



# PERIODIC UPDATE #14

Period of March 1-15, 2020

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## Corona Virus COVID19

We remain abreast of the latest developments and are doing our utmost to keep the lines of communication open:

- Statement by Prof. Daniel Glikman (Infectious Diseases Unit, Padeh (Poriya) Medical Center and Vice Dean, Pre-clinical Studies, Azrieli Faculty of Medicine) - <https://medicine.biu.ac.il/en/node/2988>
- Opening page of English website now has important Faculty-related updates (can be found here <https://medicine.biu.ac.il/en/node/3020>). I will try to keep this accurate and timely.

**\*\*\* VERY IMPORTANT: Please let me know if something is missing or inaccurate.\*\*\***

## Faculty Seminars

- March 5, 2020: Special Guest Seminar: Child Obesity by Dr. Ron Nagel (UCLA)
- March 16, 2020: Dr. Ori Avinoam (WIS): Membrane sequestration and crumpling maintain membrane homeostasis during exocrine secretion (cancelled?)

## Conferences

- March 3-4, 2020: The Azrieli Faculty of Medicine Scientific Workshops: Common Mechanism in Alzheimer's diseases and T2D Uncovered by Big Data and Deep Learning (organized by Dr. Milana Frenkel-Morgenstern; coordinated by Dr. Dorith Raviv Shay).

Additional pictures can be seen here:  
<https://medicine.biu.ac.il/en/album/2685>. Write-up will be posted in the near future.



## Website: What's New? ([medicine.biu.ac.il/en](https://medicine.biu.ac.il/en))

### Publications (<https://medicine.biu.ac.il/en/research-news>)

*Reminder that publications by Azrieli faculty are posted in chronological order based on publication date, per PubMed listings.*

- Pre-endoscopic tachycardia predicts increased sedation dose and lower adenoma detection rate in patients undergoing endoscopic procedures: a case control study (Minerva Med)
- Forsan Jahshan, Eyal Sela, Maayan Gruber: Pneumothorax and Pneumomediastinum Complicating Pediatric Foreign Body Aspiration (Ear Nose Throat J)
- Cell-free IgG-aggregates in plasma of patients with chronic lymphocytic leukemia cause chronic activation of the classical complement pathway (PLoS One)
- Abraham O. Samson, Baruh Polis: Norvaline Reduces Blood Pressure and Induces Diuresis in Rats with Inherited Stress-Induced Arterial Hypertension (Biomed Res Int.)
- Ayelet Armon-Omera, Ayelet Armon-Omer, Adi Sharabi-Nova, Radi Shahien:

Mitochondrial activity is impaired in lymphocytes of MS patients in correlation with disease severity (Mult Scler Relat Disord)

- Amir Mari, Mahmud Mahamid, Wisam Sbeit, Tawfik Khoury: The Evolving Role of Gut Microbiota in the Management of Irritable Bowel Syndrome: An Overview of the Current Knowledge (J Clin Med)
- David Azoulay: Low brain-derived neurotrophic factor protein levels and single-nucleotide polymorphism Val66Met are associated with peripheral neuropathy in type II diabetic patients (Acta Diabetol.)
- Avi Benov: Evaluation of Sepsis using Compensatory Reserve Measurement: A Prospective Clinical Trial (J Trauma Acute Care Surg.)
- Tzipora C. Falik-Zaccai, Nehama Cohen-Kfir: Genetic counseling of high-risk isolated populations: A worldwide challenge (Birth Defects Res.)
- Mary Rudolf: The First Thousand Days: early integrated and evidence-based approaches to improving child health: coming to a population near you? (Arch Dis Child.)

### Faculty News (<https://medicine.biu.ac.il/en/faculty-news>)

- Dr. Maayan Gruber Receives Excellent ENT Research Award
- Three-Year Track White Coat Ceremony (pictured here)
- Community Diabetes Workshop



### Media Exposure (<https://medicine.biu.ac.il/en/media>)

Nothing new in the English press...stay tuned...

## Students

Frontal classes will be moved online; clinical studies (for all Israeli medical schools) in hospitals and centers have been cancelled. Students are being offered volunteer opportunities with the community. Other details can be found on the Student Union Facebook page.

## Staff Activities

- In lieu of the Purim party at the Faculty, a small "lehayim" was held midday on March 8, 2020. Very nice Faculty video can be seen here: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1kKsSpsOanLfwILvbFHA92hlej2WQjPaz/view>

## Cancellations (for the near future)

- Purim parties – at Faculty (March 8, 2020) and at BIU (March 12, 2020)
- Ceremony for Outstanding Clinical Instructors at Baruch Padeh Medical Center in Poria, Tiberias (March 12, 2020)
- Health Professions Day at Yigal Allon Cultural Center (Safed) (March 23, 2020)
- Tsafon Yarok Community Meeting (March 25, 2020)
- 9th annual Translational Research Day (March 30, 2020)

## Misc

- Twitter: see Dean Medicine Bar-Ilan (@IlanDean) for Tweets

***Please remember to update me/us on matters not profiled here (Alissa.burstein@biu.ac.il)!***

***Pictures/videos and anecdotes always welcome!***

***Feel free to forward this update.***