



## **Ronald G. Nahass, MD, MHCM, FIDSA**

Ronald G. Nahass, MD, MHCM, FIDSA, is the president of ID Care, the largest health care organization providing infectious diseases specialty services in New Jersey, with 100 clinicians practicing across more than 130 sites.

Dr. Nahass has served IDSA as chair of the Quality Committee and served as a member of several other groups, including the Clinical Affairs Committee, Value and Governance Task Force and IDSA/American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases Hepatitis C Guidelines Committee. He was awarded the Distinguished Physician Humanitarian Award in 2008 by the Princeton HealthCare System for his work with HIV/AIDS patients and received IDSA's Watanakunakorn Clinician Award in 2020.

Dr. Nahass is a clinical professor of medicine at the Robert Wood Johnson Medical School and serves as a mentor for medical students in their patient-centered medical home experience and for clinical research. He is also a preceptor for the residents' medical clinic and has received the Volunteer Faculty Award from RWJMS several times for his service and commitment to teaching.

Dr. Nahass is passionate about the value and importance of the infectious diseases specialty and the delivery of high quality, cost-effective care to promote health. Throughout his career, he has been a leader and advocate of promoting these issues, not only as an engaged member of the society and the community but also in numerous publications and public presentations. He looks forward to fostering and advancing the message of clinical excellence, collegiality, competitive compensation and career opportunities he has vigorously championed at ID Care.



## **Robin Dretler, MD, FIDSA**

Robin Dretler, MD, FIDSA, was one of the few infectious diseases specialists in the Atlanta area in the early days of the AIDS epidemic. In 1983, Dr. Dretler established Infectious Disease Specialists of Atlanta, now a five-physician private practice. A tireless advocate for patients, he contributes to policies to improve quality of care at Emory Decatur Hospital (formerly DeKalb Medical Center) and served as president of the Infectious Disease Society of Georgia, president of the DeKalb Medical Society, and chief of medicine and chief of staff at DeKalb Medical, along with other leadership roles at the hospital. Dr. Dretler has also served as principal investigator on more than 120 clinical studies, conducting research that has led to new treatments for HIV, hepatitis C and other infectious diseases. Through this research, Dr. Dretler has given countless patients, including the uninsured, access to state-of-the-art therapy. In 2022, IDSA honored him with the Watanakunakorn Clinician Award.

As a long-term infectious diseases practitioner in a major urban area, Dr. Dretler is very concerned that so few emerging physicians are pursuing ID fellowships. The high job satisfaction and intellectual stimulation one can derive from ID patient care is often outweighed by the long hours and poor compensation associated with the specialty. ID physicians improve patient outcomes, protect public health and reduce health care costs, but this is often not recognized by the public or fairly compensated in our medical economy. These challenges must be addressed to increase our very essential ID workforce.



## **Maximo O. Brito, MD, MPH, FIDSA**

Maximo O. Brito, MD, MPH, FIDSA, is a professor of medicine at the University of Illinois at Chicago and the chief of infectious diseases at the Jesse Brown VA Medical Center. He served as program director for the ID fellowship at the University of Illinois for more than 10 years.

A member of the IDSA Board of Directors since 2021, Dr. Brito has also served on the HIVMA Clinical Fellowship Program Committee, the IDSA Global Health Committee and the Training Program Directors Committee.

Dr. Brito specializes in the care of patients with infectious diseases, particularly individuals with or at risk of acquiring HIV. His current scholarly interests center around HIV prevention including rapid antiretroviral start and improving retention in care for people experiencing incarceration.

Dr. Brito is committed to furthering IDSA's national and global advocacy priorities for the ID field and patients, as well as contributing to IDSA's education and mentoring initiatives. He is also eager to advance IDSA's commitment to fostering a new generation of diverse health care workers and leaders.