



# Research Round-Up

## CF-AIR and CF@LANTA



EMORY  
UNIVERSITY



Children's  
Healthcare of Atlanta

FEBRUARY 2026

### Note from the Director, Dr. Nael McCarty

Greetings! I hope this note finds you well, and that you've had a great February. One big thing to remind you of this month. Please take a moment to use the link below to register to attend the Great Strides Walkathon on May 16. It's the biggest and most important fundraising event for the CF Foundation's Georgia Chapter.

Most importantly, *the patients and families really want to see us there*, so they know that there are so many dedicated scientists, care team members, and trainees working hard on their behalf. It's preferable if we are all in the team T-shirt. We are designing a new shirt, with new artwork from a kid with CF, but the background color will still be light blue. We will have a visit from the CF Foundation staff to distribute shirts in about two months. Keep up the great work! -Nael



### News Around the Lab

#### KUDOS TO...



- **JaNise Jackson, PhD**, who received the [Leann Rittenbaum Ott Fellow Award](#).
- **Vin Tangpricha, MD, PhD**, for his recognition as a Master of the American Association of Clinical Endocrinology.
- **Dina Moustafa, PhD** (first author) and **Joanna Goldberg, PhD** (senior co-author) on their recent publication in [FEMS Microbiology Reviews](#).
- **Bum-Yong Kang, PhD**, on his recent article in [Frontiers](#).
- **Erica Browne** on her recently accepted abstracts for oral presentation at the Pediatric Early Career Researcher Conference and the American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics (ASPET) 2026 Conference. She is also one of four finalists for the Guppy Tank Translational Science Pitch Competition at ASPET 2026.

### CF-AIR Research Workshop Seminar Series, March 2026

Date	Time	Type	Presenter
Thurs. 3/5/26	1-2 PM	Guest Lecturer	Anupama Khare, PhD (NIH)
Thurs. 3/12/26	1-2 PM	Research Highlight	Laura Rotolo, PhD
Thurs. 3/19/26	1-2 PM	Trainee-Focused	Carleen Sabusap, PhD (MIT Museum)
Thurs. 3/26/26	1-2 PM	Research Highlight	Andrew Gewirtz, PhD (Georgia State)

[Click here for the complete Seminar Series schedule](#)



### Thank you to our recent Seminar Series speakers

Dr. Irina Miralda Molina, Amelia Randall, and Drs. Tanicia Daley, Jessica Alvarez and Darko Stefanovski (UPenn).

Thank you to all who participated in person and virtually, and we look forward to seeing you again soon!



## Atlanta Great Strides

### Saturday, May 16th

### Suwanee Town Center

Join us for a 3-mile walk to support our mission to cure cystic fibrosis. This Cystic Fibrosis Foundation community event brings together those working towards a cure for CF and raises awareness, support, and funds. Great Strides is the CFF's largest national fundraising event.

[Click here for more details](#) and [here to register](#) as part of the **CF@LANTA Team!** (Donations not required, but please register as part of the team).



We wish Dr. Ben Kopp the best as he begins his new role as Division Chief, Pulmonary & Sleep Medicine, at Nationwide Children's in Columbus, Ohio. Dr. Kopp can be reached at [benjamin.kopp@nationwidechildrens.org](mailto:benjamin.kopp@nationwidechildrens.org).

### Submit your Research Wows!

We want to hear about your research successes! Scan the QR code to submit your Research Wows or contact Megan Stewart ([megan.stewart@emory.edu](mailto:megan.stewart@emory.edu)).



CF-AIR is now on BlueSky! Follow us and tag us @emory-choa-cfair.bsky.social

Follow and tag us on X: @EmoryCHOA\_CFAIR and @CFAtlanta

