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- ❖ **Nivedita Muralidhar, MD, Boston Children's Hospital (Pediatric ID)**
Dr. Nivedita Muralidhar is a third-year infectious diseases fellow at Boston Children's Hospital. She attended medical school at Saint Louis University School of Medicine and completed residency and chief residency in Pediatrics at Brown University/Hasbro Children's Hospital. During fellowship, she conducted a retrospective cohort study using a large database to determine the risk for readmission with early transition to oral therapy for pediatric patients diagnosed with chronic osteomyelitis. She has also been an active member of the antimicrobial stewardship team and has been involved in the review process for Boston Children's Hospital clinical pathways for infectious processes, seeking to improve antimicrobial use at a hospital level. After completing fellowship, she will be joining the Division of Pediatric Infectious Diseases at Brown University/Hasbro Children's Hospital.
- ❖ **Hawra Al Lawati, MD, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center**
Dr. Hawra Al Lawati is from Muscat, Oman. She attended Weill Cornell Medicine in Qatar (WCM-Q). She moved to Boston to complete an internal medicine residency at Massachusetts General Hospital and stayed in Boston to pursue her infectious diseases fellowship at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center. She is

now a second-year fellow who is completing the antimicrobial stewardship track and the clinician-educator track. Areas of interest include working on developing antimicrobial harm metrics, optimizing the duration of therapy for gram-negative bloodstream infections, and creating digital educational content. After completing ID fellowship, she will return to Oman to practice and will continue pursuing her passions in ID and medical education.

❖ **Rhiannon Chubb, MD, Boston Medical Center (Adult ID)**

Dr. Rhiannon Chubb grew up in Manhattan, Kansas before attending Smith College. She received her medical degree from Boston University where she helped found a student-led group focused on health education for homeless young families. She completed a residency in Internal Medicine at Brown University. After residency, she split her time working as a primary care physician at the Rhode Island Department of Corrections and a hospitalist at Rhode Island Hospital. She is currently finishing her Infectious Diseases fellowship training at Boston University. Her interests include HIV and other infectious complications of injection drug use. Rhiannon has accepted a position at Cape Cod Hospital.

❖ **Wilfredo Matias, MD, Brigham & Women's Hospital**

Dr. Wilfredo Matias was born in the Dominican Republic and grew up in New York where he received a BA in Biology and Romance Languages from New York University. He studied medicine at Harvard Medical School, completed clinical training in the Global Health Equity Residency at Brigham & Women's Hospital, where he served as Chief Resident, and received a Master of Public Health from the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. He is currently a second-year fellow in the Massachusetts General Hospital and Brigham and Women's Hospital Infectious Diseases Fellowship Program, and a research and global health fellow at Harvard Medical School and the MGH Center for Global Health.

Wilfredo is passionate about combining patient care and infectious diseases research to advance health equity for underserved communities globally. He has worked extensively in the US, Haiti, and the Dominican Republic, where in addition to caring for patients with infectious diseases, he has conducted clinical and epidemiologic research on cholera, HIV, and COVID-19. Following fellowship, he will remain at Mass General Brigham where he plans to continue his work via an academic career in infectious diseases and global health equity.

❖ **Kayty Himmelstein, MD, Massachusetts General Hospital**

Dr. Kayty Himmelstein is originally from Cambridge, MA. She previously worked as a high school math teacher in New York City and Chicago and received an MEd in Adolescent Mathematics education from St. John's University. She

received her MD from the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania and completed Internal Medicine-Primary Care residency at Massachusetts General Hospital. She has participated in advocacy, organizing, research and writing around raising the minimum wage; disproportionate punishment of LGBTQ youth by schools, police, and courts; underinvestment in healthcare resources for communities of color; and reparations for Black Americans. She will be staying at MGH to complete a third year of infectious disease fellowship and hopes to pursue a career focused on the intersection of racial and economic justice and health.

❖ **Majd Alsoubani, MD, Tufts Medical Center**

Dr. Majd Alsoubani is a clinical and research infectious disease fellow at Tufts Medical Center. She is also a Masters' degree candidate at the clinical and translational science program at Tufts University. Her main research interest is focused on transplant stewardship and *Clostridioides difficile* infection in immunocompromised hosts. During her training, Majd helped develop and disseminate hospital wide *C.difficile* treatment guidelines. She led various teaching sessions involving medical and graduate students, residents and fellows on general and transplant infectious disease topics.

❖ **Shravya Nagurla, DO, UMass Memorial Medical Center**

Dr. Shravya Nagurla is a second-year Infectious Disease fellow at UMass Memorial Medical Center. She obtained her medical degree at Touro University Nevada and then completed residency in Internal Medicine at MountainView Regional Medical Center in Las Cruces, New Mexico. Within ID her interests include antimicrobial stewardship with a particular interest in antibiotic prophylaxis for surgical interventions, social and structural determinants of infectious disease and medical education. After completing fellowship, she will be starting a new job as an Infectious Disease clinician in Colorado.