

*Section of
Infectious Diseases &
Fellowship Program*



College of Medicine

Fellow News

Graduates of 2005: Kalpana Natrajan and Lisa Valdivia

Kalpana is in private practice of Infectious Diseases in San Diego, CA and her main hospital is Alvarado Hospital. She and her husband, Sodhan Parikh, were married in Randolph, MA April 29, 2006.

Lisa is in private practice of Infectious Diseases in Tucson, AZ and her main hospital is Tucson Medical Center.

Graduate of 2006: John Mourani

John joined a group of three other Infectious Diseases physicians. His main consultation hospital is Pomona Valley Hospital in Pomona, CA. He recently learned that he passed his subspecialty boards in Infectious Diseases. He and his wife, Maria, live in San Dimas, CA.

Current Fellows (graduation dates):

Brian Chasin (6/07)

Andrea Giblin (12/07)

Clifford Martin (6/08)

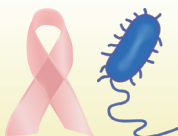
Shannon Thorn (12/08)

Fellow Research Projects:

- Brian is working on candidemia with simultaneous bacteremia using the database of the UMC hospital (mentor: Klotz).
- Andy is working on the treatment of primary coccidioidomycosis and the role of mannan binding lectin in disseminated coccidioidomycosis (mentor: Ampel).
- Cliff is working on the elderly and HIV-1 infection (mentors: Ampel, Fain, Klotz).
- Shannon is establishing a telemedicine clinic for the state of Arizona for HIV and Infectious Diseases consultations (mentors: Lopez, Petersen, Klotz).

Other Activities:

Andy will be attending the Liverpool School of Hygiene in September, October and November as an Elective to obtain a DTMH and Cliff will be doing an Elective in India in June for one month.



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Upcoming Fellows:

Fares Masannat (7/07)

Larissa Szeyko (1/08)

Vicki Iannis (7/08)

Geoffrey Smith (1/09)

- Fares is currently a resident in Internal Medicine at The University of Arizona.
- Larissa is a resident in Internal Medicine at Arizona and will be doing a research project on wound healing and care.
- Vicki is an hospitalist in Phoenix.
- Geoff is a resident in Internal Medicine at The University of Arizona.

Faculty News

Susan E Hoover MD, PhD joined the section as Assistant Professor of Medicine in July 2006 from the NIH. She is the main consultant for UPH-Kino Hospital and is working with John Galgiani on nikomycin and establishing a specialty clinic to deal with coccidioidmycosis.

Connie Glasby has retired and is succeeded by **Melanie DeBoer** as the Chief of Infection Control at UMC. Dr. DeBoer was previously at the CDC, Atlanta. She is a graduate of The University of Arizona.

Eskild Petersen unveiled some spectacular photographic prints of landscapes and nature photos on the walls of the 4West corridor. The prints are framed and embossed with the artist's name.

John Galgiani is mentoring Susan Hoover in starting a cocci clinic and potential trial of nikomycin.

Rick Mandel has stepped down from being the Head of the Residency Program and is now serving as Medical Director of UPH-Kino.

Sean Elliott and **Ziad Shehab** mentored Cliff Martin and Shannon Thorn in Pediatric Infectious Disease this year.



Eskild Petersen accepting contribution from Glaxo Smith Kline representative, Mary Millione, for the Fellowship Program.



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Rod Adam is working on a study involving the use of voriconazole and posaconazole for the treatment of coccidioidmycosis.

Steve Klotz went to Ethiopia for HIV mentoring in September and October of 2006.

Neil Ampel continues with his research in coccidioidmycosis and HIV.

George Ray continued with his excellent lecture series on Friday mornings that has been attended by Andy Giblin and Cliff Martin. **Rich Sobonya** from the Department of Pathology continued with the monthly ID/Pathology conferences. Hopefully the Fellows will recognize the pathology photos on their boards. Core curriculum lectures were presented by faculty and fellows. Lectures by **Bob Kalinske**, **Cal Kunin** and **George Ray** were especially welcome.

The **ACGME** site visit occurred in June 2006 and was a success due in no small part to the efforts of Letty Gastelum. The organization will revisit the program in 2011.

The Ryan White Early Intervention Services grant was renewed in 2006 and a new administrator, Floyd Meeks, joins Martha Aragon, Patty McCracken, and Carol Schneiderman in providing primary care to 300 HIV patients.

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Fellow Publications

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