



# **Infectious Diseases Division Newsletter**

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# Grants



Congratulations to **Bruce Schackman** (bottom row, 3<sup>rd</sup> from right) and his team on successfully renewing the (NIDA) National Institute on Drug Abuse CHERISH (The Center for Health Economics of Treatment Interventions for Substance Use Disorder, HCV, and HIV) grant of \$10.9 million over five years. ([Link](#))





## Other News



The Research Enterprise to Advance a Cure for HIV (REACH) 2025 Annual Meeting was held at the Rockefeller University, from September 11 to September 12.

Attendees pictured with REACH leaders, **Marina Caskey**, **Brad Jones** and **Adam Ward** (bottom 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> from left).





## Other News

On September 18, **Lish Ndhlovu** gave a talk at the 24<sup>th</sup> Brazilian Congress of Infectious Diseases Conference, in Florianópolis, Brazil, entitled: “Hot Topic HIV/AIDs”. ([Link](#))





# Other News



**Laura Kirkman** and lab members attended the 35<sup>th</sup> Molecular Parasitology Meeting in Woods, Hole MA. ([Link](#))

**Shubha Bevkal Subramanyaswamy** (Postdoc from Kirkman Lab) presented a poster, with co-authors, entitled: "Proteasome regulation in *Plasmodium falciparum*: A critical driver of the parasite stress response and artemisinin resistance".

**Akshay Vishwanatha** (Postdoc from Kirkman Lab) gave an oral presentation, entitled: "Rad51-Dependent Homologous Recombination in *Plasmodium falciparum* and its Impact on Mutation Accumulation and Drug Resistance".





## Other News

On September 18, **Carrie Johnston** and colleagues from WCM attended a rally for Research in Washington DC. They spoke to congressional staff members about the importance of NIH funding.



Carrie Johnston and two WCM Medical Students





## Other News

### EBJIS2025

43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of the European Bone & Joint Infection Society

11-13 SEPTEMBER 2025  
BOLOGNA - ITALY

On September 11, **Andy Miller** presented a poster at the 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of the European Bone & Joint Infection Society, in Bologna, Italy, entitled: “ Conservative approach to spinal infections”. ([Link](#))





# Newsroom Updates



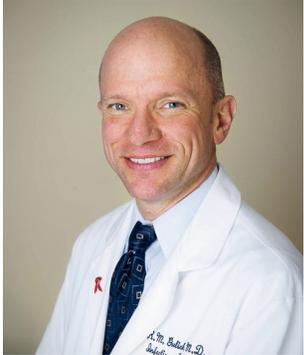
**Jen Downs** was featured in the following:

[Cornell Chronicle](#): “From leaky pipeline to leadership: Women boost health equity in Tanzania.”





# Newsroom Updates



**Trip Gulick** was featured in: [USATODAY](#) “When should I get a flu shot?”

**Trip Gulick** and colleagues were featured in the NYP MD TopLine (September 2025) with an important message about vaccinations. ([Link](#))



**Carrie Johnston** was featured in the following:

[WCM LinkedIn](#): “WCM at the Rally for Medical Research”.



## Divisional Publications

- **Atkins A, Ndhlovu LC, Furler O'Brien RL.** Illuminating lymphoid tissue HIV reservoirs: advanced assays and their relevance to achieving an HIV cure. *Curr Opin HIV AIDS*. 2025 Aug 25. doi: 10.1097/COH.0000000000000974. Epub ahead of print. [PMID: 40891589](#).
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- **Premeaux TA, Yeung ST**, Johnson SD, **Moar P**, Byrareddy SN, **Ndhlovu LC**. Altered distribution of tissue galectins correlates with mucosal dysregulation in SIV infection. *J Immunol*. 2025 Sep 15:vkaf200. doi: 10.1093/jimmun/vkaf200. Epub ahead of print. [PMID: 40971874](#).
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# Important Dates



Next I.D. Faculty Meeting  
8:30AM to 9:30AM  
([Zoom Link](#))



Global Infectious Diseases Across a  
Woman’s Lifespan Course  
Deadline to apply: 10/31/2025  
([Link](#))



Women’s Infectious Diseases Global  
Scholars (WINGS) Program  
Deadline to apply: 10/31/2025  
([Link](#))

10<sup>th</sup> Annual DOM Research  
Retreat