PERIODIC UPDATE #18

Period of May 26 – June 7, 2020

Hope you had a nice Shavuot!
Please send me any updates you would like included in the next Update.

CORONAVIRUS COVID-19

Reminders:
- [Opening page](#) has link to the health declaration necessary for daily entrance to campus, for easy access.
- Urgent updates can be posted on the English Faculty of Medicine [opening page](#).
- Feel free to send me relevant information to post.

RECENT PROMOTIONS

Congratulations to Professor Omry Koren on his promotion to full professor! Honorable mention to lab colleagues, Dr. Oren Ziv and students.

MEDICAL SCHOOL APPLICANTS

For the first time, applicants to the Azrieli Faculty medical school will be taking personality tests at the Faculty, not at MSR - The Israel Center for Medical Simulation at Tel Hashomer as in the past (the other 4-year medical schools still send their applicants to Tel Hashomer).

FACULTY OF MEDICINE RANKS FIRST IN BIU REMOTE TEACHING

The Faculty of Medicine was ranked first in remote teaching from among all Bar-Ilan faculties.
Good work!
Bar-Ilan University held an online Zoom-based Open House, June 4-5, 2020. The Faculty of Medicine broadcast an intriguing lecture, given by Dr. Moshe Dessau and Dr. Meital Gal-Tanamy, “Survivor in the Season of Corona - Who Will Win Immunity.” Q&A session followed.

Organized by Dr. Shai Bel. These seminars are part of the tradition of celebrating PhD students’ ending this important chapter in their life; participation is obligatory.

- Learning the skills to ameliorate poor health literacy and social determinants of health. A case study of ETGAR, an experience-based course in the clinical years (Doron Sag, supervised by Prof. Mary Rudolf)
- Deciphering and Restoring Neutrophil Dysfunction in Hemodialysis Patients (Adi Litmanowitz, supervised by Prof. Batia Kastiel and Prof. Kamal Hasan)
- Structural studies of glycoprotein N from tomato spotted wilt virus (TSWV) (Yoav Bahat, supervised by Dr. Moshe Dessau)

Publications (https://medicine.biu.ac.il/en/research-news)
Reminder that publications by Azrieli faculty are generally posted in chronological order based on publication date, per PubMed listings.

- Chaim Putterman: Comprehensive Aptamer-Based Screening Identifies a Spectrum of Urinary Biomarkers of Lupus Nephritis Across Ethnicities (Nat Commun.)
- Chaim Putterman: A Novel Microglia-Specific Transcriptional Signature Correlates With Behavioral Deficits in Neuropsychiatric Lupus (Front Immunol.)
- Chaim Putterman: Cognitive Dysfunction in Autoimmune Rheumatic Diseases (Arthritis Res Ther)
- Karl Skorecki: Childhood Risk Factors for Adulthood Chronic Kidney Disease (Pediatr Nephrol.)
- Avi Peretz: The Importance of Communication between the Clinical Laboratory and the Clinician: The Key for Proper Medical Care (EuroLabNews)
• Alexander Aizenshtein, Erez Kachel, Grosman Rimon Liza, Basem Hijazi, Arnon Blum: Effects of Preoperative WBC Count on Post-CABG Surgery Clinical Outcome (South Med J.)

• Wisam Sbeit, Anas Kadah, Amir Mari, Tawfik Khoury: Pancreatobiliary Manifestations of Nonalcoholic Fatty Liver Disease: A Retrospective Case-Control Multicenter Study (Eur J Gastroenterol Hepatol.)

• Keren Agay-Shay: There's No Place Like Home? The Psychological, Physiological, and Cognitive Effects of Short Visits to Outdoor Urban Environments Compared to Staying in the Indoor Home Environment, a Field Experiment on Women From Two Ethnic Groups (Environ Res.)

• Gadi Lending, Avi Benov, Elon Glassberg: Cognitive and Physical Performance Are Well Preserved Following Standard Blood Donation: A Noninferiority, Randomized Clinical Trial (Transfusion.)

• Avi Benov, Elon Glassberg: Early Experience With Transfusing Low Titer Group O Whole Blood in the Pre-Hospital Setting in Israel (Transfusion.)

• Avi Benov: Pausing Cancer Screening During the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus 2 pandemic: Should We Revisit the Recommendations? (Eur J Cancer)

• Michael V Joachim, Yasmine Ghantous, Suleiman Zaaroura, Kutaiba Alkeesh, Tameem Zoabi, Imad Abu El-Na'aj: Does Fasting During Ramadan Increase the Risk of the Development of Sialadenitis? (BMC Oral Health.)

• Michael Blank: Targeted Regulation of Nuclear Lamins by Ubiquitin and Ubiquitin-Like Modifiers (Cells.)

• Bshara Mansour, Adib Habib, Hussein Shamaly, Zahi Abou Nassar, Ahlam Abu Ahmad: Temporal Caterpillar Sign in a Case of Infantile Hypertrophic Pyloric Stenosis (Pediatr Int.)

• Alon Yulevich: Delayed Diagnosis of Pediatric Appendicitis During the COVID-19 Pandemic (Acta Paediatr.)

• Gershon Volpin: Indications and Interventions of Damage Control Orthopedic Surgeries: An Expert Opinion Survey (Eur J Trauma Emerg Surg.)

• Elon Glassberg, Avi Benov: Mass-surveillance Technologies to Fight Coronavirus Spread: The Case of Israel (Nat. Med)


• Netta R Blondheim Shraga, Dafna Perry, Itzhak Haviv: Identification of Tumor Antigens in the HLA Peptidome of Patient-Derived Xenograft Tumors in Mouse (Mol Cell Proteomics.)

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

• Certificates of Appreciation Awarded to Clinical Instructors, Baruch Padeh Medical Center in Poria, June 4, 2020, here

• Certificates of Appreciation Awarded to Clinical Instructors, Ziv Medical Center in Safed, June 3, 2020, here
• Dr. Ayelet Shai Becomes Member of the National Council for Prevention, Diagnosis & Treatment of Cancer, [here](#)

• It's a Joint Effort: Academia, HMOs, Community, and Donors Fighting the Coronavirus, [here](#)

• Ministry of Health Ranks Ziv Medical Center First in Prevention of Infectious Diseases, [here](#)

• New Book! Active Education for Future Doctors (Nomy Dickman and Barbara Schuster, Eds.), [here](#)

Picture Gallery ([https://medicine.biu.ac.il/en/album/](https://medicine.biu.ac.il/en/album/))

The following picture albums were added to the site:

• Clinical Instructors Awarded Certificates, Baruch Padeh Medical Center in Poria, via Zoom (June 2020), [here](#)

• Clinical Instructors Awarded Certificates, Ziv Medical Center, via Zoom (June 2020), [here](#)

ALL PERIODIC UPDATES ARE NOW ONLINE/ה нагрузкון באתר

Need/want to check something that happened at the Faculty in the recent past? Check out old Periodic Reports, [here](#).

CANCELLATIONS/בטולים

Unfortunately, the following lectures were cancelled due to the Coronavirus:

• Prof. Amnon Hoffman (HUJI)

• Dr. Yael Litvak (HUJI): Mechanisms of Pathogen Expansion in the Gut

• Dr. Noam Stern-Ginossar (WIS)

COMING UP/בקרוב

• Azrieli Faculty Certificates of Appreciation ceremony

• White Coat Ceremony

• Nazareth Clinical Instructors Certificate of Appreciation ceremony

• And more!