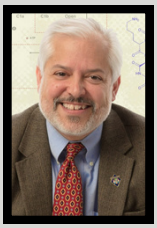
Research Round-Up

CF-AIR and CF@LANTA

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2026

Note from the Director, Dr. Nael McCarty



Dear Friends and Colleagues,
October was a great month for us, and I hope your November goes well, too. I want to sing the praises of our CF Care team, who won THREE important awards that were announced during the CF Conference. First, the Children's+Emory CF Care Center received the 2026 Outstanding Care Center Partnership Award from the CFF. Nominated by the Georgia Chapter of the CFF, the team was recognized for its collaborative efforts and ongoing commitment to engaging and supporting the cystic fibrosis community. The recognition highlights the team's strong collaboration with the Georgia Chapter and shared commitment to supporting patients and families affected by cystic fibrosis. Second, both our pediatric CF Care Program and our adult CF Care Program, separately, received Quality Improvement Awards. The latter really can be considered "research," as it requires all the same steps to figure out how to improve our clinical processes. Thanks so much to our clinical partners for all of their hard work.
Bests, Nael

Upcoming CF-AIR Science Huddle Schedule

Date	Time	Type	Presenter
Thurs. 11/19/26	1-2 PM	Trainee Focused	Malinda Wu, MD, MSCR (Johns Hopkins)
Thurs. 12/3/26	1-2 PM	Guest Lecturer	Finn Hawkins, MBBCh (Boston University)
Thurs. 12/10/26	1-2 PM	Social	Holiday Party/Birthdays/White Elephant

Click here for the complete Seminar Series schedule

Thank you to our recent CF-AIR Science Huddle speakers

We have had a busy fall! Thank you to our speakers: Diego Moncada, PhD, Kathryn Oliver, PhD, Andras Rab, MD, Sohail Khoshnevis, PhD, Patrick Harrison, PhD (Cincinnati Children's), and Erica Browne. Many thanks to all who attended in-person or virtually. We look forward to seeing you all again soon!

North American Cystic Fibrosis Conference (NACFC)

Atlanta, GA
October 6-10, 2026

The CF-AIR and CF@LANTA teams hosted the **CF Data Science Workshop** and the **CF@LANTA Welcome Reception Honoring Mr. Andy Lipman** at the National Center for Civil and Human Rights on October 6th, in conjunction with NACFC 2026 in Atlanta. The workshop brought together over **80 participants** to explore how data science can advance cystic fibrosis research and care, with discussions on the Georgia CF Data Exchange & Warehouse, data integration, ethics, infrastructure, and a hands-on mini-hackathon. The evening reception welcomed leaders and colleagues to Atlanta, celebrated milestones across research and clinical programs, fostered new collaborations, and marked the launch of the Andy Lipman Program in Wellness in CF. During NACFC 2026, CF-AIR, CF@LANTA, and affiliated partners had a strong presence, contributing **52 presentations and 68 posters**. The meeting provided valuable opportunities for collaboration, knowledge sharing, and continued advancement for the CF community.

Halloween at CF-AIR

We had some silly and spooky fun while celebrating Halloween and fall birtdays at our Social. Congratulations to our costume contest winners (*left to right*) Chloe Heath (Scariest Costume), the McCarty Lab (Funniest Costume), and the Oliver Lab (Best Overall Costume).







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).

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