

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

Undergraduate B.A. in Biological Sciences, Minor in Classics, Program in Liberal
Medical Education (PLME), Brown University. Providence, RI,
1988-1992

Medical School Doctor of Medicine, Brown University School of Medicine, Brown
University. Providence, RI, 1992-1996.

POSTGRADUATE TRAINING

Residency Primary Care Internal Medicine, Yale University School of
Medicine, Yale-New Haven Hospital. New Haven, CT, July
1996-June 1999.

Fellowship Infectious Diseases, Tufts University Medical School, New
England Medical Center. Boston, MA, September 1999-August
2001.

POSTGRADUATE HONORS AND AWARDS

Gary Vernon Ralph "Humanism in Medicine" Award, Yale
University School of Medicine, June 1999

The Edward Kass Award for Clinical Excellence, Massachusetts
Infectious Disease Society, January 2001

PROFESSIONAL LICENSES AND BOARD CERTIFICATIONS

License Rhode Island Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline (Active),
2001-
Massachusetts Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline
(Active), 1999-

Diplomat American Board of Internal Medicine, August 1999

Diplomat American Board of Internal Medicine, Subspecialty of Infectious
Diseases, November 2001

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

**Assistant
Professor of
Medicine** Brown University School of Medicine, October 2001- Present

HOSPITAL APPOINTMENTS

Resident Yale-New Haven Hospital, New Haven , CT, 1996-1999

Fellow New England Medical Center, Boston, MA, 1999-2001

**Attending
Physician** University Medicine Foundation, Division of Infectious Diseases,
Providence, RI, October 2001-Present

**Attending
Physician** Rhode Island Hospital, Providence, RI, October 2001-Present

**Attending
Physician** Miriam Hospital, Providence, RI, October 2001-Present

**Attending
Physician** Women and Infants Hospital, Providence, RI, October 2001-
Present

OTHER APPOINTMENTS

**Principal
Investigator** Merck HIV Vaccine Protocol 022, March 2004-Present
Merck HIV Vaccine Protocol 001, April 2005-Present

Principal Investigator Bavarian Nordic POX-MVA-011 Vaccine Protocol, April 2006

Co-Investigator HIV Vaccine Trials Network, 2002-present

Co-Investigator Merck HIV Vaccine Protocols 007, 016 and 019, 2002-present

Co-Investigator Adult AIDS Clinical Trials Unit, Miriam Hospital, 2001-present

Member Lifespan Recombinant DNA Committee (Infectious Disease Expertise), March 2005-present

Data Safety Monitoring Officer *Proyecto Aurora*: To develop and evaluate a brief clinic-based culturally tailored smoking cessation treatment for a Latino, HIV+ population; Raymond Niaura, Principal Investigator, 4/06

OTHER PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

Attending Physician Bridgewater State Complex Adult Correctional Facility, Bridgewater, MA, June 2000- September 2001

Attending Physician Adult Correctional Institution, Women’s Division, Warwick, RI, October 2001-2003

Attending Physician Thundermist Health Clinic HIV Clinic Woonsocket, RI, 2005-present

Co-Course Leader Brown Medical School-Biomed 351. Integrated Pathophysiology: Infectious Diseases and Organ System Pharmacology: Anti-Infective Agents, 2005-present

MEMBERSHIP IN SOCIETIES

Member American Medical Association

Member Infectious Disease Society of America

Member HIVMA

ORIGINAL PUBLICATION IN PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS

1. Lally, M., **Gaitanis, M.**, Vallabhaneni, S., Reinert, S. Mayer, K., Zimet, G., Rich, J. Willingness to Receive an HIV Vaccine Among Incarcerated Persons. *Preventive Medicine*. Submitted, April 2006.

2. Rich, J.D., Ching, C.G, Lally, M.A., **Gaitanis, M.M.**, Schwartzapfel, B., Charuvastra, A., Beckwith, C.G., Flanigan, T.P. A Review of the Case for Hepatitis B Vaccination of High Risk Adults. *American Journal of Medicine* (2003) 114: 316-318.

3. Gill, C.J., **Murphy, M. A.**, and Hamer, D.H. Treatment of Staphylococcus Epidermis Ventriculoperitoneal Shunt Infection with Linezolid; *Journal of Infection* (2002) 00:1-3.

ABSTRACTS

1. Tedeschi SK¹, Lally MA², Parekh MJ³, **Gaitanis MM²**, Pugatch DL⁴, Mayer K², Zimet GD⁵. Adolescent Attitudes Toward HIV Vaccine Trials: Barriers for Young Women's Participation. AIDS Vaccine 2005 Conference, Montreal, Canada.

2. **Gaitanis, M. M.**, Alvarez, S., Mayer, K., Lally, M.A. Selective Case Management Use Among High-Risk Women in Two Studies: A Retrospective Analysis. AIDS Vaccine Conference 2003. September 2003, New York, NY.

3. Lally, M.A., **Gaitanis, M.M.**, Khan, B., Dispigno, M., McNevin, R.J., Stein, M.D. Hepatitis Vaccination Among Substance Users: A Model for HIV Vaccine Delivery? Oral Presentation at the 2003 National HIV Prevention Conference, July 2003, Atlanta, GA.

4. Lally, M.A., **Gaitanis, M.M.**, Vallabhaneni, S., Ryan, H.J., Zimet, G.D., Mayer, K., Rich, J. Attitudes Toward HIV Vaccination among Rhode Island Inmates. Abstracts from the 2003 National HIV Prevention Conference, July 2003, Atlanta, GA.

5. Taylor, L.E., Schwartzapfel, B., Chapman, S., **Murphy, M.A.** Testing for HCV, Prevalence of Coinfection with HCV, and Adherence to Hepatitis A and B Vaccination Guidelines in an HIV Clinic. Abstracts from the Infectious Disease Society of America Annual Meeting, October 2002, Chicago, IL.

6. Fischer, S. A., **Murphy, M.A.**, Yango, A., and Gohh, R. Oerskovia Species Endocarditis in a Renal Transplant Recipient. Abstracts from the Infectious Disease Society of America Annual Meeting, October 2002, Chicago, IL.

7. **Murphy, M.A.**, Nasraway S, McGovern B. Pneumococcal Necrotizing Fasciitis in a Rheumatoid Arthritis Patient on Etanercept. Abstract for the Infectious Disease Society of America Annual Meeting, October, 2001. New Orleans, LA.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

October 2003 "Initiating Antiretroviral Treatment": HIV Educational Session for RI Department of Corrections Medical Staff; Warwick, RI

April 2005 "HIV Vaccines: Where We Stand": HIV Noontime Conference at New England Medical Center-Tufts University; Boston, MA

May 2005 “AIDS Vaccines” 2005 Clinical Laboratory Science Society of Central New England Annual Meeting; Providence, RI

Sept. 2006 “Bacterial Infections in Intravenous Drug Users”, ANAC Conference, Providence, RI (planned)

GRANTS

1. A Multicenter, Double-Blind, Randomized, Placebo-Controlled Probe Study With an Additional Open-Label Control Arm to Evaluate the Safety and Immunogenicity of a 3-Dose Regimen of the MRKAd5 HIV-1 gag Vaccine in Subjects With Chronic Hepatitis C (Merck 022)

Principal Investigator: Melissa M. Gaitanis, MD

3/04- : \$86,058

2. A Phase I Dose Ranging Study of the Safety, Tolerability, and Immunogenicity of a 3-Dose Regimen of the MRKAd5 HIV-1 Trigene and the MRKAd6 HIV-1 Trigene Vaccines Alone and in Combination in Healthy Adults (Merck V526-001)

Principal Investigator: Melissa M. Gaitanis, MD

4/05- : \$90,360

3. A Multicenter, Open-label, Controlled Phase II Study to Evaluate Safety and Immunogenicity of MVA-BN[®] (IMVAMUNE[™]) Smallpox Vaccine in 18-55 Year Old Naive and Previously Vaccinated HIV Infected Subjects with CD4 counts $\geq 200 - 500/\mu\text{l}$ (Bavarian Nordic, POX-MVA-011)

Principal Investigator: Melissa M. Gaitanis, MD

Start Date (Projected): 6/06

UNIVERSITY TEACHING ROLES

Brown University School of Medicine

2005-present Co-Course Leader: Brown Medical School-Biomed 351. Integrated Pathophysiology: Infectious Diseases and Organ System Pharmacology: Anti-Infective Agents

2001-present Lecture for Biomed 351: “The Immunocompromised Host” and “Central

2005-present Lecture for Biomed 351: “Central Nervous System Infections”

University of Rhode Island College of Pharmacy

2004-present Lecture for Infectious Diseases Pathophysiology: “HIV 101”

HOSPITAL TEACHING ROLES

- 2001 - Infectious Disease Attending, Rhode Island Hospital, Providence, RI (Approximately 3-4 months per year); Teaches medical students, IM residents, and ID fellows on inpatient ID rounds
- 2001- HIV Clinic, Ambulatory Patient Center, Rhode Island Hospital; Precepting medical students and IM residents.
- 2001-2003 Adult Correctional Institute, HIV Medical Clinic for Incarcerated Women, Cranston, RI; Precepts medical students and IM residents.
- 2005- Immunology Center/HIV Clinic Attending Preceptor, The Miriam Hospital, Providence, RI; Precepts ID fellows in their longitudinal outpatient clinic
- 4/06-10/06 Preceptor for Brown Medical Student, John Kelleher, in longitudinal HIV Clinic at Miriam Hospital
- 2001- Internal Medicine Resident Noontime Conference Lectures: “Infectious Diarrhea” and “Infections of Intravenous Drug Use”
- 2001- Infectious Disease Friday Morning Conference Lectures for ID Fellows- Rhode Island Hospital: “Infections of the Eye”, “Emerging Viral Pathogens”, “Infections of Intravenous Drug Users”

OTHER TEACHING ROLES

- 2001-2002 Educational sessions on Viral Hepatitis and HIV at Stanley Street Treatment and Resources (SSTAR) Short Term Drug Treatment Center, North Kingston, RI
- 2003- Educational sessions on “HIV Vaccines” and “HIV 101” at community-based organizations and colleges in the Providence vicinity.

