



IDSA Elections

May 2025

Biographical Sketches and
Personal Statements



IDSA 2025 election ballot

**Vice president
(4-year term):**

Maximo O. Brito, MD, MPH, FIDSA
Chicago, IL

**Secretary
(3-year term):**

Erin M. Bonura, MD, FIDSA
Portland, OR

**Director
(3-year term):**

Adarsh Bhimraj, MD, FIDSA
Houston, TX

Anurag Malani, MD, FIDSA
Ann Arbor, MI

**HIVMA representative to
the IDSA Board:**

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



Vice president

Maximo O. Brito, MD, MPH, FIDSA

University of Chicago College of Medicine
Chicago, IL

Education

- MD: Instituto Tecnológico de Santo Domingo, School of Medicine, Santo Domingo, DR
- Internal medicine residency and chief medical resident, Mount Sinai Hospital, Miami, FL
- Fellowship in infectious diseases, Jackson Memorial Hospital, University of Miami School of Medicine, Miami, FL
- Master of public health (epidemiology): University of Illinois at Chicago School of Public Health

Current professional appointments

Professor of medicine (indefinite tenure), University of Illinois at Chicago, College of Medicine, Chicago

IDSA participation

- IDSA Board of Directors, treasurer, 2023-present; director, 2021-2023
- IDSA Foundation Board of Directors, treasurer, 2023-present
- IDSA Executive Committee, member, 2023-present
- Global Health Committee, member, 2017-2023
- HIVMA Clinical Fellowship Committee, member, 2018-2021
- ID Recruitment Task Force, member, 2010-2014
- Training Program Directors Committee, member, 2012-2013

Other relevant activities

- Testified on behalf of IDSA at the United Nations, talking to advocacy groups and country leaders about the scourge of tuberculosis and antimicrobial resistance
- Participated in a number Capitol Hill visits and spoke before a congressional panel to advance IDSA priorities
- First author on an IDSA paper that serves as a primer on physician advocacy



Personal statement

Leadership is about finding consensus to make the right decisions. Certain life and professional experiences make us better at listening and considering other people's opinions and contributions to reach that consensus. As a clinician, teacher, mentor, advocate and student of leadership, I have accumulated experiences that, in my opinion, are relevant to the vice president position and the presidential track. Perhaps the most important of these experiences is my tenure on IDSA's Board of Directors, the IDSA Foundation and the organization's Executive Committee. Over the past four years, I have met and networked with local and international colleagues and stakeholders always striving to communicate with restrained passion the urgency and importance of our patients' and our colleagues' priorities. If elected, I will work hard to be a good ambassador for our profession and our patients. Importantly, I will dedicate time and effort to what I consider the most urgent question facing our organization in the immediate future: How are we going to effectively advance IDSA's strategic priorities and enthusiastically engage and mentor a talented next generation while responding to rapidly evolving societal changes and threats to ID, HIV and public health? There is no easy answer or solution to this challenge. But with your help, I promise to work tirelessly to help us succeed. After all, #WeAreID, the people called upon to solve the most complex problems.



Secretary

Erin M. Bonura, MD, FIDSA
Oregon Health & Science University
Portland, OR

Education

- BS (biology), cum laude: Santa Clara University, Santa Clara, CA
- MD, magna cum laude: Georgetown University School of Medicine, Washington, D.C.
- Internship, internal medicine, Department of Medicine, Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA
- Assistant chief resident, internal medicine, Department of Medicine, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, New York, NY
- Resident/chief resident, internal medicine, Department of Medicine, New York University, New York, NY
- Fellow, infectious diseases, Department of Medicine, Oregon Health & Science University, Portland, OR
- Education scholar, Samuel L. Wise General Internal Medicine Endowed Fellowship, Oregon Health & Science University, Portland, OR
- Master in clinical research, Oregon Health & Science University, Portland, OR

Current professional appointments

- Professor of medicine, Division of Infectious Diseases/Department of Medicine, Oregon Health & Science University, Portland, OR

IDSA participation

- IDSA Board of Directors, director, 2023-present
- Education Committee, chair, 2019-2021; member
- Medical Education Community of Practice Leadership Group, chair, 2021-2023
- ID/EIS Pilot Program, member
- IDSA Academy, member
- Emerging Infections Network, member
- Training Program Directors Committee, member



Other relevant activities

- Chair, Infectious Disease Specialty Board, American Board of Internal Medicine
- Chair, Society of General Internal Medicine Northwest Regional Meeting, Portland, OR
- Member, Interdisciplinary Review Committee, USMLE

Personal statement

I have been deeply engaged in tackling the ID workforce issue for nearly 10 years. The problem of recruiting and retaining physicians in ID is complex and necessitates a collaborative approach to define the key issues and move to action. In 2016, working with Dr. Wendy Armstrong and IDSA, we designed, implemented and published the first national study evaluating the key factors influencing resident selection of ID as a career. Since then, we have incorporated the ID workforce into a strategic plan priority with goals and key threads such as IDA&E. Leading others through change is one of the most challenging aspects of leadership. Change is hard. Change is uncomfortable. Change is also necessary. IDSA is in a position to take on a large role for the country and science, but we also have to be careful about the size of the step we take in filling the gaps. We are not without resource limits and will need to choose wisely. We will also need to communicate with our many stakeholders effectively to ensure productive collaboration. Communicating effectively does not mean purely stating facts in a clear manner. It is much more nuanced. One must understand the audience, anticipate barriers, develop a strategy and ultimately believe in the direction one wants to go. As secretary, I look forward to helping IDSA navigate these challenging times so we can continue to serve our patients and support our members.



Director

Adarsh Bhimraj, MD, FIDSA

Houston Methodist Hospital
Houston, TX

Education

- MBBS: Gandhi Medical College, Secunderabad, Telangana, India
- Internal medicine residency, Drexel University College of Medicine, Hahnemann Hospital, Philadelphia, PA
- Infectious diseases fellowship, University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, Pittsburgh, PA

Current professional appointments

- Director, Infectious Diseases Education and Fellowships, Houston Methodist Hospital

IDSA participation

- IDSA Guideline Panel on COVID-19 Treatment and Management, chair and member, 2020-present
- IDSA Guideline Panel on COVID-19 Diagnostic Testing, member, 2020-2024
- IDSA Guideline Panel on COVID-19 Infection Prevention, member, 2020-2024
- IDWeek Program Committee, chair (2022), vice-chair (2021) and member, 2016-2023
- IDSA Guideline Panel for Healthcare Associated Meningitis and Ventriculitis, member, 2017
- *The Journal of Infectious Diseases*, associate editor for supplements, 2024-2025
- Emerging Infections Network, member
- Training Program Directors Community of Practice, member
- Medical Education Community of Practice, member

Other relevant activities

As chair of the IDSA COVID-19 Treatment Guidelines, I led over 70 updates during the pandemic, ensuring methodologically rigorous and actionable recommendations at a time of evolving science and urgent clinical need. Serving as vice chair and later as chair of IDWeek during the pandemic, I helped guide the organization through uncharted territory — first with a fully virtual, then a hybrid, conference.



This role required navigating conflicting perspectives, logistical challenges and scientific uncertainty while uniting stakeholders around a shared goal: delivering timely, trustworthy guidance and a cutting-edge, high-impact conference for clinicians and the public.

Personal statement

Infectious diseases is not just a specialty — it's a calling that demands rigor, resilience and relentless curiosity. As a clinician-educator, I believe that science must be both sound and accessible. Whether developing national guidelines or shaping local training programs, my focus has always been to bring clarity to complexity and translate evidence into impact. During the pandemic, I had the privilege of doing this through several IDSA roles — helping ensure that our guidance was not only methodologically rigorous but also understandable and actionable for front-line clinicians and the public.

But evidence alone is not enough. These are defining times for our field: rising burnout, under-recognition, declining recruitment and mounting global threats like antimicrobial resistance. We need collaborative, forward-thinking approaches rooted in science but animated by empathy, inclusion and practicality. That means advocating for physician well-being, transforming how we teach and mentor, and strengthening ID's voice in public discourse and health policy.

At my institution, I've launched boot camps, gamified diagnostic tools and faculty development programs to make learning both rigorous and joyful. At IDSA, I've worked to build living guidelines, accessible platforms and educational innovations that reflect the needs of real-world clinicians.

I am deeply committed to serving our specialty with integrity, creativity and shared purpose. Together, we can shape an IDSA that remains trusted, transformative and inclusive — a home where every ID specialist, regardless of background, feels heard, valued and empowered to lead.



Director

Anurag Malani, MD, FIDSA

Trinity Health Michigan
Ann Arbor, MI

Education

- BSE (industrial operations engineering), with distinction: College of Engineering, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI
- MD: College of Human Medicine, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI
- Residency, internal medicine, Georgetown University Hospitals, Washington, D.C.
- Fellowship, infectious diseases, University of Michigan Medical Center, Ann Arbor, MI

Current professional appointments

- Medical director, Hospital Epidemiology, Antimicrobial Stewardship, and Special Pathogen Programs, Trinity Health Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI
- Medical director, Infection Prevention (Infectious Diseases), Select Specialty Hospital, Ann Arbor, MI
- Infectious diseases physician consultant for Surveillance for Healthcare Associated & Resistant Pathogens Unit, Michigan Department Health & Human Services
- Adjunct clinical professor, Department of Epidemiology, University of Michigan School of Public Health, Ann Arbor, MI
- Adjunct clinical professor, Division of Infectious Diseases, University of Michigan Medical School, Ann Arbor, MI

IDSA participation

- Antimicrobial Resistance Committee, member, 2021-2023
- Clinical Affairs Committee, member, 2017-2020
- Public Policy and Advocacy Committee, member, 2023-present
- Clinical Practice Innovation Working Group, member
- Emerging Infections Network, member
- ASCOE Action Network
- IDSA Academy, member



Other relevant activities

- IDSA liaison to HICPAC (2024) and member (2025)
- SHEA Board of Trustees, 2020-2022
- Physician lead for health care equity, Michigan's Hospital Medicine Safety Consortium, 2024-present
- President, Michigan Infectious Diseases Society, 2024-2025
- Trinity Health Ann Arbor medical staff secretary/treasurer, 2022-2025
- Certified physician executive

Personal statement

For more than 20 years, I have been part of the dynamic infectious diseases community. Current times are unprecedented, and major challenges facing IDSA and public health more broadly include misinformation/disinformation, vaccine hesitancy, research funding cuts, dismantling of equity efforts and dissolution of federal committees. IDSA needs a coordinated strategy that engages health care professionals, policymakers and the public including patients. This requires authentic communication while listening to and addressing concerns with clarity and data. Successful partnerships built on trust and understanding are essential. IDSA can build on existing relationships with national/state medical societies, other professional organizations, policymakers and patient advocates.

As a busy community-based academic ID clinician with expertise and leadership in antimicrobial stewardship, infection prevention and pandemic preparedness, I have strong skills around strategic thinking, problem-solving and responding to emerging threats, all while advancing key principles of equity and inclusion and effectively leading and managing change. I have experienced firsthand the difficulties ID clinicians face with negotiation, showing value and compensation, and I recognize the critical importance of these concerns for workforce retention and recruitment. Through my diverse clinical, administrative, research and leadership experiences, I have demonstrated the ability to work collaboratively and effectively with others while increasing the visibility and value of ID providers. I am confident that IDSA can continue to successfully lead and manage change through thoughtful advocacy, effective communication, innovation, inclusion and transparency. I am thrilled with the opportunity to serve as a director for the IDSA Board and help the Society continue to achieve its mission.



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, Mount Sinai Hospital Center
- Co-director, Clinical and Translational Research Center at Mount Sinai

IDSA participation

- IDSA/HIVMA Strategic Planning Committee
- HIVMA Clinical Fellowship Committee, 2016-2019
- HIVMA Board of Directors, 2019-2023

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.