

# Curriculum Vitae

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### **CITIZENSHIP:**

United States of America

### **LANGUAGES:**

Fluent in both written and spoken Spanish and English.

### **EDUCATION:**

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| 2012- 2014 | Infectious Disease Fellowship<br>University of South Florida Division of Infectious Diseases and International Medicine<br>Tampa, FL                 |
| 2009-2012  | Internal Medicine Residency<br>University of South Florida Department of Internal Medicine<br>Tampa, FL  |
| 2005-2009  | M.D.<br>University of South Florida College of Medicine<br>Tampa, Florida  |
| 2000-2003  | MSPH in Environmental and Occupational Health, with concentration in Toxicology<br>University of South Florida College of Public Health<br>Tampa, FL |
| 1996-2000  | B.A. Chemistry with minors in English Literature and Mathematics. Cum Laude.<br>North Carolina Wesleyan College<br>Rocky Mount, North Carolina       |

### **ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

Assistant Professor of Medicine, Division of Infectious Diseases and International Medicine,  
University of South Florida College of Medicine, Tampa, FL July 2014 to present

## **HOSPITAL APPOINTMENTS**

Clinical Staff, Infectious Diseases Section, Medical Service, James A Haley VA Hospital, Tampa FL, July 2014 to present

Active Medical Staff, Infectious Diseases Service, H Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute, Tampa FL, July 2014 – December 2020.

## **CERTIFICATIONS:**

August 22, 2012 Diplomate, American Board of Internal Medicine 2012-2022  
October 28, 2014 Diplomate, American Board of Infectious Disease 2014-2024  
2009-present ACLS, BLS Certified

## **MEDICAL LICENSURES:**

Florida, 2012-present

## **AFFILIATIONS:**

2009-present James A Haley VA Hospital  
H Lee Moffitt Cancer and Research Center  
University of South Florida Department of Infectious diseases and International Medicine  
University of South Florida Morsani College of Medicine

## **HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATION/LEADERSHIP**

3/2020- present Incident Command Team Member Pandemic Response Team COVID 19  
3/2020- present Hospital Operations Team member, ID section Leader, Pandemic Response COVID 19  
3/2020- present Creator of COVID 19 Clinical management and treatment protocol  
COVID-19 Standardized Clinical Processes SOP co – creator  
3/2020- present Hospital wide Covid 19 Educational series for clinical staff: clinical features, diagnostics, clinical management, infection control  
2014, 2020-2021 Pandemic Response and preparedness, Emergency Preparedness; Ebola, Covid  
2018- present HIV Lead Physician role

## **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT/TEACHING**

8/2/21- 5/1/21 **Doctoring 1 Course** for Medical students. 4hrs/week.  
Teach and demonstrate all components of a medical history and physical exam, difficult conversations with patients, ethics and specific medical topics.  
3/ 2020- present Hospital wide Covid 19 Educational series for house staff Fellows, Residents, Students clinical features, diagnostics, clinical management, infection control  
2014- present Hospitalist Duty 2-4 weeks/annually. Teaching of medical students and residents via Hospitalist teaching rounds

- 2020- present    Pandemic response education / CME lecture series Hospital wide James A Haley VA;  
USF Internal Medicine
- 2019- present    FEMA Trained: Emergency Preparedness; Highly Infectious Diseases
- 2018- present    USF BRIDGE Clinic.  
Teaching of medical students during active patient interactions  
instruction and hands-on clinical training.
- 2016- present    Designed, developed and run HIV PrEP clinic at James A Haley VA Hospital. Tampa FL
- 2016- present    Participate in Annual HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis C Awareness event at James A Haley VA  
providing Veterans and other visitors information about HIV, PrEP, Hepatitis C  
treatments, prevention, and education.
- 2014-2016        LAMSA. Mission Trips. Teaching: Medical Students
- 2014                Hospital wide CME Lecture series: Ebola, Emergency Preparedness

**LEADERSHIP/ EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE:**

- 2014 – present    Attending Physician, James A. Haley Veterans’ Hospital, Tampa, FL  
Department of Internal Medicine, Section of Infectious Diseases
- 2015 – present    Assistant Professor, Department of Internal Medicine, Division of Infectious Disease and  
International Medicine, Morsani College of Medicine, University of South Florida  
Tampa, FL
- 2012- 2014        Infectious Disease Fellowship  
University of South Florida Division of Infectious Diseases and International Medicine  
Tampa, FL
- 2009-2012        Internal Medicine Residency  
University of South Florida Department of Internal Medicine  
Tampa, FL
- 2003-2005        Lab Medical technologist, Research assistant  
National Cancer Institute Research Lab, St. Joseph’s Hospital, Tampa FL
- 2003-2005        Night clinic coordinator. Judeo Christian Health Clinic, Tampa FL
- 2001-2003        Research assistant. University of South Florida College of Public health.  
In vitro transformation of Xenobiotics.  
Secretary. Dept of Environmental and Occupational Health. University of South Florida  
College of Public health.
- 1996-2000        NCAA Volleyball, North Carolina Wesleyan College  
Team Captain: 1998, 1999  
Most Valuable Player: 1998  
All-Conference Team 1998, 1999

All-Tournament Team, Emory University, Atlanta, GA 1996

1996-2000 Summer Camp Counselor. Wellington Rec. Wellington, FL  
Taught children ages 6-14 how to play Volleyball and Basketball.

#### HONORS AND AWARDS:

July 2021 Was selected by VA Chief of staff as “**Clutch staff**” to meet with Secretary of Veteran’s affairs Denis McDonough. Clutch staff: outstanding staff members considered “clutch” in Hospital Operations related to Covid

1996-2000 Omicron Delta Kappa National Honors Society

1996-2000 Presidential Scholarship: 1996-2000

1996-2000 President’s Honor List 3 times; President’s List 4 times

1999 USA Today All-USA Academic Team representative

1999-2000 American Institute of Chemists North Carolina Institute of Chemists Foundation Award

1999-2000 North Carolina Wesleyan College Chemistry Award

1998-2000 Gravelly Honors Scholarship

1998 Most Valuable Player North Carolina Wesleyan College NCAA Volleyball

1998,1999 All-Conference Team NCAA USA South Athletic Conference

1996 All-Tournament Team, Emory University, Atlanta, GA

#### PUBLICATIONS:

August 2021 **Vega, Vivian R MD**, MSPH and Oehler, Richard MD. Conquering COVID: How Global Vaccine Inequality Risks Prolonging the Pandemic Open Forum Infectious Diseases. Oxford Journals.

September 2020 Perez-Lopez, Carlos Juan MD; Gompf, Sandra G. MD, FACP, FIDSA; Cannella, Anthony P. MD, MSc, FACP; **Vega, Vivian R. MD, MSPH**, Pasteurella multocida Mycotic Aortic Aneurysm in a Man After a Healed Canine Bite, Infectious Diseases in Clinical Practice: September 3, 2020 [doi: 10.1097/IPC.0000000000000912](https://doi.org/10.1097/IPC.0000000000000912)

June 2019 Sandra Gompf, **Vivian R Vega**, Lory Arndt, and Larry Ludwick. Extensively Drug-Resistant Typhoid Fever: “Typhoid 2.0”. Emerging Infectious Diseases: Clinical Case Studies. Academic Press, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition. Eds: Ergonul O, Can F, Madoff L, Akova M.

April 2019 Oehler RL, Katzman JH, Kraitman N, **Vega-Rodriguez V**, Toney JF. Sticks and Bones: Traumatic phaeohyphomycosis presenting as an epidural scalp abscess and cranial osteomyelitis. Medical Mycology Case Reports. (In Press) Published online 4/27/19. Available at <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.mmcr.2019.04.011>

March 2018 **Vivian R. Vega**, Richard Oehler. Mycobacterium Abscessus Soft Tissue Disease of the Abdominal Wall: Case Report and Review of the Literature. Accepted for Publication. Infectious Diseases in Clinical Practice. 26(5) 258-63, 2018.

June 2018 Sayeef Mirza and **Vivian R Vega**. Cave diving for a diagnosis: A Case of Disseminated histoplasmosis. ID Cases. 12 (2018) 92-94.

September 2013 Todd Wills and **Vivian R Vega**. Dolutegravir: an evidence-based review of its clinical potential in the treatment of HIV-infected adults. *Core Evidence*. Dovepress. Submitted for publication.

February 2012 Todd Wills and **Vivian R Vega**. Elvitegravir: a once-daily inhibitor of HIV-1 integrase. *Expert Opinion Investigational Drug*. 21 (3) 395-401, 2012.

October 2008 **Vivian R Vega**. Recognizing hypokalemia on EKG: rapid diagnosis and treatment. *General Journal of Medicine*

#### **RESEARCH ACTIVITY/ PRESENTATIONS:**

1. Toney JF (PI), Gompf SG, Oehler RL, **Vega VR** Morano JP,. Optimal Treatment for Recurrent Clostridium difficile Infection. VA Cooperative Studies Program CSP #596 (VA OpTION Study). 3/2017-12/2019
2. Toney JF (PI), Gompf SG, Oehler RL, **Vega VR** Morano JP,. Investigation of Rifampin to Reduce Pedal Amputations for Osteomyelitis in Diabetics (VA INTREPID Study). VA Cooperative Studies Program CSP #2001. (4-year study). 2017-present
3. Gompf SG (PI), Toney J, Oehler R, **Vega V**, Morano J, Tash K, Garcia C, Moore Pardo S, Velez A, Cannella A. Observational Study of Convalescent Plasma for Treatment of Veterans with COVID-19. VA Cooperative Study CSP #2030. April 2020-present.
4. Protocol ID 006580 Gompf SG (PI), Toney J, Oehler R, **Vega V**, Morano J, Tash K, Garcia C, Moore Pardo S, Velez A, Cannella A. US Expanded Access Program for Convalescent Plasma for the Treatment of Patients with COVID-19. Mayo Clinic IRB. 04/24/2020.

2019 ID WEEK Poster presentation. Clinical Experience and Challenges Utilizing Clofazimine in the Treatment of Nontuberculous Mycobacterial Pulmonary infections. James A. Haley Veterans' Hospital, Tampa, FL

2017-2019 Optimal Treatment for Recurrent Clostridium difficile Infection. VA Cooperative Studies Program CSP #596 (VA OpTION Study). 2017-2019. Co-investigator. (What is my role? Recruit, evaluate, cover for PI, ) Use asterisk assistant of PI to conduct studies, corresponding with sponsor etc; data collection? Publication

2017- 18 MPP Lamprene® (clofazimine) for the Treatment of Non Tuberculous Mycobacterial (NTM) Infections. Co-investigator. Ongoing.

2018- 2020 Investigation of Rifampin to Reduce Pedal Amputations for Osteomyelitis in Diabetics. (VA INTREPID Study). VA Cooperative Studies Program CSP #2001. (4-year study).Co-investigator. Ongoing.

2017 Chromoblastomycosis as a Cause of Chronic Skin Lesions in North America: Report of Two Cases From Large Urban Veteran Affairs' Hospital, Tampa, Florida. Abstract submitted to IDSA May 2017.

2017 The Hidden Diagnosis: Disseminated Histoplasmosis  
Abstract submitted to AMA Research symposium

2017 Single-tablet regimen versus multi-tablet regimen effectiveness after virologic failure in HIV-1 infected patients without new resistant mutations. Co-investigator. Ongoing.

2016 IDWeek poster presentation: Wrong Time, Wrong Place - A Hospital Associated Outbreak of Influenza A in the Summer - Abstract #59979

- 2015 Ledipasvir/Sofosbuvir for chronic Hepatitis C: a review of the literature and focus on HIV co-infected patients. Submitted for Publication.
- 2013- 2014 A Phase IIIb, randomized, open-label study of the safety and efficacy of dolutegravir/abacavir/lamivudine once daily compared to atazanavir and ritonavir plus tenofovir/emtricitabine once daily in HIV-1 infected antiretroviral therapy naïve women.
- 2012- 2014 Phase 3, Randomized, Double-Blind Study to Evaluate the Safety and Efficacy of Elvitegravir/Cobicistat/Emtricitabine/ Tenofovir Alafenamide Versus Elvitegravir/Cobicistat/ Emtricitabine/Tenofovir Disoproxil Fumarate in HIV-1 Positive, Antiretroviral Treatment- Naïve Adults.
- 2012- 2014 A Phase 3, Open-Label Study to Evaluate Switching from a TDF-Containing Combination Regimen to a TAF-Containing Combination Single Tablet Regimen (STR) in Virologically-Suppressed, HIV-1 Positive Subjects.
- 2012- 2014 Strategic Timing of AntiRetroviral Treatment (START) Trial. A multicenter, international, randomized trial for HIV-infected adults comparing whether immediate initiation of antiretroviral treatment (ART) is superior to deferral of ART until the CD4+ declines below 350 cells/mm<sup>3</sup> in terms of morbidity and mortality in HIV-1 infected persons who are antiretroviral naïve with a CD4+ count above 500 cells/mm<sup>3</sup>.
- 2012- 2014 A Phase 3, Randomized, Double-Blind Study to Evaluate the Safety and Efficacy of Elvitegravir/Emtricitabine/Tenofovir Disoproxil Fumarate/GS-9350 Versus Ritonavir-Boosted Atazanavir Plus Emtricitabine/Tenofovir Disoproxil Fumarate in HIV 1 Infected, Antiretroviral Treatment-Naïve Adults
- 2006 Pediatric cancer research, Neuroblastoma. NCI lab. St Joseph's Hospital. Poly A RNA isolation from neuroblastoma cell lines and cDNA library creation involving PCR, gel electrophoresis and Northern blot techniques
- 2002-2003 Newcastle disease virus oncolysate vaccine in the treatment of malignant melanoma. Tumor infiltrating lymphocytes (TIL) therapy in the treatment of Renal Cell carcinoma and Malignant Melanoma. Experience with tissue culture; processing of tumor samples to establish primary cultures; and laboratory research techniques such as Western Blots, 2D electrophoresis and chromatography.
- 2001-2003 In vitro transformation of xenobiotics University of South Florida College of Public Health Tampa, FL. Conducted independent research for Master's Thesis on the metabolism of Diethylstilbestrol (DES) by human term placental lipoxigenase.

#### **COMMUNITY SERVICE:**

- 2018- present USF Bridge Clinic
- 2/2021-present USF Migrant Clinic – Dover. One evening per month typically 4-5 hours
- 3/2020-present Various Community Outreach interviews, Q&As, regarding Vaccine hesitancy with Community Leaders (especially black and Hispanic community)

2015 LAMSA led trip to Dominican Republic. Approximately 1,000 patients seen with Medical students. Supervised medical students outreach project under USF Health International

Puerto Rico / Maria

2007-2008 Voter registration volunteer 'Get the vote out' 2007-2008 Political campaign

2003-2006 Judeo Christian Health Clinic, Tampa FL  
The JC clinic offers healthcare to the uninsured/low income families in Tampa. I volunteered prior to medical school and prior to being hired as night clinic coordinator and again during medical school. Many duties but primarily, triage and checking in of patients and Spanish-English translator for the clinic physicians and pharmacists.

2005-2009 Race for the Cure breast cancer benefit. Represented USF College of Medicine.

1998-2000 Special Olympics Volunteer, Rocky Mount, NC

1999 Relief efforts for Hurricane Floyd. Rocky Mount, NC Transport and delivery of supplies to families devastated by floods and damages

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:**

2012-present Infectious Disease Society of America

2009-present American College of Physicians

2009-present American Medical Association

**PERSONAL/LEISURE:**

Guitar, Piano, Live music, All music

Travel

The beach

Cooking

Tennis, Intramural flag football, Volleyball and Basketball