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[Dr. David Harris](#)

Dr. Harris was awarded the BIO5 Interdisciplinary Seed Grant Program funding for his project entitled: The Application of Stem Cells to Joint Reconstruction.

[Dr. Nafees Ahmad](#)

Dr. Ahmad was invited to give two talks at the “Clinical Virology Symposium” at the Kuwait University Health Sciences Center from May 1-5, 2006.

Dr. Ahmad also gave a seminar presentation at the Department of Microbiology, Faculty of Science, Kuwait University on May 30, 2006.

[Dr. Richard Ablin](#)

Dr. Ablin has been appointed as Interim Graduate Program Director

[Dr. Marchalonis](#)

Dr. Marchalonis has received a 3-year grant from ABRC for his grant proposal titled: Modulation of Autoimmune Disease by Autoantibodies and Immunopeptides

[Lalitha Ramanathapuram and Vasudha Sundaravaradan](#) recently completed their graduation requirements and have been awarded their Ph.D. Degrees. Congratulations Drs. Ramanathapuram and Sundaravaradan!

[Dr. Emmanuel Akporiaye](#)

Dr. Akporiaye has been invited to participate in the American Society of Clinical Oncology’s Development of Molecular Therapeutics in Breast Cancer Retreat from August 11-13 in Aspen Colorado. Dr. Akporiaye will be giving a presentation in the Vaccines and Other Immunologic Interventions session.

The Department name change became official on July 1. The website is undergoing changes to reflect this. New letterhead, envelopes, and business cards are on order.