

Welcoming New Department of Medicine Leadership

Douglas Krakower, MD



Douglas Krakower, MD, has been appointed Chief of the **Division of Infectious Diseases in the Department of Medicine**. As Division Chief, Dr. Krakower will continue his 17-year affiliation with the Division of Infectious Diseases. An outstanding physician and mentor, a renowned researcher in HIV prevention, and a highly effective teacher, Dr. Krakower will continue to foster BIDMC's culture of excellence in clinical care, research, and education in infectious diseases, while expanding its scope, expertise, and impact.

Dr. Krakower attended Princeton University, where he majored in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, followed by a Fulbright Scholarship and then medical school at Harvard Medical School. He completed the Harvard Combined Medicine-Pediatrics Residency, a fellowship in HIV Medicine at Massachusetts General Hospital, and fellowship training in Infectious Diseases at BIDMC. After completing a T32 postdoctoral fellowship in HIV research at Harvard, he joined our Division of Infectious Diseases as faculty in 2013.

Dr. Krakower is a Research Scientist at The Fenway Institute, Faculty at the Harvard Pilgrim Healthcare Institute, and an Associate Professor in Medicine and Population Medicine at Harvard Medical School. He has developed a superb research portfolio focused on ways to optimize HIV prevention in healthcare and community settings, including innovative strategies to implement HIV preexposure prophylaxis (PrEP). With funding from NIH and industry, his work includes partnerships with community health centers, public health departments, harm-reduction programs, and a large urban jail. He is a member of the Executive Committee of the Harvard University Center for AIDS Research (CFAR) and is the BIDMC Site Director for the CFAR's Clinical Core.

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In addition to his research and being an exemplary infectious diseases physician, he is an outstanding teacher and mentor to our ID Fellows and IM Residents, having served as Associate Program Director for our Infectious Diseases Fellowship. Nationally, he has served as an expert and advisor in HIV prevention for the United States Preventive Services Task Force and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and he is incoming Vice-Chair for the HIV Medicine Association's Program Committee for IDWeek, the annual conference of the Infectious Diseases Society of America. He is the recipient of numerous awards including the BIDMC Infectious Diseases Fellowship Excellence in Mentoring Award and an Eleanor and Miles Shore Faculty Development Award from HMS in support of his research.

Dr. Krakower assumes the role from Christopher Rowley, MD, MPH, who has led the Division as Interim Chief for the last four years and will continue in his role as Clinical Chief of the Division. Dr. Rowley's exemplary leadership has been instrumental in the growth of our program and exceeding expectations in divisional productivity and clinical excellence, and we are fortunate that he will continue as a deeply trusted and highly effective member of the leadership team. Prior to Dr. Rowley, Mary LaSalvia, MD, also served as Interim Chief and both assumed the role from Division Chief Peter Weller, MD, current Vice Chair for Research for the Department of Medicine and Chief of the Division of Allergy & Inflammation.

Dr. Krakower looks forward to leading the Division to continue forging new trajectories in patient care, research, and education in the treatment and prevention of infectious diseases in immunocompromised patients, HIV and other public health epidemics, and general infectious diseases that impact the health of our diverse patient populations.