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INFECTIOUS DISEASES & GLOBAL PUBLIC HEALTH



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Achievements:



Dr. Steffanie Strathdee was named as one of TIME magazine’s 50 Most Influential People in Health Care for 2018. “This is the first year of the list, which highlights people behind efforts and ideas to fix, improve, and innovate health care in this country. Steffanie is being recognized for her work in reinvigorating research into the therapeutic potential of bacteriophages—viruses that specifically target and kill bacteria.” Read more about her TIME magazine accomplishment [here](#). Read more about IPATH [here](#) and bacteriophage therapy at UC San Diego [here](#).

Community Outreach:

We Won’t Be Erased—San Diego



Members of the Division of Infectious Diseases and Global Public Health participated in the teach-in, rally, and march in support of the Trans community. “The San Diego trans community has spoken: Trans People #WontBeErased. On the evening of Monday, October 22nd, a series of meetings led by local orgs activists, youth, and politicians convened in response to the New York Times exposure of a memo from the Department of Health and Human Services that, if adopted, would change federal civil rights law to ‘define sex as either male or female, unchangeable, and determined by the genitals that a person is born with.’ Additionally, ‘any dispute about one’s sex would have to be clarified using genetic testing.’ The implications — which could affect healthcare access, workplace discrimination, legal documents, and even travel, for over a million people — are terrifying and unacceptable. What emerged from the meetings is a community response spanning two days that involved a teach-in, rally, and march. These events were intended to educate and mobilize allies, as well as, amplify the voices of trans community members.”

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Seminars:

David A. Relman, M.D.



[Dr. David A. Relman, MD](#), is a visiting Professor from Stanford who is speaking at Medicine Grand Rounds on Wednesday, November 28th, 2018 from 7:30AM to 8:30AM in the Liebow Auditorium.

He is a pioneer in microbiome research, and pioneered using molecular techniques to characterize uncultivated pathogens, such as the agents of Whipple's disease. He is a past president of the IDSA and a member of the National Academy of Medicine.

ID/GPH In the News:

[UCSD Epidemiologist Named to TIME's 50 Most Influential People in Health Care](#)

TIME magazine named, Steffanie Strathdee, PhD, associate dean of global health sciences at University of California San Diego School of Medicine, one of the 50 Most Influential People in Health Care for 2018...

[Indiana HIV outbreak among drug users may have been avoidable](#)

A year-long HIV outbreak among intravenous (IV) drug users in Indiana might have been avoided if the state's top medical and political leaders had acted sooner on early warnings...

[Phage therapy draws renewed interest to combat drug-resistant microbes](#)

The married professors were spending their Thanksgiving holiday in Egypt when the husband, Thomas L. Patterson, Ph.D., got very sick very quickly, experiencing fever, nausea and a racing heartbeat...

[HIV+ volunteers are bequeathing their organs to a new project](#)

Much of the medical research conducted on HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, looks at patients' blood. This is no surprise. Blood is both easy to collect and easy to preserve...

[LGBQ Teens May Be More Likely to Use Dangerous Drugs](#)

Lesbian, gay, bisexual, or questioning (LGBQ) teens are at substantially higher risk of substance use than their heterosexual peers, according to a new study.

[UCSD Launches Center to Combat 'Superbugs'](#)

Two years ago, while on vacation Egypt, Tom Patterson contracted an antibiotic-resistant infection and was on the brink of death until a team of experts, including those from University of California, San Diego, developed a cocktail of viruses....

[MSM Found to Underestimate Risk of HIV Infection](#)

Scientists from San Diego will visit virtually every corner of the globe during the upcoming summer field research season to take up an equally broad range of questions....

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