

# 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 medically underserved patient populations. The goal of the program is to boost the population of HIV physicians providing care to underserved patient populations and in underserved communities. Typically, two fellows are selected each year. Fellows receive a stipend based on their training institution's PGY-4 salary level. Additionally, selected fellows will receive an HIVMA and an IDSA membership, resources to attend IDWeek and other conferences, and mentorship from an HIVMA member to oversee their clinical experience. For more information about this program or to apply for the 2023 to 2024 Clinical Fellowship program, visit the [HIV Clinical Fellowship Program and Application Information Page](#).

## 2022 Clinical Fellows



**Onel Martinez, DO**  
UT Southwestern Medical  
MENTOR: Ellen Kitchell, MD

Dr. Martinez has always been committed to serving marginalized and underserved communities. During his final year of residency at Central Washington Family Medicine in Yakima, WA, he realized his passion for helping manage the care of individuals with HIV. During that time, he saw the dearth of physicians knowledgeable about HIV healthcare and the difficulty with the coordination of services these patients experienced— often traveling hundreds of miles for primary care. Currently, Dr. Martinez is obtaining HIV clinical training at the UT Southwestern Medical Center under the mentorship of Ellen Kitchell, MD. Following this fellowship, Dr. Martinez will be working at the Howard Brown Health Center in Chicago as an HIV and family practice physician.



**Ashley Urrutia, MD, MPH**  
Emory/Grady Hospital  
MENTOR: Aley Kalapila MD

Dr. Ashley Urrutia will be pursuing her HIV clinical training at the Ponce de Leon Center in the Grady Health Center under the mentorship of Dr. Aley Kalapila. She is interested in furthering her education in HIV, as well as sexual and gender minority health, reproductive justice, and preventive healthcare. Her passion for HIV medicine first developed in medical school after seeing the profound health disparities affecting historically marginalized communities in the South. Dr. Urrutia is interested in advocacy and community outreach as key components of patient care and plans to incorporate these concepts as part of her practice in order to battle stigma and the HIV epidemic in the Southeast. Dr. Urrutia completed her residency in Internal Medicine at Emory University. She received her medical degree from Emory University and her Master of Public Health from Emory's Rollins School of Public Health.



**Selena Rodriguez Rivera, MD**  
Wayne State University  
Physician Group  
MENTOR: Shira Heisler, MD

Dr. Selena M. Rodriguez Rivera was born in Utica, NY, and shortly after moved to the beautiful island of Puerto Rico. She obtained her Bachelor's degree in Cellular and Molecular Biology at the University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras Campus. She completed her medical training at the University of Puerto Rico School of Medicine in 2018 and subsequently matched into the Combined Internal Medicine and Pediatrics residency program at the Detroit Medical Center. It was there that she completed an HIV Primary Care track. Her research areas of interest include transitions of care and microbiome studies. In her free time, she enjoys reading, napping, eating ice cream with friends or family, and watching shows or movies. Her goal is to become the ultimate primary care provider, who can encompass the management of complex diseases, HIV/STI care as well as nutrition for humans of all ages. She would like to complement this by continuing to engage in academic medicine with a focus on medical education at a graduate and undergraduate level.

## 2021 FELLOW

**Simon Newsom, MD**  
Thomas Jefferson University

## 2020 FELLOW

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

## 2019 FELLOWS

**Lin Mel, 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**  
Mathew 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

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