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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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