



Research Round-Up

CF-AIR and CF@LANTA



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Note from Co-Directors, Dr. Nael McCarty & Dr. Benjamin Kopp

Dear Colleagues,

Wishing you all joy, good health, and happiness this holiday season! A big congratulations to everyone who submitted NIH and CFF grants—your hard work and dedication are truly inspiring. Best of luck with your proposals!

Here's to an exciting 2025 as CF-AIR and CF@LANTA continue to grow and thrive. Thank you for being part of this incredible community!

Nael and Ben



Congratulations to **Dr. Kymry Jones**, Associate Director of CF@LANTA, on receiving the **Unsung Hero Award** at the Children's-Emory Awards Ceremony! This recognition highlights her contributions to the Peds Research Ops Team, P30 GA CF Core Center, U24 GA CF Data Warehouse, her roles as ROC co-chair and CF-BR project manager, organizing the inaugural SE CF Research Conference, and her continued work as a bench scientist in the McCarty lab, among many other roles. Congrats again!

CF-AIR Research Workshop Seminar Series, January 2025

Date	Time	Type	Presenter
Thurs. 1/9/25	1-2 PM	Research Highlight	Dio Kavalieratos, PhD
Thurs. 1/16/25	1-2 PM	Trainee Focused	Elijah Mehlferber, PhD (Ga. Tech)
Thurs. 1/23/25	1-2 PM	Research Highlight	James Dahlman, PhD
Thurs. 1/30/25	1-2 PM	Social	Birthdays
Fri. 1/31/2025	1-2 PM	Guest Lecturer	Deepika Polineni, MD, MPH



SAVE THE DATE

CF Family Education Day

A Special Day of Learning & Community
Hosted by Emory + Children's Care Center



Saturday, February 1st, 9 am-1 pm

Arthur M. Blank Hospital



Keynote Speaker

Deepika Polineni, MD, MPH

Professor of Pediatrics and Medicine

Washington University in St. Louis

Co-Chair, CF Foundation Genetic Therapies

Working Group



Thank you to our December Research Workshop Seminar Series speaker, **Dr. John Engelhardt (University of Iowa)**.

Many thanks to **Derresha Willingham & Drs. Rachel Linnemann, Matt Hazen, and Randy Hunt** for hosting the CF Winter Bipartite.

Happy Holidays from CF-AIR and CF@LANTA!

We celebrated the season with a White Elephant gift exchange & birthday social



Submit your Research Wows!



Scan the QR code to submit your Research Wows or contact Megan Stewart at megan.stewart@emory.edu



News Around the Lab



KUDOS TO...

- Congrats to our expectant moms - **Dr. Analia Vazquez Cegla, Katie Foye & Alysia McKenzie!**
- **Morgana Letizia, PhD** was recognized as the 2024 Carol Basbaum Memorial Research Fellow.
- **Collin Leese-Thompson** received the Chairman's Poster award at the HIV and Respi-DART Conference.
- **Rabin Tirouvanziam, PhD** and **Brian Dobosh, PhD** received a GRA grant for their work at Uppergate Biopharmaceuticals.
- Congrats to lab members of **Jessica Alvarez, PhD, RD** and **Tom Ziegler, MD, MS** for presenting posters and delivering talks at the Annual Emory DOM Research Days.



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