

# Navy Bloodborne Infection Management Center

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### **NBIMC Welcomes CAPT Teneza-Mora**

CAPT Nimfa Teneza-Mora is a native of Fort Washington, Maryland. She earned her baccalaureate degree in Aerospace Engineering cum laude from the University of Maryland College Park in 1988. She worked as a design engineer at the Naval Research Laboratory for five years. She transitioned to a career in health care after earning her medical degree from Eastern Virginia Medical School, Norfolk, Virginia in 1997 under the Health Professions Scholarship Program. She was commissioned as Lieutenant, Medical Corps, United States Navy in 1997. She completed Internal Medicine internship at Naval Medical Center Portsmouth in 1998, and served as Senior Medical Officer at Naval Weapons Station Branch Medical Clinic, Yorktown, VA from 1998-2002. She completed Internal Medicine residency at the National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, MD in 2004. She underwent fellowship training in Infectious Diseases at Naval Medical Center San Diego from 2004-2006 and earned a Master's degree in Public Health from San Diego State University in 2008.

As staff attending physician in infectious diseases and internal medicine at the Naval Medical Center San Diego from 2007 to 2010, Teneza-Mora managed inpatient consultations, hospital admissions, and clinic patient encounters as well as trained, supervised, and mentored fellows, residents, and medical students. She served as Internal Medicine Medical Officer while deployed with the Expeditionary Medical Facility, Kuwait in 2009. She served as Internal Medicine and Infectious Diseases Medical Officer aboard the USNS Mercy TAH-19 during Pacific Partnership 2010.

In 2010, she joined the Naval Medical Research Center, Silver Spring, MD where she served as Deputy Director, Infectious Diseases Directorate during which she provided assistance to the Director by managing the daily activities of the directorate with 21 active duty service members and over 100 scientists and technicians. In 2015, she was selected as Director, Naval Medical Research Center Clinical Trials Center, and successfully led the execution of a highly complex Gates Foundation funded, multi-million dollar phase 1 clinical trial informing vaccinologists on biomarkers of protection of a promising malaria vaccine candidate.

In July 2017, CAPT Teneza-Mora served as Executive Officer of the Naval Medical Research Unit No. 6 (NAMRU-6), Lima, Peru. She managed the daily operations of the command with 13 active duty service members, four GS civilians, over 200 locally employed staff and contractors, and a \$40 M annual budget to conduct infectious diseases surveillance and medical product research and development to enhance warfighter force protection and readiness in the U.S. Southern Command Area of Responsibility. In November 2019, CAPT Teneza-Mora assumed command of the Naval Medical Research Unit Dayton (NAMRU-Dayton) in Ohio. NAMRU-Dayton conducts premier aeromedical and environmental health effects research to enhance the health, readiness, performance, and survivability of the joint warfighter. NAMRU-Dayton executes its mission with 17 active duty service members, 37 GS civilians, 90 contractors, and a \$35 M annual budget. In August 2021, CAPT Teneza-Mora will transfer to the Navy Blood Borne Infection Management Center where she will serve as Officer in Charge. CAPT Teneza-Mora maintains her board certification in Internal Medicine and Infectious Diseases.

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## Farewell CAPT Gleeson

### Thank you for your Outstanding Service !

CAPT Gleeson has served and played a vital role with the Infectious Diseases staff at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center (WRNMMC). During his time at WRNMMC, he served in several roles including Assistant Chief of Medicine, Chairman of the Institutional Review Board, Chairman of the Infection Control Committee and White House Medical Consultant.

After serving as Officer-In-Charge, Navy Bloodborne Infection Management Center from 2018-2021, CAPT Gleeson will be assuming the role of Director of Military Tropical Medicine at the Naval Medical Leader and Professional Development Command.

Congratulations! All the best in your future endeavors.



## Farewell and Best wishes from the NBIMC Staff



“A great teacher is not necessarily a great mentor. A great mentor is not necessarily a great leader. A great leader is not necessarily a great teacher. But you have been a great teacher, mentor, leader and boss – all rolled into one.”

That quote embodied what I wanted to say. It was because of you gave me opportunities to grow and thrive as an employee and supervisor. It was because of your compassion, leadership and vision that NBIMC command and staff has flourished. You took a lot on your shoulders, so that we didn't have too. You always put the employees first. You have been inspiring, reassuring and your constant support is was highly motivating. Thank you for all that you gave of yourself.

On a personal note, you were there for me when my dad passed, when my mom fell ill and when life just became too demanding. You would always tell me to take care of myself, because you knew, I and a tendency to put myself last. Thank you for being there for me and giving me the space I needed for me to be me.

So, teacher, mentor, leader, boss, CAPT as we say farewell with a heavy heart, please remember you will be sorely missed. Thank you, goodbye and don't forget about us!  
- Valerie Akins

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Thanks for your compassionate leadership and for being our shining star! Fair Winds and Following Seas!

**-Mildred Figueroa**

“CAPT Gleeson, it has been an honor working alongside you at NBIMC. I am so grateful that I have been on team NBIMC for the last few months under your leadership. Thank you for the kind words of encouragement during that short time. Thank you for your positive vibes and seeing the good in people. Your leadership skills are irreplaceable. Best of luck on the new chapter of your career, you will be missed!!”

**-Denise Chambers**

“I enjoyed the time you were with us, CAPT Gleeson. You always had a smile and a positive attitude that was contagious to all around you. Energy comes in all forms, and you were a source of kindness, compassion, humbleness, love, and care for everyone. I am glad to have the opportunity to meet you and to have you as a mentor. I hope you continue to spread positivity in all settings in your surroundings. Thank you for everything.”

**-Vanessa Miranda-Santiago**  
Thank you for your flexibility, leadership and empathy. I wish you all the best on your future endeavors. **-Brandon Hunter**

## Navy Bloodborne Infection Management Center

### Mission

The Navy Bloodborne Infection Management Center (NBIMC) provides leadership and expertise to ensure mission readiness and to support the National Military Strategy. We oversee the administration and aid in the development of policies concerning the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), Hepatitis B, and Hepatitis C screening for the DON, as directed by BUMED for the Navy Personnel Command (NAVPERS).

