

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION:

GRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL:	DATES	DEGREE
Damascus University School of Medicine	September 2003-September 2009	MD

POSTGRADUATE TRAINING:

Residency, Internal Medicine	Western Michigan University School of Medicine Kalamazoo, MI	July 2011-June 2014
Fellowship, Infectious Disease	Allegheny Health Network Pittsburgh, PA	July 2014-June 2016

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY AND FACULTY APPOINTMENTS:

Attending physician, Consultant in Infectious Disease Allegheny Health Network, Pittsburgh PA	July 2016-present
Assistant Professor of Medicine, Temple University School of Medicine	2018-2020
Assistant Professor of Medicine, Drexel University School of Medicine	2020-present

DEI Officer for Infectious Disease Division March 2022-present

Associate Professor of Medicine, Drexel University School of Medicine 2024-present

BOARD CERTIFICATION:

American Board of Internal Medicine 347809 2014

American board of Infectious disease 347809 2016

LICENSURE: (state, year, number)

Michigan 4301098083 2011-2014

Pennsylvania MD453716 2014- present

ACADEMIC HONORS AND AWARDS:

Graduated with Honors degree Damascus University School of medical School 2009

Top women physician in Pennsylvania findatopdoc 2022

Pennsylvania Medical Society's Top 40 Physicians under 40 award 2024

Allegheny County Medical Society (ACMS) top 40 under 40 2024

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:

American College of Physicians 2011- Present

Infectious Disease Society of America 2012-present

The Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America 2013-present

Allegheny County Medical Society 2024-present

PROFESSIONAL COMMITTEES AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE:

INSTITUTIONAL:

Chief of fellows, ID Fellowship program 2014- 2016

Allegheny General Hospital

Surgical Site Infections, Committee, Member
Allegheny General Hospital 2014-2015

Infection Control Committee, Member
Allegheny General Hospital 2014-present

Infectious Disease Fellowship, Program Evaluation Committee
Allegheny General Hospital 2014-present

Infectious Disease Fellowship, Recruitment Committee
Allegheny General Hospital 2017- present

DEI Committee, Member
Medical Institute, Allegheny Health Network 2022- present

Women Physician's ERG, Health and wellness Leader
Medical institute, Allegheny health network 2024-present.

EXTRAMURAL:

Manuscript Reviewer ID cases medical journal 2019-present

DEI Committee, Member
Drexel University School of Medicine. 2024-present

COMMUNITY SERVICES:

I volunteered at Catholic Church scout where I contributed to teaching children between 3rd and 6th grade, additionally I helped organizing yearly trips to explore various areas in Syria, fostering a diverse and enriching learning environment for the young participants. 2003-2009

I dedicated my time to volunteering in the community, focusing on smoking cessation as part of a program at the University of Damascus Medical School. 2004-2006

I was a member of the choir at Kyrillos Church, Syria 2003-2010.

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES:

Give regular lectures to infectious diseases fellows and internal medicine residents on topics in infectious diseases. Regular topics have included Endemic Mycosis, Central Nervous System infections, Rickettsial Diseases. 2016-present.

Serve as an advisor/mentor to interested fellows and residents that participate in quality improvement and research projects including VP shunt infections, Spine infections. 2016-present.

Teach students, residents, and fellows that round on the Infectious Diseases consult service. 2016-present

Supervised the following Post-doctoral Infectious Disease fellows as an attending physicians:

Rikinder Sandhu, MD 07/2015-06/2017

Monika Murillo, MD 07/2015-06/2017

Arpan Shah, MD 07/2016-06/2018

Holly Bean, DO 07/2016-06/2018

Robert Brunner, DO 07/2017-06/2019

Nicholas Cheronis, MD 07/2017-06/2019

Rawiya Elrufay, MD 07/2018-06/2020

Osakpolor Ogbemor, MD 07/2019-06/2021

Jean Woo, MD 07/2019-06/2021

Vikram Saini, MD 07/2020-06/2022

Tariq Jaber, MD 07/2020-06/2022

Salman Bangash, MD 07/2021-06/2023

Charmaine Abalos, MD 07/2021-06/2023

Arshpal Gill, MD 07/2022-current

Adriana Betancourth, MD 07/2022-current

George, Bashish MD 07/2023-current

Ryan Rothman DO 07/2023-current

CLINICAL ACTIVITIES:

Lead daily inpatient hospital rounds on the ID Consult service, providing supervision, education, and guidance of fellows, residents, and medical students on rotation. 2016-present.

Ambulatory infectious disease general clinic and travel clinic. 2016-present.

SUPPORT:

1. Co-Investigator, Detectable Serum Tobramycin Levels in Patients Following Antibiotic Cement Spacer Placement, AHN Research Initiatives, ASRI Award# 19010109, Co-Investigator, March 2016 – August 2021

BIBLIOGRAPHY:

PEER REVIEWED PUBLISHED ARTICLES:

Standley K, **Abdulmassih R**, Benbadis S. Good outcome is possible after months of refractory convulsive status epilepticus: lesson learned. *EPILEPSIA*,2011. doi: 10.1111/j.1528-1167.2011.03327.

Zaffiri L, **Abdulmassih R**, Boyaji S, Bagh I, Campbell AR, Loehrke M. Brain abscess induced by *Propionibacterium acnes* in a patient with severe chronic sinusitis. *New Microbiol*, Jul;36(3):325-334.

Patel Y, **Abdulmassih R**, Como J, Bhanot N. DRESS Associated with Vancomycin Use: Case reports and review of the literature. *Drexel Med Journal*. 2015; 9(1);48-53.

Abdulmassih R, Makadia J, Como J, Paulson M, Min Z, Bhanot N. *Propionibacterium acnes*: Time-to-Positivity in Standard Bacterial Culture From Different Anatomical Sites. *J Clin Med Res*. 2016 dx.doi.org/10.14740/jocmr2753w

Abdulmassih R, Min Z. An ominous radiographic feature: cortical ribbon sign. *Internal and emergency medicine* March 2016.doi:10.1007/s11739-015-1287-4

Walsh TL, DiSilvio BE, Hammer C, beg M, Vishwanathan S, Speredelozzi D, Moffa MA, **Abdulmassih R**, Hu K, Makadia JT, Sandhu R, Naddour M, Tompkins NC, TrienskiT , Watson C, Obringer T, Kuzyck J, Bremmer D. Impact of Procalcitonin Guidance with an Education Program on Management of Adult Hospitalized with Pneumonia. *The American Journal of Med*. Sept 2017:doi.org/10.1016/j.amjmed.2017.08.039

Walsh TL, DiSilvio BE, Hammer C, beg M, Vishwanathan S, Speredelozzi D, Moffa MA, **Abdulmassih R**, Hu K, Makadia JT, Sandhu R, Naddour M, Tompkins NC, TrienskiT , Watson C, Obringer T, Kuzyck J, Bremmer D. Evaluation of Management of Uncomplicated Community-Acquired Pneumonia: A Retrospective Assessment. *Infectious disease in clinical practice* March 2017; doi:10.1097/IPC.000000000468

Veer M, **Abdulmassih R**, Como J, Min Z, Bhanot N. Adenoviral nephritis in a renal transplant recipient: Case report and literature review. *Transpl Infect Dis*. 2017;19. doi: 10.1111/tid.12716.

Saini V, Como J, **Abdulmassih R**, Min Z, Bhanot N. Utility of Direct Specimen Sequencing in Addition to Conventional Testing in Management of Infections in an Urban Referral Health Center [published online ahead of print, 2023 Feb 10]. *J Appl Lab Med*. 2023;jfac144. doi:10.1093/jalm/jfac144.

Como J, Guarascio A, **Abdulmassih A**, Sauber T, Sewecke J, Westrick E, Bhanot N. Systemic Absorption Resulting from Tobramycin-Loaded Antibiotic Cement Spacers used in the Treatment of Prosthetic Joint Infection. Indian Journal of Orthopaedics, Nov 2023.

A Case of Transplanted Heart Complicated Intracardiac Aspergilloma with Pericardial Involvement JACC accepted

ELECTRONIC PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES:

Bhanot N, **Abdulmassih R**. New Options for Treating Hepatitis C in the Coinfected HIV Patient. Postgraduate Institute for Medicine CME course (1.0 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits). April 1, 2016 through Dec 31, 2017 (available at cmeuniversity.com).

PEER REVIEWED ABSTRACTS:

Abdulmassih R, Bricker L. Extreme Subcutaneous Insulin Resistance with Normal Intravenous Response. Kalamazoo Center for Medical Studies, September 2011.

Abdulmassih R, Bricker L. Extreme subcutaneous insulin resistance with normal intravenous response. Research day at KCMS April 2012.

Abdulmassih R, Bannon S. Unusual Presentation of Chronic Sclerosing Sialadenitis. Research day at Kalamazoo Center for Medical Studies April 2012.

Abdulmassih R, Roumia M, Gullett J. Vitamin C Deficiency in Schamburg Disease. American College of Physicians May 2012.

Abdulmassih R, Bannon S. Unusual Presentation of Chronic Sclerosing Sialadenitis. American College of Physicians May 2012.

Abdulmassih R, Attaway A, Boampimp P. Neisseria Sicca Endocarditis in an Immunocompromised Patient. American College of Physicians October 2012.

Abdulmassih R, Swartz T. Acute Back Pain Due to Pseudogout. American College of Physicians, October 2012.

Zaffiri L, **Abdulmassih R**, Boyaji S, Bickel R, Charochak A, Wilt J, Lange P,Loehrke M,Nichols W. Influence of MIC values of Vancomycin, linezolid, and Daptomycin on clinical outcomes of MRSA infections in the Intensive care unit. Chest, October 2012.

Attaway A, **Abdulmassih R**, Charochak A, Zaccheo M. Procalcitonin as a Valuable Marker to Detect Bacterial Infection in ESRD Patients. National American College of Physicians April 2013.

Abdulmassih R, Attaway A Charochak A, Zaccheo M. Procalcitonin A Useful Marker for Early

Detection of Bacteremia in Elderly Population. Infectious Disease Week October 2013.

Abdulmassih R, Makadia J, Min Z, Como J, Bhanot N. Propionibacterium acnes - Time-to-positivity of Cultures from Different Clinical Sites. Infectious Disease Week, October 2015.

Makadia J, **Abdulmassih R**, Rali P, Singh A, Bhanot N, Min Z. Early Onset De Novo Invasive Pulmonary Aspergillosis in an Orthotopic Heart Transplant Recipient. American Thoracic Society meeting, April 2015.

Abdulmassih R, Min Z, Bhanot N. Adenoviral Interstitial Nephritis Mimicking rejection in renal transplant recipient: accurate and timely diagnosis is crucial. Allegheny Health Network poster competition (Awarded the second prize) October 2015

Walsh TL, DiSilvio BE, Hammer C, beg M, Vishwanathan S, Speredelozzi D, Moffa MA, **Abdulmassih R**, Hu K, Makadia JT, Sandhu R, Naddour M, Tompkins NC, TrienskiT , Watson C, Obringer T, Kuzyck J, Bremmer D. Evaluation of Management of Uncomplicated Community-Acquired Pneumonia: A Retrospective Assessment. Infectious Disease Week 2016.

Veer M, **Abdulmassih R**, Min Z, Bhanot N. Analysis of treatment modalities of Adenovirus Induced Graft Dysfunction in Renal Transplant Recipients. National ACP Internal Medicine Meeting 2016.

Brunner R, Min Z, **Abdulmassih R**. Ocular Involvement in Candidemia Patients at an Urban Tertiary Care Center: Is Inpatient Ophthalmologic Consultation Essential? Open Forum Infectious Diseases November 2018.

Como J, Guarascio A, **Abdulmassih R**, Sauber T, Sewecke J, Westrick E, Bhanot N. Systemic Absorption Resulting from Tobramycin-Loaded Antibiotic Cement Spacers used in the Treatment of Prosthetic Joint Infection. Infectious Disease Week 2019.

Ogbebor O, **Abdulmassih R**, Como J, Bhanot N. Spinal Infections: Clinical and Microbiological Characteristics in our Urban Referral Infectious Disease Week 2020

Saini V, Jaber T, **Abdulmassih R**, Como J, Bhanot N. Clinical and Financial Impact of Next Generation Sequencing (NGS) in addition to Conventional Microbiology Testing in our Urban Referral Health Center. Infectious Disease Week, 2021.

Abalos CC, Jaber T, Bangash S, Jacobs MX, Turk M, Bhanot N, Min Z, **Abdulmassih R**. Utility of Intrathecal Antibiotic Administration in the Reduction of Ventriculoperitoneal (VP) Shunt Infections in our Urban Referral Health Center. Infectious Disease Week, 2022.

Invited presentations:

Altered mental status in elderly a nightmare diagnosis. Grand Round at KCMS July 2012.

Endemic Mycosis Western Michigan University/School of Medicine Grand Round May 2020.

COVID19 Variants and Treatment. Alwadi Medical Conference for Syrian Physicians. August 2021.

Chair's Multidisciplinary Conference (Invited as a subspecialist panelist, Allegheny General Hospital Feb 2021).

Central Nervous System infections Neurosurgery Grand round Allegheny General Hospital Jan 2023

LVAD infection definitions, Heart failure grand round Allegheny General Hospital Jun 2024

Media Educational Talks:

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: Expert Insights: Myths and facts about tick bites, Lyme disease

<https://www.post-gazette.com/news/health/2024/08/10/tick-bites-lyme-disease/stories/202408110026>

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