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**Appointments**

**Faculty Appointment:** Assistant Professor of Medicine  
July 2006 - Present Infectious Disease  
Mercer University

**Postgraduate Training**

**Fellowship:** Infectious Disease  
July 2004 to University of Alabama at Birmingham  
June 2006

**Residency:** Internal Medicine (Categorical)  
July 2001 to Medical Center of Central Georgia  
June 2004 707, Pine Street  
Macon, GA 31201

**Internship** Lady Hardinge Medical College and Associated  
Jan 1998 to Hospitals New Delhi, India  
May 1999

**Education**

**Medical School:** Lady Hardinge Medical College  
Sept. 1993 to New Delhi, India  
Dec. 1997 Degree: **M.B.B.S.**

**Undergraduate:** The Air Force School  
July 1990 to New Delhi, India  
June 1992 Degree: **CBSE** (Major: Biology/Chemistry/Physics)

**Administrative:**

January 2009 - Present

Member Hospital infection control committee (MCCG).

### **Certification / Examinations**

Oct 2006	American Board of Internal Medicine – <i>Infectious Disease</i>
Aug 2004	ABIM American Board of <i>Internal Medicine</i>
June 2003	USMLE III
Oct 2000	Clinical Skills & Assessment (ECFMG)
Aug 2000	USMLE I
Dec 1999	USMLE II

**Licensure:** Georgia State Medical Board  
Active since 2004

**Academic Responsibility / Consultant:** Infectious Disease inpatient service, general outpatient ID clinic, HIV clinic, Travel Medicine clinic, Medical student and resident teaching and education.

### **MEMBERSHIPS/PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES**

**IDSA** - Infectious Diseases Society of America (Active since 2004)  
**ISTM** - International Society of Travel Medicine (Jan 2012)

### **AWARDS**

**First Place Winner** – Research Competition, ACP-ASIM Georgia Chapter, May 4<sup>th</sup> 2002.

**Third Place Winner** – Poster Competition, ACP-ASIM Georgia Chapter, May 4<sup>th</sup> 2002.

**Seed grant award** - \$3500 Mercer University School of Medicine July 2009; "Utility of Procalcitonin levels in patients with syphilis". Principal Investigator.

### **Peer Reviewed Publications**

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2 1. Erika Aaron, Mirjam C., Kempf, Shannon Criniti, Ellen Tedaldi, Ed Gracely, Amy Warriner, **Ritu Kumar** and Laura H. Bachmann. Adverse Events in a Cohort of HIV Infected Pregnant and Non-Pregnant Women Treated with Nevirapine versus Non-Nevirapine Antiretroviral Medication. **PLoS ONE**: Research Article, published 07 Sep 2010 10.1371/journal.pone.0012617

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4 2. Mukesh Patel, **Ritu A. Kumar**, Alan M. Stamm, Craig J. Hoesley, Stephen A. Moser, Ken B. Waites USA 300 Genotype Community- Associated Methicillin-Resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* as a cause of Surgical Site infections. Journal of Clinical Microbiology, Oct 2007, p.3431-3433 vol. 45, no. 10

3. **Kumar Ritu**, Stephens Jeffrey. Chryseobacterium meningosepticum an uncommon pathogen causing septic arthritis in an elbow joint prosthesis. Rheumatology Review Issue 1/vol.7/2005:8-9.

- 1 4. ***Kumar Ritu***, Stephens Jeffrey. Septic arthritis caused by Chryseobacterium meningosepticum in an elbow joint prosthesis. Southern Medical Journal, 2004 Jan;97(1):74-6.

### **Book Chapter/s:**

- 1 Hoesley Craig MD, ***Kumar Ritu, MD***. Infective Endocarditis. First Exposure to Internal Medicine: Hospital Medicine 1<sup>st</sup> edition Edited by Griffith CH, Hoellein AR, Feddock CA, Harrell HE, McGraw-Hill companies, Inc. New-York, NY; 2007: 349-357.

### **Original Presentation and Peer Reviewed Abstracts**

Erica Aaron, Mirjam Kempf, Ellen Tedaldi Amy Warriner, ***Ritu Kumar***, Ed Gracely, Laura Bachmann. Risks associated with Nevirapine use in Pregnant and Non-pregnant women abstract # T-139 poster presentation at the 15<sup>th</sup> Conference on Retroviruses and Opportunistic Infections (CROI 2008)

***Ritu Kumar***, Mukesh Patel, Alan Stamm, Jennifer Whiddon, S. Moser, Ken Waites. Community associated Methicillin Resistant Staphylococcus cause surgical site infection. (abstract K-1673). Oral/Slide Presentation at the 46<sup>th</sup> American Society of Microbiology - ICAAC meeting San Francisco Sept. 29, 2006.

***Ritu Kumar***, Mukesh Patel, Alan Stamm, Jennifer Whiddon, S. Moser, Ken Waites. Community associated Methicillin Resistant Staphylococcus cause surgical site infection. Poster presentation at the UAB - Department of Medicine 22nd Annual Trainee Research Symposium – Wednesday, March 1, 2006

***Kumar R. MD***, Stephens J. MD, Boddy M. MD, Sedghi S. MD. “Primary Gestational Herpes Simplex Hepatitis”. Oral presentation at the American College of Physicians – American Society of Internal Medicine, Georgia Chapter, Savannah, Georgia March 7-9<sup>th</sup> 2003.

MU Smith Ph.D., HP Katner MD, AD Buchanan MD, MG Boddy MD, SW James RN, ***Ritu A. Kumar MD***, (*presenting author*) RR Fuller MD Ph.D., V Leslie MD, Departments of Internal Medicine and Obstetrics and Gynecology, Mercer University School of Medicine, Macon, Georgia, USA. Prevention of Vertical Transmission of HIV-1 with Nelfinavir Based Highly Active Antiretroviral Therapy (HAART). XIV International AIDS conference 2002, Barcelona, July 7-12.

***Kumar Ritu***, Harold P Katner, M. G. Boddy. The Central Georgia HIV pregnancy cohort. Oral Presentation at the American College of Physicians – American Society of Internal Medicine, Georgia Chapter, Peachtree City, Georgia May 2-4<sup>th</sup> 2002.

***Kumar Ritu***, Stephens Jeffrey. Septic arthritis caused by Chryseobacterium meningosepticum in an elbow joint prosthesis. Poster presentation at the American College of Physicians – American Society of Internal Medicine, Georgia Chapter, Peachtree City, Georgia May 2-4<sup>th</sup> 2002.

### **Invited Presentations**

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#### **Local:**

- Internal Medicine Grand Rounds June 1<sup>st</sup> 2011 “Update on HIV” Mercer University School of Medicine Macon, GA.

- Family Medicine Grand Rounds May 27<sup>th</sup> 2011 “Today in HIV” The Medical center of Central Georgia, Macon GA.
- Mercer Internal Medicine Grand Rounds Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> 2009 “Hepatitis C” What’s new!
- Mercer Internal Medicine - Infectious Diseases Grand Rounds, Sept 5<sup>th</sup>, 2007 “Typhoid fever” The Medical center of Central Georgia Macon, GA.
- Infectious Diseases grand rounds University of Alabama Birmingham June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2005: “Osteonecrosis and HIV”. *Is there an Association?*
- Gastroenterology Conference, Nov 14, 2002, “Controversies in the management of esophageal carcinoma”. The Medical Center of Central Georgia.
- Chest Conference, July 23, 2002, Primary “Pulmonary Tuberculosis in an HIV infected patient”. The Medical Center of Central Georgia.

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- “Macon-Bibb county HIV Pregnancy Cohort”.
- “Septic arthritis caused by Chryseobacterium meningosepticum in an elbow joint prosthesis”. The Medical Center of Central Georgia.

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2 **Regional:** Meetings conducted by Mercer University School of Medicine accredited by ACCME and course approved for maximum of 18.0 credits towards AMA. Audiences generally consist of attending community physicians and physician extenders from Georgia and South Carolina.

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- Invited Speaker Internal Medicine: Evidence Based Update – Harbour Town Conference Center, The Sea Pines Resort Hilton Head, South Carolina July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011. “Travel Medicine”.
- Internal Medicine: Evidence Based Update, The Sea Pines Resort Hilton Head, South Carolina July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010, “Update on MRSA”.
- Internal Medicine: Evidence Based Update, The Sea Pines Resort Hilton Head, South Carolina July 21, 2007: “Clostridium difficile an established pathogen posing new challenges”.

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6 **International:** Grand Rounds “Common Office Infections” July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010, Kurobe City Hospital, Kurobe, Japan and July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010 Toyama University, Toyama, Japan.

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### 9 **Community Activities: (Invited Lecture)**

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11 Associated Professional Institute community lecture on *HIV – awareness and essentials*, July 11<sup>th</sup> 2011, Macon, GA.

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13 Panel discussion on *HIV/AIDS AND ITS IMPACT ON WOMEN OF COLOR*, Middle Georgia sisterhood, Inc, “Just for Women”. November 2009.

Undergraduate Public Health lecture Mercer University, Macon, GA. “*Introduction to Infectious diseases*”. March 10<sup>th</sup> 2009.