



Research Round-Up

CF-AIR and CF@LANTA



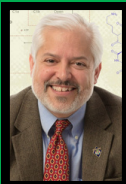
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Note from Co-Directors, Dr. Nael McCarty & Dr. Benjamin Kopp



Dear Colleagues,

We are deeply grateful for our incredible CF@LANTA and CF-AIR teams, who continue to excel. Our Center is thriving, with everyone contributing to its success. A special shout-out to the clinical research coordinators for the CF-BR—Chris Driggers, Eric Hunter, Jocelyn McNeany, Desiree Coker, Alysia McKenzie, and Katy Clemmer—who are working tirelessly alongside Linque Martin, Oishee Shemontee, and Genoah Collins to ensure everything runs smoothly to get precious patient-derived samples out to all our investigator teams. We couldn't be prouder of this amazing team. Thank you all for your hard work and dedication. Wishing everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving!



Nael and Ben

DEI Spotlight: Dr. Clovis Sarmiento



Dr. Clovis Sarmiento officially joins the team as **Associate Program Director** for **CF@LANTA** and the **Coordinated Pediatric Pathway Planning Office (C3PO)**. In this role, he will help lead efforts to improve health equity in the Cystic Fibrosis program,

working with Drs. Alvarez, Daley, Kopp, Linnemann, McCarty, Oliver, and others. He will also work closely with the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation Georgia Chapter to build stronger connections with the community.

Since joining Emory in 2022, he has managed core services, multiple research programs, and initiatives supporting early career investigators with the Pediatric Research Alliance.

Previously, Dr. Sarmiento served as the Health Literacy Coordinator at UChicago Medicine's Urban Health Initiative, improving access to health information and managed community-based participatory research programs focused on LGBTQ+ and health equity at the University of Chicago. His work emphasizes collaboration, equity, and innovation in research and healthcare.

CF-AIR Research Workshop Seminar Series, December 2024

Date	Time	Type	Presenter
Thurs. 12/5/24	1-2 PM	Guest Lecturer	John Engelhardt, PhD (U. Iowa)
Thurs. 12/12/24	12:30-2 PM	Social	Holiday party/White Elephant



Thank you to our November Research Workshop Seminar Series speakers, Dr. Katie Wetzel (Georgia State), Drs. Rachel Linnemann & Randy Hunt, and Vertex Pharmaceuticals for your insightful presentations.

Many thanks to all who attended in-person or virtually, and we look forward to seeing you in December.



REMINDER

The deadline for the **Fall Cycle for CFF Research Grants** is coming up soon!

Thursday, December 12th, by 5 pm EST

Submit online at: <http://awards.cff.org>



Halloween at CF-AIR

We had some silly & spooky fun while celebrating Halloween at our Social. Congratulations to our costume contest winners, Sam Durfey, Irina Miralda, and Hazel Ozuna (Funniest), Kymry Jones (Scariest), and Gail Dallalio & Susan Stephenson (Best All Around)!

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...

- **Kymry Jones, PhD** on her 2024 Unsung Hero Award and **Katie Foye** on her 2024 STAR Award at the Children's-Emory 2024 Annual Faculty, Physician & Staff Awards Ceremony
- **Ben Kopp, MD** for his selection as a 2025 Physician EDGE participant at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta.
- **Miquéias Lopes-Pacheco, PhD** on his CFF Path To a Cure Research Grant: "Potentiation of R334W-CFTR Function by Novel Small Molecules"
- **Kathryn Crotty, PhD** on her first author paper accepted in JoVE and on her recent nuptials!



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