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Memorial Hospital serves as the principal teaching site for our fellows. More than 17,000 surgical cases and more than 200,000 radiologic procedures are performed at Memorial Hospital annually.

The ACGME-approved infectious diseases (ID) fellowship program at Memorial Sloan Kettering provides a broad-based educational experience that includes the evaluation and management of a wide variety of infectious diseases that occur in medical and surgical patients, both adult and pediatric, and in the inpatient and outpatient settings.

The ID fellowship at MSK is unique because it is the only ID training program in the United States based at a cancer treatment center. Trainees become experts in the management of infections associated with cancer treatment, including allogeneic hematopoietic stem cell transplantation, checkpoint blockade treatment to enhance T cell-mediated clearance of tumors, and T cells expressing tumor-specific chimeric antigen receptors.

The MSK ID fellowship program has trained many distinguished ID specialists who have entered public health or academia and become leaders in the field. The academic programs and resources of MSK, its tradition of clinical and scientific excellence, and the high quality of other subspecialty programs throughout the hospital have provided MSK ID fellows with a supportive environment for clinical learning and scholarship. A number of former ID fellowship trainees hold career development awards from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and oversee NIH-funded laboratory research programs.

Recruitment Mission Statement

- We seek to recruit applicants who will develop into knowledgeable physicians and life-long learners; physicians who, by the end of training,

will be capable of practicing in a multitude of settings, be they clinical-, research-, or public health-related in academic, community practice, or private settings.

- We aim to prepare fellows for independent practice as clinicians, clinician-educators, and physician-scientists.
- We strive to provide comprehensive training in general, cancer, and transplant infectious diseases, and through that training, to teach responsible antimicrobial stewardship, epidemiology and infection control, and the art of medical consultation.
- Through our recruitment processes, we aim to promote diversity among our providers and to facilitate a culture that is inclusive for the division, staff, and our patient population.



Anna Kaltsas, MD – Fellowship Program Director

[Dr. Kaltsas](#) is the Director of the Infectious Diseases Fellowship Program, assistant attending physician at Memorial Hospital, and assistant professor of clinical medicine at Weill Cornell Medical College. Her areas of clinical expertise include the management of infections and infectious complications in people with cancer. Her research interests include *C. difficile* and invasive pneumococcal infection rates in cancer patients, among others.

Dr. Kaltsas earned her medical degree from Albany Medical College with honors, followed by internal medicine residency at New York-Presbyterian–Weill Cornell. She completed a three-year infectious disease fellowship at Albert Einstein College of Medicine/Montefiore Medical Center, during which time she also pursued a master’s degree in clinical research.

Dr. Kaltsas has an interest in medical education and oversees the infectious disease fellowship at MSK, as well as rotations from interested medical students, interns, residents, and fellows from other institutions and other specialties on the infectious disease service.



Puja Nambiar, MD, MPH - Associate Program Director

[Dr. Nambiar](#) is an infectious disease physician with expertise in treating opportunistic infections in immunocompromised patients. Her research interests include infectious disease epidemiology in the era of newer and more innovative cancer therapies. She is also interested in studying the immunoepidemiology of certain cancer-causing viruses like HIV.



Infectious Diseases Faculty and Fellows 2025-2026

Program Description

Joint ID-CCM
Track

Fellow Responsibilities

Research

Life on the Upper East Side













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Memorial Sloan Kettering offers housing to most incoming fellows in the immediate vicinity of the medical center on the upper east side of New York City. The upper east side is a very safe neighborhood with ample access to waterfront (East River jogway/walk way), walking distance to Central Park, and home to many families with young children and excellent schools. The upper east side is also home to many world renown hospitals in addition to our own, including New York Presbyterian- Weill Cornell and Hospital for Special Surgery, and the Rockefeller University. The rest of the city is easily accessible via subway, particularly from the number 6 and Q lines.

Infectious disease fellows also enjoy close social relationships with the infectious disease physician assistants and infectious disease pharmacy resident, all of whom have desks in the fellows' room to promote learning from each other and close communication regarding the care of mutual patients.

Why Choose MSK ID for Fellowship Training

- Close-knit, collegial program
- Easy access to faculty and mentorship, as well as research opportunities unique to cancer and transplant ID
- Training in “bread and butter” ID as well as highly immune compromised host and cancer ID
- Exposure to “once-in-a-career” kinds of cases on a routine basis—our fellows’ cases are routinely selected for presentation at Intercity Rounds for their uniqueness.
- Some of the most generous graduate medical education salaries in New York City
- Subsidized housing
- Travel and educational stipend for all fellows
- Training in New York City and all it has to offer

Fellows in the ID Program

“The highlight of ID Fellowship at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center for me is the rich variety of immunocompromised pathology. Whether consulting on patients with the Bone Marrow Transplant Service or working to gain an understanding of immune defects resulting from immunotherapy, fellowship here provides stimulating intellectual challenges and opportunities to learn and publish from the interesting patients for whom we are privileged to provide care. The research opportunities are boundless, and I find myself surrounded by ID experts who delight in mentoring me and seeing me grow as an ID physician.”

— Rich Kodama, DO, ID Fellowship graduate

“As an ID fellow at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, I enjoy the autonomy in decision-making that I have when responding to infectious concerns and when on-call, supporting patients who are being cared for by our oncologists. There is also a great deal of collegial support and mentorship from our seasoned faculty, who readily share their wisdom and problem-solving approaches for complex patient cases. I feel challenged to grow as a physician in each rotation.

Presenting at our ID case conferences offers me an opportunity to teach my colleagues and engage ID faculty in discussions that dissect the latest evidence to support our patients. Our patient population affords ID fellows the chance to gain skills in managing complex infections in patients who are severely immunocompromised, whether from their primary malignancy or from a new immunomodulatory therapy or stem-cell transplant. We also gain a broad range of experience and skill in treating ‘bread-and-butter’ ID cases such as bacteremia, osteomyelitis, abscesses, pneumonia, and cholangitis that is applicable to general ID practice, despite the oncologic setting.”

— Eugene Paul Harper, MD, ID Fellowship graduate

[Meet our Fellows](#)

How to Apply

We welcome applications to the ID fellowship via ERAS (ACGME ID: 1463521167). Applicants interested in the Joint ID-CCM track should apply to our fellowship program via [ERAS](#) to first facilitate the Infectious Disease match. Those interested in the joint track should also state this interest in their personal statement and note it in their communication with the program if they are selected to interview.

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