Jennifer Piraino Joins HWI as a Research Associate

Jennifer Piraino has joined the Hauptman-Woodward Medical Research Institute (HWI) as a research associate. She will be working in the laboratory of Dr. Vivian Cody.

Piraino will be continuing research she began as an HWI summer intern which includes focusing on protein crystallography of three species of dihydrofolate reductase with antifolate inhibitors. These proteins are primarily implicated in the study of the pneumonia which often affects immune-compromised patients, such as patients with AIDs, on dialysis, or receiving chemotherapy.

Prior to becoming a part of HWI, Piraino worked as a teacher’s assistant in the University at Buffalo’s Anthropology Department, and as an intern at the Roswell Park Cancer Institute’s Clinical Cytogenetics Lab.

She received her bachelor’s degree at the University at Buffalo in Biomedical Sciences.

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