

Announcing the New Dean's Committee of the Faculty of Medicine at Tel Aviv University

Prof. Karen B. Avraham, PhD, Dean

Prof. Eli Sprecher, MD, PhD, MBA, Vice Dean for Clinical Affairs

Prof. Rina Rosin-Arbesfeld, PhD, Vice Dean for Preclinical Affairs

Prof. Anat Gafter-Gvili, MD, Vice Dean for Clinical Teaching Excellence & Mentoring

Prof. Neta Erez, PhD, Vice Dean for Preclinical Teaching Excellence & Mentoring

Prof. Benjamin Dekel, MD, PhD, Vice Dean for Clinical Research Innovation & Development

Prof. Ronen Zaidel-Bar, PhD, Vice Dean for Preclinical Research Innovation & Development

All positions will begin on Sept 1, 2022



Prof. Karen Avraham is a Full Professor at the Department of Human Molecular Genetics & Biochemistry in the School of Medicine and holds the Drs. Sarah and Felix Dumont Chair for Research of Hearing Disorders. She completed her BSc at Washington University in St. Louis, her PhD at the Weizmann Institute of Science and her post-doctoral training at the National Cancer Institute in Maryland. She serves as Vice Dean for Preclinical Affairs. Her research focuses on genetics and epigenetics of human disease, including deafness, developmental delay and epilepsy and breathing disorders towards gene therapy.



Prof. Neta Erez is a Full Professor at the Department of Pathology in the School of Medicine. She obtained her B.Sc. at the Hebrew University and completed her M.Sc. and Ph.D. at the Weizmann Institute of Science. Prof. Erez performed her postdoctoral research at the University of California, San Francisco, working in the field of tumor biology. Her research focuses on understanding tumor metastasis, the tumor microenvironment, cancer-related inflammation and the role of stromal cells in facilitating tumor progression and metastasis.



Prof. Eli Sprecher is a Full Professor at the Department of Human Molecular Genetics & Biochemistry in the School of Medicine and holds the Prof. Frederick Reiss Chair of Dermatology. He is the Director of the Division of Dermatology and Deputy Director for Research and Development at the Tel Aviv Sourasky Medical Center. He obtained an MD and a PhD degree from the Hebrew University and an MBA degree from TAU. He completed a post-doctoral fellowship at the Thomas Jefferson University, Philadelphia. His research focuses on the deciphering of the genetic basis of skin diseases and the translation of this new knowledge into innovative therapeutic tools.



Prof. Benjamin Dekel is a Full Professor of Pediatrics in the School of Medicine and holds the Kleyman Chair in Nephro-Urology. He is the Director of the Sagol Center of Regenerative Medicine at TAU. Prof. Dekel heads the Pediatric Nephrology Division and the Pediatric Stem Cell Research Institute at the Sheba Medical Center. He received a bachelor's degree in Medical Sciences and an MD from the Technion and a PhD and post-doctoral training from the Weizmann Institute of Science. His research focuses on human renal stem cell biology and regenerative medicine, to cast light on fundamental problems of developmental biology, tissue regeneration, and cancer, holding promise for novel disease therapies.



Prof. Rina Rosin-Arbesfeld is a Full Professor at the Department of Human Microbiology & Immunology in the School of Medicine. She received her PhD in Biochemistry and Microbiology from TAU and trained as a post-doctoral fellow at the MRC-LMB in Cambridge, UK. Her research focuses on molecular mechanisms underlining Wnt signaling in normal development and in malignant transformation, as well as seeking and developing novel therapeutic approaches to orphan genetic disorders.



Prof. Ronen Zaidel-Bar is an Associate Professor and Head of the Department of Cell & Developmental Biology at the School of Medicine. He completed his Ph.D. in Molecular Cell Biology at the Weizmann Institute of Science and post-doctoral training at the University of Wisconsin - Madison. Before joining TAU he was a Principal Investigator at the Mechanobiology Institute and Assistant Professor at the National University of Singapore. His research focuses on cytoskeletal organization, cell and tissue mechanobiology and their understanding to prevent birth defects and to treat numerous diseases, such as asthma, hypertension, and cancer metastasis.



Prof. Anat Gafter-Gvili is an Associate Professor at the School of Medicine and is the Head of Medicine A and senior physician at the Hematology Institute, Davidoff Cancer Center, Beilinson Hospital, Rabin Medical Center. She obtained her medical degree from the School of Medicine at TAU. Her research focuses on infections in hematological and oncological immunocompromised patients, lymphoma, anemia and the metabolism of iron.



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