



HIVMA Elections

Biographical Sketches and
Personal Statements

May 2025



HIVMA 2025 election ballot

Vice chair
(4-year term):

Alice C. Thornton, MD, FIDSA
Lexington, KY

Director
(3-year term):

Andrea Ciaranello, MD, MPH, FIDSA
Boston, MA

Sheila Montalvo, PharmD
Hollywood, FL

Sudha Nagalingam, MD, FACP, FIDSA
Tucson, AZ

Julia C. Rosebush, DO, FAAP
Chicago, IL

HIVMA representative to
the IDSA Board:

Michelle S. Cespedes, MD, MS
New York, NY



Vice chair

Alice C. Thornton, MD, FIDSA

University of Kentucky
Lexington, KY

Education

- MD, Marshall University School of Medicine, 1992
- Internal medicine residency, Wake Forest University School of Medicine, 1995
- Infectious diseases fellowship, Indiana University Purdue University at Indianapolis, 1998

Current professional appointments

- University of Kentucky, Division of Infectious Diseases, 1998-present (faculty)
- Professor of medicine with tenure; chief, Division of Infectious Diseases, University of Kentucky College of Medicine
- Project director, Kentucky AIDS Education and Training Center
- Program director, Ryan White Services for Parts B and C at the Bluegrass Care Clinic, UK HealthCare
- Co-director, HIV Fellowship, UK HealthCare

Other relevant activities

- Project director, Bluegrass Care Clinic; former medical director, Bluegrass Care Clinic
- HRSA chair and grant reviewer for Objective Review Committee
- Former Board member, HIVMA
- Member, Ryan White Medical Providers Coalition
- Member, IDSA Advocacy Captains Subcommittee

Personal statement

I am eager to serve as the vice chair of the HIVMA Board to continue advancing efforts to improve access to fair and inclusive, high-quality HIV care and to advocate for the providers and patients most impacted by this disease. As a long-standing HIV clinician, educator and



policy advocate, I have dedicated my career to caring for people with HIV and training the next generation of providers through my work at the University of Kentucky and the Kentucky AIDS Education and Training Center. My experience leading the Bluegrass Care Clinic and participating in national initiatives, including the Ryan White Medical Providers Coalition, has deepened my commitment to addressing systemic barriers to care, particularly for rural, underserved and stigmatized populations. I am deeply committed to workforce development, advancing justice in health outcomes and sustaining Ryan White-funded programs. If selected, I will bring decades of clinical, leadership and advocacy experience to the Board and will remain actively engaged in efforts to end the HIV epidemic through both prevention and treatment



Director

Andrea Ciaranello, MD, MPH, FIDSA
Massachusetts General Hospital
Boston, MA

Education

- MD, Yale University School of Medicine, 2001
- Internal medicine residency (2004) and chief residency (2005)
- University of California, Davis; combined Massachusetts General Hospital/Brigham and Women's Hospital infectious disease fellowship, 2008
- MPH, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, 2008
- IDSA Leadership Institute, 2021

Current professional appointments

- Professor of medicine, Harvard Medical School/ Massachusetts General Hospital, Division of Infectious Diseases; director, MGH Perinatal Infectious Disease Program; associate director, Medical Practice Evaluation Center, MGH; co-chair, U.S. DHHS Perinatal HIV Guidelines Panel

Other relevant activities

- Harvard University Center for AIDS Research (CFAR): member, Executive Committee
- Former director and current senior advisor, CFAR Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Pathway Initiative (CDEIPI, now Pathways Opportunities Program)
- Faculty mentor: Fostering Diversity in HIV Research; Brigham Research in Infectious Disease and Global Engagement (BRIDGE) programs
- MGH Department of Medicine: Diversity and Inclusion Board
- Women's Health and Sex- and Gender-Based Medicine Task Force

Personal statement

As our primary professional society, HIVMA is well positioned to advocate for policies that support not only the communities we serve, but also HIV clinicians and investigators. I am eager to serve on the HIVMA Board of Directors to support these efforts and to work toward policies and systems that allow us to provide the best possible care to patients with or at risk



for HIV. I hope to bring an expanded focus on advancing maternal-child health to HIVMA. As guidelines evolve around prevention and treatment of HIV in pregnancy and lactation, we have a critical opportunity to advocate for equitable access to high-quality health care for pregnant and lactating people and their infants. I would represent in HIVMA the policy and clinical considerations raised by community members and health care providers across the U.S. during the Perinatal HIV Guidelines development process. I am also deeply committed to improving equitable access to high-quality HIV prevention and care beyond the perinatal context, especially with current changes in funding for HIV care and research. If selected, I would work tirelessly to support the HIVMA mission: to increase access to care and services for those who need them most, to improve the degree to which our HIV clinical and research workforce represents the communities we serve and invites and supports a wide range of perspectives, and to advocate for the key changes in policy needed to accomplish these goals. Thank you for your consideration of this opportunity to serve HIVMA.



Director

Sheila Montalvo, PharmD

Memorial Health System
Hollywood, FL

Education

- BS (biology), Florida Atlantic University, 2007
- PharmD, Nova Southeastern University, 2015
- PGY-1 pharmacy residency, Jackson Memorial Hospital, 2016

Current professional appointments

- HIV clinical pharmacist and research coordinator, Memorial Healthcare System-Division of Infectious Disease's Ryan White HIV/AIDS clinic; clinical coordinator pharmacist, Memorial Healthcare System-Memorial Specialty Pharmacy

Other relevant activities

- Faculty for Memorial Healthcare System's Infectious Disease Medical Fellowship Program, 2021-present
- HIV/AmCare preceptor for Memorial Healthcare System's Pharmacy Residency Programs, 2020-present
- Co-author of "Policy Recommendations to Support Equitable Access to Long-Acting Injectables for Human Immunodeficiency Virus Prevention and Treatment" (*CID*, 2025)
- Board of Trustees officer, Florida Pharmacy Foundation, 2014-2015
- Public affairs officer, Florida Pharmacy Association, 2012-2015
- HIV research assistant, Children's Diagnostic and Treatment Center, 2009-2011

Personal Statement

As an HIV clinical pharmacist and research coordinator in both a Ryan White HIV/AIDS clinic and a health-system specialty pharmacy in South Florida, I have had the privilege of working at the intersection of direct patient care, program development and health policy in HIV. My work spans rapid implementation of services — from launching COVID-19 and mpox vaccination/treatment initiatives to integrating long-acting injectable therapies, HIV/HCV opt-out testing and increasing HIV PrEP/PEP access in both hospital and clinic settings. These



programs often required collaboration across hospital, county, state and national levels — giving me insight into the real-world impact of policy on patient outcomes for persons with HIV. Over the years, my advocacy experience has extended from the patient’s bedside to congressional offices, collaborating on antiretroviral stewardship programs, contributing to national publications and helping shape equitable access to HIV services amid evolving 340B policy changes. My unique hybrid role has allowed me to not only see but also influence how systems-level decisions and policies affect patients and providers. I would be honored to join the HIVMA Board to bring forward the voices of patients and providers, advocate for equitable access and help shape solutions that are both practical and patient-centered. I bring passion, front-line experience and a deep commitment to ensuring HIV care evolves with empathy, evidence and equity.



Director

Sudha Nagalingam, MD, FACP, FIDSA

El Rio Community Health Center
Tucson, AZ

Education

- MBBS, University of the West Indies, Faculty of Medical Sciences, St. Augustine, Trinidad & Tobago, 2002-2007
- Internal medicine residency, University of Illinois College of Medicine, Peoria, Illinois, 2009-2012
- Infectious diseases and HIV medicine, Case Western Reserve University, 2012-2015 fellowship

Current professional appointments

- Medical director, El Rio Special Immunology Associates, 2018-present; antimicrobial stewardship, El Rio Health, 2019-present

Other relevant activities

- Clinical instructor, El Rio Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Residency Program, University of Arizona Infectious Diseases Fellowship, A.T. Still University School of Osteopathic Medicine in Arizona, Tucson Medical Center Internal Medicine Residency Program
- Oversight Committee for Arizona's Integrated HIV/HCV/STD Plan
- An academic detailing kit for HIV/STD/HCV
- Member of the Pharmacy Safety and Therapeutics Committee for El Rio Community Health Center
- Member of the Arizona Drug Assistance Program Medical Formulary Advisory Committee-Arizona Department of Health Services

Personal statement

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve on the HIVMA Board. As a physician working in a rural part of the United States — southwestern Arizona and a border town — I think I bring a unique perspective to our leadership. Now more than ever we need strong advocacy for



patients with HIV during these tumultuous times. I think I can be a voice for clinicians working in rural communities who do not have the advantages of practicing in large academic and resource-rich settings. As an employee of a federally qualified health clinic, I work daily in a community that struggles with financial hardship, limited resources and minimal access to the most advanced research or studies. I care for a diverse group of patients: More than 50% are aging, and many are undocumented; unstably housed; struggling with substance use, inadequate mental health support and care; and are patients from the Native American lands. I also have found it uniquely challenging to recruit HIV providers and retain talent. However, I remain optimistic and enthusiastic about the opportunities that lay ahead and working with partners at the local, state or national level to advance our mission of caring for those most underserved in a very meaningful and sustainable way.



Director

Julia C. Rosebush, DO, FAAP
University of Chicago Medical Center
Chicago, IL

Education

- DO, Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine, 2006
- Pediatrics internship and residency, Nationwide Children's Hospital/Doctors Hospital/Ohio State University, 2009
- Pediatric infectious diseases fellowship, Emory University School of Medicine, 2014
- Faculty, University of Chicago Section of Pediatric Infectious Diseases, 2014-present

Current professional appointments

- Associate professor of pediatrics, University of Chicago Medicine
- Assistant dean for admissions, University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine
- Medical director, Care2Prevent Pediatric/Adolescent HIV Program, University of Chicago Medicine

Other relevant activities

- Elected member of the American Academy of Pediatrics Committee on Pediatric and Adolescent HIV
- Elected member of the DHHS Panel for Treatment of HIV in Pregnancy and Prevention of Perinatal Transmission
- Co-vice chair of IMPAACT 2028, a study investigating the long-term clinical, immunologic and virologic impacts of early treatment of HIV in an international cohort of children
- Co-author of the state of Illinois' Perinatal HIV Guidelines (hivpregnancyhotline.org)

Personal statement

My career in pediatric HIV began in 2009 in a PEPFAR-funded program in Gaborone, Botswana, where I assisted the Ministry of Health in scaling up antiretroviral access for youth across the country. Since that time, my clinical and academic work has focused on the



prevention and treatment of HIV in urban youth populations with an emphasis on community interventions to sustain care engagement. Inherent in this work is the need for advocacy, stigma reduction and psychosocial supports. At a time when the funding landscape for this essential work is threatened, I can think of no better way to contribute to the discussion than to seek a role on the HIVMA Board of Directors. I desire to work with like-minded colleagues from across the nation to amplify the voices of our youth communities with HIV, seeking to identify the unique identities that they possess, advocate on their behalf and aid in crafting interventions that speak to them. My experiences working with youth with HIV give me a unique perspective on their positioning within the care continuum, and I look forward to influencing policy with their concerns and needs made a priority as a member of the Board of Directors.



HIVMA representative to the IDSA Board

Michelle S. Cespedes, MD, MS
Mount Sinai Hospital Center
New York, NY

Education

- BS (biophysics), Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD
- MD, Mount Sinai School of Medicine, New York, NY
- Internship and residency in internal medicine, New York Presbyterian Hospital-Weill Cornell, New York, NY
- Fellowship in infectious disease, New York University School of Medicine, New York, NY
- Research fellow in infectious disease, New York University School of Medicine
- MS (clinical investigation), New York University School of Medicine
- ELAM fellow, Drexel University, 2024-2025
- Board certified in infectious disease

Current professional appointments

- Tenured professor of medicine, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai (ISMMS)
- Interim system chief of infectious disease, Mount Sinai Health System
- Unit medical director, HIV Service, at Mount Sinai Hospital Center
- Co-director, Clinical and Translational Research Center at Mount Sinai

Other relevant activities

- Secondary appointment, professor, Department of Global Health and Health Systems Design
- Principal investigator, clinical research site leader, Mount Sinai Comprehensive Clinic Downtown
- Vice faculty/educator, associate program director, Internal Medicine Residency Program, ISMMS



- Biomedical research curriculum, core lecturer in clinical research and biostatistics, Medical Education Program, ISMMS
- Teaching attending, Department of Medicine, ISMMS
- Section author (“HIV in Women”) for Up to Date
- Board member, Routes2Results
- Member of American Medical Association, IDSA, HIVMA, International AIDS Society-USA

Personal Statement

For more than 20 years, I have championed efforts for populations disproportionately affected by HIV to have access to prevention strategies and receive optimal care. As a clinician, I became a community activist promoting HIV education and testing and demystifying clinical trials to make them more inclusive and relevant to marginalized communities. I spent a decade as the program director for pregnant women with HIV and perinatally infected adolescents at Bellevue Hospital, the largest public health hospital in NYC. There I had the unique opportunity to gain insight into HIV health care delivery in marginalized subpopulations including the homeless, patients with substance use and mental health disorders, incarcerated individuals and undocumented immigrants. My research career developed using the infrastructure of the ACTG. As the principal investigator of the clinical site co-located with Sinai’s Center for Transgender Medicine and Surgery, I recognize the value of ensuring that members of all vulnerable communities have a seat at the table, from deciding priorities to best practices for implementation. My years of work with HIVMA, including service as its chair, have provided me the opportunity visit lawmakers on Capitol Hill to advocate for the necessary funding to end the HIV epidemic. I am passionate about expanding the workforce of providers dedicated to quality, compassionate care by creating novel strategies to combat the epidemic and educate providers in areas hardest hit by the epidemic. I will offer the IDSA Board a broad perspective on patient care delivery within the constraints of federal and state funding issues given my experience treating diverse populations and novel initiatives to prevent the cascade.