

## Infectious Diseases Faculty Biographies

| Physician   | Academic Title                  | Core Teaching Hospital  | Biography  |
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| Steve Burdette,<br>MD, FIDSA<br><br><i>Program director</i> | Associate Professor of Medicine | Miami Valley Hospital   | Dr. Burdette is the Program Director for the Infectious Diseases Fellowship at Wright State. He is also the Infectious Diseases advisor to the Miami Valley Hospital transplant program and serves as the Medical Director of ID at Greene Memorial Hospital in Xenia, Ohio. Dr. Burdette completed his medical school training, Internal Medicine Residency and Infectious Diseases Fellowship at Wright State. His clinical and research interests include infections in the immunocompromised host (transplant recipient and drug related immunodeficiency), gram-negative infections, Clostridium difficile, and soft tissue infections. He has authored 8 book chapters and has over 25 PubMed referenced articles. |
| John Czachor,<br>MD, FIDSA                                  | Professor of Medicine           | Miami Valley Hospital   | Dr. Czachor is the Division Chief of Infectious Diseases at WSU Boonshoft School of Medicine and is based at Miami Valley Hospital. Particular areas of interest include Global Health and International Medicine, as well as nosocomial infections. He is also interested in the educational process, faculty development, and how to be an effective teacher.  |
| Thomas Herchline, MD,<br>FIDSA                              | Professor of Medicine           | Miami Valley Hospital   | Dr. Herchline is a graduate of University of Cincinnati School of Medicine (1985) and completed his Infectious Diseases Fellowship (1990) at Ohio State University. He joined the faculty at Wright State University full time in 1997. He also serves as Medical Director for Public Health – Dayton & Montgomery County and Civil Surgeon for the US Citizen and Immigration Services. He is board certified in Internal Medicine and Infectious Diseases. Dr. Herchline has over 20 peer-reviewed publications and is author or editor for 17 book chapters. Research interests include tuberculosis, staphylococci, sexually transmitted diseases and public health.   |
| Hari Polenakovik,<br>MD                                     | Associate Professor of Medicine | Miami Valley Hospital   | Dr. Polenakovik is a graduate of Faculty of Medicine, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje, Macedonia. He completed his Internal Medicine Residency and Infectious Diseases Fellowship at Wright State University. He is board certified in Internal Medicine and Infectious Diseases. Dr. Polenakovik has over 20 peer-reviewed publications. Clinical and research interests include adult cystic fibrosis, and infection control.   |
| Grant Starrett,<br>MD                                       | Assistant Clinical              | Good Samaritan Hospital | Dr. Starrett was born and raised in the Dayton area and received his Doctor of Medicine degree from  |

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|                                 | Professor of Medicine           |                                | the Medical College of Ohio at Toledo in 1997. He joined the faculty of Wright State University Department of Internal Medicine in 2002 following residency and ID fellowship in Dayton, and is currently the Site Director for the fellowship at Good Samaritan Hospital. His clinical interests include prosthetic joint infections, infection control and tropical medicine, regularly traveling to Africa for medical work.  |
| Jack Bernstein, MD, FACP, FIDSA | Professor of Medicine           | Veteran Affairs Medical Center | <p>Dr. Bernstein attended the State University of New York at Stony Brook for his undergraduate training and Georgetown University for medical school. He was a resident in Internal Medicine at Henry Ford Hospital and completed a fellowship in Infectious Diseases at the University of Rochester.</p> <p>He has been on the faculty of Marshall University and Wright State University, where he is presently a Professor of Medicine and Pathology. At the Dayton Veterans Affairs Medical Center, he is the Coordinator for Research and Development. He is a Fellow of the American College of Physicians and the Infectious Diseases Society of America. He has special interests in viral diseases and antiviral chemotherapy.</p> |
| Wissam Sabbagh, MD              | Assistant Professor of Medicine | Good Samaritan Hospital        | Dr. Sabbagh graduated from Damascus University School Of Medicine, Intern-ship of Preliminary Surgery at Wright State University (WSU), completed Internal Medicine residency and Infectious Disease fellowship at WSU. Currently working as an ID consultant at Good Samaritan Hospital.  |
| Laila Fernandes, MD             | Assistant Professor of Medicine | Veteran Affairs Medical Center | Dr. Castellino is a graduate of Grant Medical College in India. She did her Residency at Maimonides Medical Center in New York and her ID Fellowship at Beth Israel Medical Center. She is Section Chief of ID at the Dayton VA Medical Center. Her research interests include infection control, nosocomial infections and osteomyelitis.   |
| Catherine Bacheller, MD         | Assistant Professor of Medicine | Veteran Affairs Medical Center | Dr. Bacheller is the Medical Director, Infection Prevention and Control at Kettering Medical Center, Grandview Medical Center, Sycamore Medical Center, Southview Medical Center. Her clinical interests include MRSA surveillance and infection control, UTI, TEM-PCR and its clinical applications.  |
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