

# HIV Clinical Fellowship Program

The HIV Clinical Fellowship Program is a joint program of the [HIV Medicine Association](#) and the [IDSA Foundation](#) to support primary care physicians to gain HIV clinical experience working with patient populations that have historically been medically underserved and/or marginalized. The goal of the program is to increase the population of HIV physicians providing care to populations disproportionately impacted by HIV and in underserved communities.

Two fellows are typically selected each year. Fellows pursue their training under the mentorship of an HIVMA member mentor and receive a stipend based on their training institution's PGY-4 salary level in addition to an HIVMA/IDSA membership, support for attending IDWeek and other educational opportunities. For more information about the program or to apply for the 2024 to 2025 Clinical Fellowship program, visit the [HIV Clinical Fellowship Program and Application Information Page](#).

## 2023 CLINICAL FELLOW



Shaan Patel, DO, MPH  
Emory/Grady Hospital  
MENTOR: Jonathan Colasanti, MD

Since starting medical school, Dr. Patel had a singular goal of working with underserved and marginalized communities. His plan after completing his fellowship training is to be a primary care HIV specialist in suburban and rural Georgia and to serve as a resource on HIV issues to other primary care physicians in his area. Dr. Patel plans to undergo supplemental training in substance use disorder, hepatitis C care, gender transition and colposcopy alongside HIV care. He also plans to be involved with projects to help identify patients with infectious complications of IV drug use and to create interventions to help connect them to care and adequate screenings after hospitalizations. Dr. Patel received his doctor of osteopathic medicine and master of public health degrees from Nova Southeastern University and completed his residency at Northside Hospital Gwinnett. Dr. Patel is obtaining his HIV clinical training at Emory University/Grady Hospital under the mentorship of Jonathan Colasanti, MD.

## 2022 CLINICAL FELLOWS



Onel Martinez, DO  
UT Southwestern Medical



Selena Rodriguez Rivera, MD  
Wayne State University Physician Group



Ashley Urrutia, MD, MPH  
Emory/Grady Hospital

## 2021 FELLOW

**Simon Newsom, MD**  
Thomas Jefferson University

## 2020 FELLOW

**Taylor Schmidt, MD**  
UT Southwestern Medical Center

## 2019 FELLOWS

**Lin Mei, MD**  
Emory/Grady Hospital

**Sunny Lai, MD**  
Thomas Jefferson University

## 2018 FELLOWS

**Amy Baca, MD**  
UCSF School of Medicine at San Francisco General Hospital

**Meghan Fibbi, DO, MPH**  
University of Pennsylvania Department of Family Medicine and  
Community Health

## 2017 FELLOWS

**Yury Parra, MD**  
Thomas Jefferson University Hospital

**Vanessa Rojas, MD**  
Montefiore Medical Center

## 2016 FELLOWS

**Jessica Bloome, MD, MPH**  
UCSF School of Medicine at San Francisco General  
Hospital

**Jennifer J. Chang, MD**  
Kaiser Permanente Southern California at Los Angeles  
Medical Center

**Kereme Manners, MD**  
Montefiore Medical Center

## 2015 FELLOW

**Danielle Tate, MD**  
University of Tennessee Health Sciences Center

## 2014 FELLOW

**Stella Safo, MD, MPH**  
Montefiore Medical Center

## 2013 FELLOW

**Alisha Liggett, MD**  
Montefiore Medical Center

## 2012 FELLOWS

**Alisson Sombredero, MD**  
East Bay AIDS Center in Oakland, CA

**Natasha Travis, MD**  
Emory University School of Medicine

## 2011 FELLOWS

**Albert Slezinger, MD**  
Bronx-Lebanon Hospital Center

**Maya Green, MD, MPH**  
Rush University Medical Center

## 2010 FELLOWS

**Chavon Onumah, MD, MPH**  
Howard University Hospital

**Damon Francis, MD**  
East Bay AIDS Center

## 2009 FELLOWS

**Carolina Abuelo, MD, MSc**  
The Miriam Hospital

**Oni Blackstock, MD**  
Montefiore Medical Center

## 2008 FELLOWS

**Damaris Olagundoye, MD**  
Matthew Walker Comprehensive Health Center

**Veronica Ayala-Sims, MD**  
Virginia Commonwealth University

## 2007 FELLOWS

**Aima Ahonkhai, MD, MPH**  
St. Vincent's Medical Center

**April Alegria Soto, MD**  
Kaiser Permanente

**Loida Bonney, MD, MPH**  
Emory University School of Medicine

**Jose Tiburcio, MD**  
Bronx-Lebanon Hospital Center