study Coordinator for CCTU/Chelsea.



Congratulations to **Lish Ndhlovu**, who joined the Board of Directors of CytoDyn. ([Link](#))



**Thomas Walsh** retired from WCM, effective January 31, 2022.



# Grants



Congratulations to **Shashi Kapadia**, who successfully competed for a 2022-2023 NYP Dalio Center's Health Justice Grant.



Congratulations to **Ayana Morales**, who was selected as a recipient of the 2022 WCM Pilot Grant Award of the Mastercard Diversity-Mentorship Collaborative.





## Other News



On January 21<sup>st</sup>, **Lishomwa Ndhlovu** gave a seminar at University of Puerto Rico School of Medicine, Dept. of Pharmacology and Toxicology entitled: "Advances in Pharmacology: from Genomes and Molecules to System Effects". ([Link](#))



On January 24<sup>th</sup>, **Kate Stoeckle** presented a great case, representing WCM at the first virtual New York InterCity Rounds.

**Microbiology**

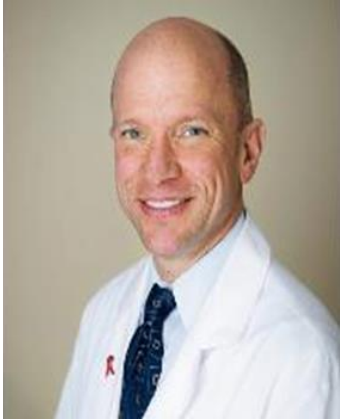
*Vibrio parahaemolyticus*

- Straight or curved gram negative bacilli
- Lives in marine environments, common seafood contaminant
- Causes diarrhea and wound infections
- Common wound isolate in New Orleans residents after Hurricane Katrina in 2005
- Numbers rise as water temperature rises

Kate Stoeckle



# Newsroom Updates



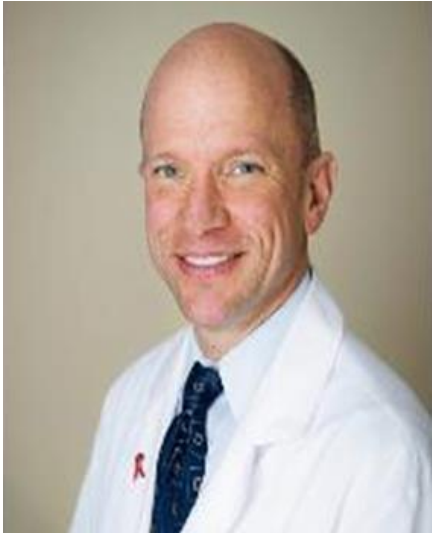
**Trip Gulick** was featured in the following:

- ❖ [ABCNews](#): “COVID-19 pills could be game-changer, but doctors worry about early access, uptake”.
- ❖ [NYPost](#): “FDA cautions against throat swab for at-home COVID tests”.
- ❖ [TODAY](#): “Is a throat swab with a nose swab a better way to detect omicron?”.
- ❖ [wfmynews2](#): “VERIFY: Throat swab vs. nasal swab for omicron”.
- ❖ [TODAY](#): “What to know now if you received the J&J COVID-19 vaccine”.
- ❖ [Healthline](#): “Pfizer to Start Human Studies of Omicron Vax this Month — Is it Too Late?”.





## Newsroom Updates



### Continued:

- ❖ [Wall Street Journal](#): “GlaxoSmithKline Racing to Provide Only Effective Covid-19 Antibody Treatment”.
- ❖ [CBS News](#): “How can I get Paxlovid, the COVID-19 pill? Access to COVID treatments remains a challenge”.
- ❖ [ABC7NY](#): answered Covid questions.





## Newsroom Updates



**Douglas Nixon** was featured in the following:

- ❖ [WCM Newsroom](#): “Flu Shots, Measles Vaccines Could Also Help ‘Flatten the Curve’ for COVID-19”.
- ❖ [Cornell Chronicle](#): “Flu, measles vaccines could help flatten COVID curve”.





# Divisional Publications

- ❖ Apple AC, Oddi A, Peluso MJ, Asken BM, Henrich TJ, Kelly JD, Pleasure SJ, Deeks SG, Allen IE, Martin JN, **Ndhlovu LC**, Miller BL, Stephens ML, Hellmuth J. Risk factors and abnormal cerebrospinal fluid associate with cognitive symptoms after mild COVID-19. *Ann Clin Transl Neurol*. 2022 Jan 19. doi: 10.1002/acn3.51498. Epub ahead of print. [PMID: 35043593](#).
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- ❖ Choi JJ, **McCarthy MW**, Meltzer KK, Cornelius-Schechter A, Jabri A, Reshetnyak E, Banerjee S, **Westblade LF**, Mehta S, **Simon MS**, Zhao Z, **Glesby MJ**. The Diagnostic Accuracy Of Procalcitonin for Urinary Tract Infection in Hospitalized Older Adults: a Prospective Study. *J Gen Intern Med*. 2022 Jan 8:1–7. doi: 10.1007/s11606-021-07265-8. Epub ahead of print. PMID: 34997392; [PMCID: PMC8741546](#).
- ❖ Hupert N, Marín-Hernández D, Gao B, Águas R, **Nixon DF**. Heterologous vaccination interventions to reduce pandemic morbidity and mortality: Modeling the US winter 2020 COVID-19 wave. *Proc Natl Acad Sci U S A*. 2022 Jan 18;119(3):e2025448119. doi: 10.1073/pnas.2025448119. [PMID: 35012976](#).
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- ❖ **Thomas A Premeaux**, Carlee B Moser, Ashley McKhann, Martin Hoenigl, **Stephen T Yeung**, **Alina P S Pang**, **Michael J Corley**, Michael M Lederman, Alan L Landay, Sara Gianella, **Lishomwa C Ndhlovu**, Adult Clinical Trials Group NWCS 411 study team, Monitoring Circulating Immune Checkpoint Proteins as Predictors of Non-AIDS Morbid Events in People with HIV Initiating Antiretroviral Therapy, *Open Forum Infectious Diseases*, 2022;, ofab570, <https://doi.org/10.1093/ofid/ofab570>





# Important Dates



Infectious Diseases Faculty Meeting-  
8:30AM to 9:30AM  
([Zoom Link](#))



Department of Medicine Faculty  
Meeting-  
12:00PM to 1:00PM  
([Zoom Link](#))



**President's Day**  
(WCM Holiday)