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**Infectious Diseases Society of America  
Honors 199 Distinguished Clinicians, Scientists**

Dr. Francesca Lee of UT Southwestern Medical Center Department of Pathology has been named a Fellow by the Infectious Diseases Society of America, the nation's leading infectious diseases professional society. Fellowship in IDSA is one of the highest honors in the field of infectious diseases. It recognizes distinguished clinicians and scientists from the United States and around the world who have achieved professional excellence and provided significant service to the profession.

Dr. Lee's undergraduate and medical school education were via the University of Nevada, in Reno, NV. She completed an Internal Medicine residency, and served as Chief Resident, at Loyola University Medical Center, followed by an Infectious Diseases (ID) Fellowship at UT Southwestern and Clinical Microbiology Fellowship at the University of Utah. She is a board-certified in Internal Medicine and Infectious Disease by the American Board of Internal Medicine and in Clinical Microbiology by the American Board of Pathology. Along with caring for patients as an ID physician, Dr. Lee currently serves as the technical director of both Preanalytical Services and Clinical Microbiology at UT Southwestern, where she has been on faculty since 2011.

"The 199 individuals chosen to receive the FIDSA designation this year are committed to blazing trails in the field of infectious diseases, and IDSA is proud to honor them," said Dan McQuillen, MD, FIDSA, president of IDSA. "There has never been a more critical or more exciting time for the field of infectious diseases. These ID physicians and scientists are on the front lines of research and clinical care and represent the passion and commitment to educate and protect us from dangerous illness. We all benefit as a result of their vital contributions to local communities and expertise within the field of medicine. I am proud to call them my colleagues."

Applicants for IDSA Fellowship must be nominated by their peers and meet specified criteria that include continuing identification with the field of infectious diseases, national or regional recognition and publication of their scholarly work. Nominees are reviewed and elected by the IDSA Board of Directors. Fellows of IDSA work in many different settings, including clinical practice, teaching, research, public health and health care administration.

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The Infectious Diseases Society of America (IDSA) is an organization of over 12,000 physicians, scientists, public health experts and other health care professionals dedicated to promoting health through excellence in infectious diseases research, education, prevention and patient care. The Society was founded in 1963 and is based in Arlington, VA. For more information, see [www.idsociety.org](http://www.idsociety.org).