



PERIODIC UPDATE #25

Period of Aug 31 – Sept 13, 2020

י"א – כ"ד אלול ה'תש"ף



Shana tova! שנה טובה!



CORONAVIRUS COVID-19/ קורונה

Reminders:

- [Opening page](#) has [link](#) to health declaration necessary for entrance to campus.
- Updates can be posted on the English Faculty of Medicine [opening page](#). Let me know.

APPOINTMENTS-PROMOTIONS/ מינויים וקידומים

Congratulations to the following Faculty members (in alphabetical order):

Prof. Imad Abu El-Naaj, promoted to clinical Associate Professor
Dr. Samih Badarny, appointed clinical Senior Lecturer
Prof. Masad Barhoum, promoted to clinical Associate Professor
Dr. Limor Meoded Danon, appointed Faculty lecturer
Dr. Orna Nitzan, promoted to clinical Senior Lecturer
Prof. Salman Zarka, appointed clinical Associate Professor

GRADUATION CEREMONIES/ טקסי סיום

Masters Degree graduation ceremony took place via Zoom on September 9, 2020.

MD conferment ceremony to take place via Zoom on September 14, 2020.



BEZEQ BUILDING DRILL: SEARCH. RESCUE. BUILD

Much excitement was felt last week at the Home Front Command Search & Rescue drill on the future site of the Azrieli Faculty education facility. Read more [online](#) and on [Facebook](#). A few pictures below to pique your curiosity.



RESEARCHER PROFILE/הכר את החוקר

DR. REGINA MICHELIS, researcher at the Institute for Medical Research, Galilee Medical Center, Naharia, earned her B.Sc. and D.Sc degrees and a Post-Doctoral fellowship in plant molecular biology in the faculty of biology at the Technion (Haifa). She also holds an M.Sc. in plant molecular biology from the Weizmann Institute of Science, Rehovot. Dr. Michelis held a research position at the Israel Oceanographic & Limnological Research institute in Haifa and since Oct. 2000, at GMC.



Dr. Michelis has ample experience in the fields of biochemistry and protein analysis, particularly in post translational modifications associated with systemic inflammation, oxidative-stress and immune-dysregulation in cancer and chronic diseases. She has published 26 papers in peer-reviewed journals (MyBibliography), and actively participated in conferences in Israel, Europe and USA. She is currently the manager of the Hematology research lab, that was established in Oct. 2015 by the head of the Hematology Institute at the Medical Center, Dr. Andrei Braester. The lab focuses on the activity of the complement system in patients with hemato-oncological diseases, particularly Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia (CLL). The lab aims to understand the various mechanisms of resistance to immunotherapy in CLL patients, and especially the role of the complement system in this context. By better understanding these mechanisms and the relative importance of the immune and complement systems in the process of clearing the target cells, she is combining basic research with a clinical aspect, and building a true translational-research center that will contribute to quality care and longevity of the patients.



WEBSITE: WHAT'S NEW? (MEDICINE.BIU.AC.IL/EN)/אתר הפקולטה

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

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

- Oren Ziv, Elad Reuven, Omry Koren: Effects of Diet-Modulated Autologous Fecal Microbiota Transplantation on Weight Regain (Gastroenterology .)
- Najib Dally: The impact of anti-bacterial prophylaxis on the outcome of patients treated with venetoclax-based regimens for relapsed/refractory plasma cell dyscrasias: Real-life data (Leuk Res .)
- Eric S Shinwell: Reassessing vitamin D supplementation in preterm infants: a prospective study and review of the literature (J Pediatr Endocrinol Metab .)
- Wiliam Nseir, Tawfik Khoury, Baker Mahamid, Amir Mari, Wisam Sbeit: Sub-Nonalcoholic fatty liver disease is associated with COVID-19 severity independently of metabolic syndrome: a retrospective case-control study (Eur J Gastroenterol Hepatol .)
- Ohad Ronen, Jamal Qarawany, Boaz Markel, Amiel Sberro, Eli Layous, Netanel Eisenbach, Eyal Sela, Tal Marshak: Inter-Rater Variability of Reflux Finding Score Amongst Otolaryngologists (J Voice .)
- Karl Skorecki: Acute pyelonephritis in children and the risk of end-stage kidney disease (J Nephrol .)
- Amir Bashkin, Jalaa Abu Ali, Mona Shehadeh, Lea Even, Ohad Ronen: The significance of high thyroxine in hospitalized patients with low thyroid-stimulating hormone (Endocrine.)
- Wisam Sbeit, Amir Mari, Tawfik Khoury: Fatty pancreas and pancreatic cancer: a new player on the field? (Minerva Gastroenterol Dietol .)
- Amiel A Dror, Netanel Eisenbach, Tal Marshak, Eli Layous, Asaf Zigron, Ohad Ronen, Samer Srouji, Eyal Sela: Reduction of Allergic Rhinitis Symptoms with Face Mask Usage During the COVID-19 Pandemic (J Allergy Clin Immunol Pract .)
- Inbar Ben Shachar, Ilan Atlas: Is the extent of pelvic lymphadenectomy in the staging of endometrial cancer associated with the yield of metastatic nodes? An Israeli Gynecologic Oncology Group study (Surg Oncol .)
- D Karasik: Genetic Pleiotropy of Bone-Related Phenotypes: Insights from Osteoporosis (Curr Osteoporos Rep .)



חדשות הפקולטה (<https://medicine.biu.ac.il/en/faculty-news>)

- [Azrieli Faculty Shares in the Sorrow of the Untimely Passing of Dr. Diab Ganem](#)
- [Dr. Nomy Dickman Appointed to BIU Digital Learning Task Force](#)
- [Prof. Jacob Bornstein Appointed Chief Editor of Pelviperrineology](#)
- [Azrieli Faculty of Medicine Students Assist the City of Nazareth in Coping with COVID-19](#)
- [Azrieli Faculty of Medicine Search and Rescue Drill with IDF Home Front Command](#)
- [Associate Prof. Elon Glassberg Appointed Chief Medical Officer \(Surgeon General\) of IDF Medical Corps](#)

חשיפה במדיה באנגלית (<https://medicine.biu.ac.il/en/media>)

- [ILTV Insider Interview with Prof. Chaim Putterman](#)
- [Bar Ilan's Social Incubator Brings Improved Healthcare to Disadvantaged Populations in Israel](#)
- [Bar-Ilan initiative aims to address health needs in disadvantaged Galilee](#)
- [JPost: Bar Ilan University helps Nazareth combat coronavirus](#)

גלריית תמונות (<https://medicine.biu.ac.il/en/gallery>)

- [Search and Rescue Drill with IDF Home Front Command \(Sept 2020\)](#) (19 pictures)



- [Graduation \(via Zoom\) - Masters Degrees \(Sept 2020\)](#) (12 pictures)

