

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, visit the [HIV Clinical Fellowship Program and Application Information Page](#).

2024 CLINICAL FELLOW



Lyle Vincent Yap-Separovich, DO,
Jamaica Hospital Medical Center
MENTOR: Peter Selwyn, MD, MPH

Ever since starting their professional career at New York University, Dr. Yap-Separovich has dedicated their life's mission to the care and service of the LGBTQ community that they belong to. During undergraduate studies at NYU, Dr. Yap-Separovich was involved in health and LGBTQ organizations whose missions paralleled their own. Through their work aiding research at the City University of New York's Center for HIV Educational Studies and Training, community building at the fraternity Delta Lambda Phi NYU and conducting peer outreach at the Asian-Pacific Islander Coalition on HIV & AIDS Community Health Center in Chinatown, they sought to serve and gain knowledge of the LGBTQ medical community.

During their education at Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine, Dr. Yap-Separovich founded the Rainbow Health Coalition, the first LGBTQ health club at Touro COM. While in medical school, Dr. Yap-Separovich completed an internship at the Vanderbilt University Medical Center Program for LGBTQ Health, where they researched health issues related to transgender patients. After graduating medical school, Dr. Yap-Separovich started their medical residency in family medicine at Jamaica Hospital Medical Center in Queens, New York. During residency, Dr. Yap-Separovich witnessed the urgent need for holistic and comprehensive medical care for people with HIV and LGBTQ individuals. During their fellowship year, Dr. Yap-Separovich plans to gain experience in gender-affirming care for transgender patients, hepatitis care, STI care, colposcopy/gynecologic care and HIV care. Dr. Yap-Separovich will be training at Jamaica Hospital Medical Center and at Montefiore Medical Center under the mentorship of Peter Selwyn, MD, MPH.

2023 CLINICAL FELLOW



Shaan Patel, DO, MPH
Emory/Grady Hospital



Onel Martinez, DO
UT Southwestern Medical



Selena Rodriguez Rivera, MD
Wayne State University
Physician Group



Ashley Urrutia, MD, MPH
Emory/Grady Hospital

2022 CLINICAL FELLOWS

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
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