

2023 HIVMA Elections

Biographical Sketches and Personal Statements

HIVMA 2023 Elections Ballot

Vice Chair (4-year term):

Anna Person, MD, FIDSA
Nashville, TN

Director (3-year term):

Nicholas Allen, ARNP
Seattle, WA

Director (3-year term):

Joseph Cherabie, MD, MSc
St. Louis, MO

Director (3-year term):

Nada Fadul, MD, FIDSA
Omaha, NE

Director (3-year term):

Carlos Malvestutto, MD, MPH
Columbus, OH

Director (3-year term):

Hansel Tookes III, MD, MPH
Miami, FL

Vice Chair

Anna K. Person, MD, FIDSA

Medical Education: George Washington University School of Medicine, MD, 2005; Duke University Medical Center, internal medicine residency, 2008; Duke University Medical Center, infectious diseases fellowship, 2010; Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Division of Infectious Diseases, faculty, 2010–present.

Primary Current Professional Activity: Associate professor of medicine, Division of Infectious Diseases, Vanderbilt University Medical Center; interprofessional education director of the Southeast AIDS Education and Training Center; director of education and faculty development, Division of Infectious Diseases, Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville; member, HIVMA Board of Directors.

Other Relevant Activities/Appointments: Fellow, IDSA; member, HIVMA Board of Directors; co-chair, Health Care Access Working Group for HIVMA; member and past co-chair, Ryan White Medical Providers Coalition; past member, IDSA Training Program Directors Committee; past member, Executive Committee of the Medical Education Community of Practice; selected to participate in IDSA's Leadership Institute; served as an abstract reviewer, session moderator and presenter for IDWeek; past reviewer of HIVMA Medical Student Grant submissions.

Personal Statement: I recently heard that the definition of a life well lived is at the intersection of making change in the world and your own personal satisfaction. I immediately thought of my work with HIVMA. I first fell in love with HIVMA when I saw its mission statement: “a community of health care professionals who advance a comprehensive and humane response to the HIV pandemic, informed by **science and social justice**.” To me, science and social justice are at the heart of all we do in HIVMA. I am first and foremost a clinician and find myself happiest across from a patient. My special interest is in caring for individuals of transgender experience who are living with HIV, and I have been honored to provide gender-affirming care for this special population in our clinic for many years. For 12 years, I have been the supervising physician at a rural HIV clinic, and I've also done work on global HIV outcomes as well. Closer to home, I've been working with colleagues to advocate for people with HIV in the face of increasing hostilities within our state. It's my hope that my experiences as a clinician, advocate and leader would add to the life-changing work that is done by HIVMA. I would be honored to be considered for the role of vice chair, and it has been the honor of a lifetime to be doing this work alongside my personal heroes — the members of HIVMA.

Director

Nicholas Allen, ARNP

Education: University of Washington, doctorate of nursing practice, 2016.

Primary Current Professional Activity: Infectious disease ARNP, Washington Department of Corrections.

Other Relevant Activities/Appointments: Pierce County AIDS Foundation Board of Directors.

Personal Statement: I have been working in infectious disease and HIV care as an ARNP since graduating from the University of Washington in 2016. Initially I practiced in the inpatient and outpatient community setting; however, a little over one year ago, I joined the medical staff for the Washington Department of Corrections and have been providing infectious disease care for those imprisoned in our state. I have also had the opportunity to be on the Board of Directors for the Pierce County AIDS Foundation, which is a nonprofit organization that provides case management and other services for people affected by HIV and related illnesses. Of the issues affecting the people I have worked with, access to care, stigma surrounding HIV and a diverse workforce that reflects the population we serve stand out as the most critical areas that we should focus on as HIV care providers. As a Black ARNP, I would like to bring my lived and professional experience working with underserved populations to the table in advocating for a system that prioritizes providing care to those communities that are disproportionately impacted by various social determinants of health, as well as to support, expand and diversify our workforce. I hope that you will allow me the opportunity to share my experience and expertise as part of the HIVMA Board of Directors.

Director

Joseph Cherabie, MD, MSc

Education: American University of Beirut, MD, 2014; London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, MSc, 2014; University of Kansas School of Medicine-Wichita, internal medicine, 2019; Washington University in St. Louis School of Medicine, infectious diseases fellowship, 2022.

Primary Current Professional Activity: Assistant professor of medicine, Division of Infectious Diseases, Washington University in St. Louis; medical director, Washington University PrEP Clinic; principal investigator, CDC Midwest Track 2B Capacity Building Assistance Program; associate medical director, St. Louis STI/HIV Prevention Training Center; associate medical director, St. Louis County Sexual Health Clinic; clinical ambassador, CDC Let's Stop HIV Together campaign.

Other Relevant Activities/Appointments: Leadership OUTmed, Washington University in St. Louis; NASTAD PrEP Billing and Coding Guide volunteer; PrEP4All volunteer to expand PrEP access.

Personal Statement: I am interested in serving on the HIVMA Board as I would like to provide my insight from the Midwest region to advocate for the rights of our patients via a board whose purpose is to do just that. I would like to fight for access to status-neutral care that is trauma informed, gender inclusive and grounded in racial and gender equity. I would like to fight for a national PrEP program, advocate for continued Ryan White Program and 340B funding, and advocate for continuing the federal mandate for payers to cover PrEP. I would like to advocate for lower cost of and increased access to multiple formulations of HIV treatment and prevention medications. Also important will be highlighting the importance of access to women's health, LGBT+ health and BIPOC health services for the continuing success of our HIV strategies while closing the gap on disparities in the areas of PrEP uptake, HIV testing, HIV viral suppression and HIV knowledge of status. I would like to advocate for removal of risk-based language in our guidance and focus on a more complete view of sexual health that includes collaboration with community advocates to ensure their voices are heard and that they can see their lives and concerns within our guidelines and efforts. It is for these reasons that I hope to serve on the HIVMA Board and appreciate your consideration.

Director

Nada Fadul, MD, FIDSA

Education: University of Khartoum, Faculty of Medicine, medical school, 2000; University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, internal medicine residency, 2005; University of Texas, symptom control and palliative care fellowship, 2006; University of Texas Houston Science Center, infectious diseases fellowship, 2013.

Primary Current Professional Activity: Professor of medicine; assistant dean for diversity, equity and inclusion education programs; medical director and PI of Ryan White Parts C&D grants, Specialty Care Center, University of Nebraska Medical Center.

Other Relevant Activities/Appointments: Vice chair, HIVMA Awards Committee, IDSA Governance Taskforce, IDSA Quality Management Committee and the Value-Based Compensation Working Group; director of the Sudan Global ECHO Hub, University of Nebraska Medical Center; past service on the HIVMA Leadership Development Committee.

Personal Statement: My goal for serving on the HIVMA Board is to continue to advocate for justice and equity for people with HIV at the national and international levels. My research and administrative work have allowed me to leverage dissemination and implementation science to implement innovative programs that address HIV disparities. My experience in using D&I to implement programs such as telehealth, community engagement, virtual telementorship and DEI education will be a useful resource for the Society's projects and policies. I am passionate about strengthening the role of interprofessional teams and advance practice providers in addressing the HIV workforce shortages, especially in rural and urban underserved areas. More importantly, I strongly believe in actively engaging with community stakeholders to develop sustainable solutions. My vision and mission are well aligned with HIVMA's overarching goals of ending the HIV epidemic and health disparities.

Director

Carlos D. Malvestutto, MD, MPH

Education: Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, MPH, 2000; Ponce Health Sciences University, MD, 2005; Mount Sinai Medical Center, internal medicine residency, 2008; New York University Medical Center, infectious diseases fellowship, 2010.

Primary Current Professional Activity: Associate professor of medicine (clinical), Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center; investigator involved in multiple clinical trials in HIV prevention, treatment and cure.

Other Relevant Activities/Appointments: Vice chair, Randomized Trial to Prevent Vascular Events in HIV (REPRIEVE); chair, A Phase I Study to Evaluate the Safety and Efficacy and Antiviral Activity of Two Human Monoclonal Antibodies (VRC07-523LS and PGT 121.414.LS); member, HIVMA Ending the HIV Epidemic Working Group; member, AIDS Clinical Trials Group HIV Reservoir and Viral Eradication Transformative Science Group; member, MACS/WIHS Combined Cohort Study Cardiovascular Working Group; lecturer, Host Defense Course, The Ohio State University College of Medicine; faculty leader, HIV Subspecialty Track, OSU Infectious Diseases Fellowship Program.

Personal Statement: As an HIV provider, I am acutely aware of the major disparities in access to HIV testing and prevention services and the delays in HIV treatment for Black and Latinx/Hispanic communities. Although significant progress has been made, there is still much work to be done to reduce these disparities. I have worked in multiple projects in Central Ohio to improve access to HIV testing, PrEP and rapid linkage to care, and I helped to develop a program to increase STI testing in emergency departments. I have advocated to repeal HIV criminalization laws in Ohio. I have also worked to increase education about HIV and STIs and to reduce barriers to testing and improve access to PrEP services for the local Latinx/Hispanic community. As a member of HIVMA's Ending the Epidemic Working Group, I have shared our local challenges and successes and have learned about the remarkable work of dedicated colleagues around the country to end the HIV epidemic. As a clinical investigator, I appreciate the importance of scientific research to develop better prevention and treatment modalities, and I continue to work to promote the participation of underrepresented groups in HIV clinical trials. I believe that HIVMA has been instrumental in advocating for rational policies to address existing disparities in access to HIV prevention and treatment. I would be grateful for the opportunity to share my perspective and to work to support HIVMA's ongoing efforts to achieve the end of the HIV epidemic.

Director

Hansel Emory Tookes III, MD, MPH

Education: University of Miami, doctor of medicine, 2014; University of Miami, master of public health, 2009; Yale University, bachelor of science, 2003.

Primary Current Professional Activity: Associate professor, Division of Infectious Diseases, University of Miami Miller School of Medicine; associate professor, Department of Public Health Sciences, University of Miami Miller School of Medicine.

Other Relevant Activities/Appointments: HIVMA Health Care Access Workgroup; HIVMA Primary Care Guidance Workgroup; Scientific Advisory Council, CDC National Survey of Syringe Services Programs; clinical ambassador, CDC Let's Stop HIV Together Campaign; Florida Harm Reduction Collective Board; Medical Scientist Training Program Committee; Professionalism and Promotions Committee; Center for AIDS Research Executive Team; Center for HIV and Research in Mental Health (AIDS Research Center) Executive Committee.

Personal Statement: I am an associate professor of medicine in the Division of Infectious Diseases at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, clinically focusing on HIV care and researching innovative interventions to improve health outcomes in people who inject drugs. Thus far, my career has largely been defined by the decade-long fight to make syringe services programs legal in Florida. The natural evolution into harm reduction education, research, advocacy and now innovation has come as a welcome progression. Going forward, as I continue to advise the highest levels of the U.S. government on HIV and harm reduction policy, my research seeks to establish a new evidence base to revolutionize the way people who inject drugs access health care nationwide. As I have learned in my practice and on the HIVMA Health Care Access and Primary Care Guidance workgroups, there is no way to end the HIV epidemic without a comprehensive strategy to prevent infections in high-priority populations such as people who inject drugs. As part of the HIVMA Board, I will continue to seek sweeping changes in health care policy in our country, strengthening my role as a national policy leader. As a key policymaker in this country and around the world, I want to transform the way we practice medicine. Aligned with the strategic priorities of HIVMA, I believe that transformation begins with election to the HIVMA Board, and I humbly ask for your support.