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President's Note

Dear Clinical Group Members,

I'm writing this as our Clinical Group makes final preparations for our Annual Meeting in National Harbor, Maryland. We have a fantastic program for our Clinical Group members, featuring symposia covering a wide range of timely and practical topics, including measles, snakebite management, drugs for neglected tropical diseases, and point of care ultrasound. Our Marcolongo Lecture will feature Marie-Pierre Preziosi, formerly of WHO, who will speak about meningitis control in the African Meningitis Belt and beyond. We'll join the International Society for Travel Medicine (ISTM) for another live recording of the Travel Unravelled podcast. As usual, our Meet the Professor sessions will be informative for trainees and clinicians, and we look forward to another competitive and highly contentious Pub Trivia night.

If you are new to the Washington DC area, I hope you will have some time to explore some of the attractions. Despite the recent changes in our capital, it remains city with great museums, monuments, and neighborhoods. I hope to see you there, but if you can't make it, please stay engaged and active in the Clinical Group. We have many exciting and new programs ahead, and your contributions are key to their success.

Sincerely,
Henry Wu, MD
President, ACCTMTH



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Send them to the
Clinical Group Interns!

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ROADMAP

to the 2026 Annual Meeting

DAY 1

Wednesday, Nov 18

Clinical Pre-Meeting Course

Zoonotic and Vector-Borne Diseases in an Era of Climate Change: A One Health Perspective by **Sapha Barkati** and **Miguel Cabada**

8:30 AM.

American Academy of Pediatrics Workshop

Improving Conversations with Vaccine Hesitant Caregivers

8:30 AM.



Clinical Research Award Competition

Clinically oriented research presented by recent graduates and graduate medical trainees.

11 AM.

Visit our Exhibit Booth!

Learn about Clinical Group initatives
Connect with members
Snap a picture at our Photo Booth

Grab swag (Clinical Group Luggage tags!)
Win prizes

Catch us during the Opening Reception Coffee Breaks and Poster Sessions!

ASTMH 2026 Annual Meeting

DAY 2

Thursday, Nov 19

Symposium 7

The Hidden Cost of Agriculture: Health of Workers and Their Families

8:00 AM.

Symposium 16:

Nuances of Travel Medicine - Navigating the Areas of Uncertainty or Controversy

10:15 AM.

Meet the Professors Session 29

Hiding in Plain Sight: Diagnostic Challenges in Tropical Medicine

1:15 PM.

Symposium 30

The Comeback: Measles Across the Americas

2:45 PM.

ASTMH 2026 Annual Meeting

Thursday, Nov 19

DAY 2



DON'T MISS!

Live Podcast Recording

Travel Unraveled
Jointly hosted with the International Society of Travel Medicine

4:00PM.

Symposium 47

CDC Yellow Book Travel Medicine Update

5:00PM.

Symposium 48:

Resilient Leadership for Global Health in the Un-steady State

5:00PM.

Special Session 54

Fever Feud Educational Quiz Show: A Tropical Medicine Spin on “Family Feud”

7:00PM.

ASTMH 2026 Annual Meeting

DAY 3

Friday, Nov 20

Meet the Professors 65

Trainee Case Competition

9:00AM.

Meet the Professors Session 71

Same Pathogen, Different Playbook

12:15PM.



Program Chair Hot Topic Symposium

Outbreaks of Emerging and Re-emerging Pathogens Keep Happening!

1:45PM.

Special Session 96

DON'T MISS!

Clinical Pub Trivia Night

6:15PM.

ASTMH 2026 Annual Meeting

DAY 4

Saturday, Nov 21

ACCTMTH Symposium I: Vincenzo Marcolongo Lecture

Epidemic Meningitis: A Public Health Success in the African Meningitis Belt Brings Hope of Defeating Meningitis Globally

9:00 AM.

DON'T MISS!

ACCTMTH Symposium II

Global Access to Drugs for Neglected Tropical Diseases

11:15 AM.

DON'T MISS!

Meet the Professors Session 125

Clinical Conundrums from Africa

1:15 PM.

ASTMH 2026 Annual Meeting

DAY 4

Saturday, Nov 21

Symposium 132

POCUS under the Microscope: Evidence, Impact, and Priorities in Global Infectious Diseases

2:45PM.

Career Chats

The Cost of Doing It All: Invisible Labor and Career Trade-Offs for Women Advancing Science

4:00 PM.

Symposium 138

75 Years of Iconic Epidemiology: CDC Disease Detectives of the Epidemic Intelligence Service (EIS)

5:00PM.

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DAY 5

Sunday, Nov 22

Symposium 156

Clinical Tropical Medicine Debates: Medical Tourism for Vaccination and Chagas Treatment

8:30 AM.



Closing Keynote Panel

by Javid Abdelmoneim, Anthony S. Fauci, Nekoye Otsyula, and John Nkengasong

10:30 AM.

Symposium 169

Clinical Tropical Medicine: HIV and Co-infections

11:45 AM.

Speaker Spotlight: Meet the Vincenzo Marcolongo Lecture Speaker



Dr. Marie-Pierre Preziosi

Marie-Pierre Preziosi, MD PhD, is a physician, researcher and public health specialist with expertise in the epidemiology of infectious and tropical diseases and in clinical research on vaccines. Now an independent expert, she served as the Meningitis Lead at the World Health Organization (WHO) in Geneva (2015-January 2026) and Co-Lead of the R&D Blueprint to prevent epidemics (2015-2023).

From 2012-2014, she was the Director of the Meningitis Vaccine Project, a partnership between WHO and PATH dedicated to eliminating epidemic meningitis as a public health problem in sub-Saharan Africa through the development, introduction, and use of meningococcal conjugate vaccines. A project member since 2003, Dr Preziosi previously served as Director of Clinical Development.

Earlier in her career, she conducted pertussis vaccination research as a visiting assistant professor at the Rollins School of Public Health at Emory University in Atlanta, USA, and at the Institute for Research and Development in Senegal, where she conducted pertussis vaccine trials and epidemiological studies. Her interest in vaccines began with work on Hib vaccine studies at Pasteur Mérieux.

She received her medical degree from the University of Lyon and a PhD in epidemiology from the University of Bordeaux in France. She also trained in tropical medicine at the Institute of Tropical Medicine in Antwerp, Belgium, and in field epidemiology at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, USA.



VOLUNTEER WITH THE CLINICAL GROUP AT THE ANNUAL MEETING!

We're looking for enthusiastic Clinical Group members to staff the Clinical Group booth during the meeting.

Whether you're a longtime member or attending your first Annual Meeting, volunteering at the booth is a great way to connect with clinicians, researchers, students, and trainees from around the world.





What You'll Be Doing

Volunteers will help to:

- Welcome visitors to the booth
- Share information about the Clinical Group and its activities
- Encourage attendees to get involved with our programs and initiatives
- Support booth activities throughout the meeting

Email Crystal Zheng czheng5@tulane.edu to register as a volunteer!

PRE-MEETING EVENT SPOTLIGHT: CLINICAL GROUP PRE-MEETING COURSE

Zoonotic and Vector-borne Diseases in an Era of Climate Change: A One Health Perspective

November 18, 2026
8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

This Pre-Meeting Course brings together leading global experts to address the growing impact of climate change on the emergence, spread, diagnosis, prevention, and management of zoonotic and vector-borne diseases. Using a One Health perspective, participants will gain practical, evidence-based updates on major infections, including arboviral diseases, tick-borne diseases, rabies, viral hemorrhagic fever, and echinococcosis.

The course will highlight changing epidemiology, clinical management, outbreak preparedness, and multidisciplinary strategies to mitigate the impact of these emerging infectious threats.

COURSE CO-CHAIRS

Sapha Barkati, MD, MSc, FRCPC, DTM&H

Miguel Cabada, MD, MSc, FASTMH.

TIME	SESSION
8:45 a.m. - 9 a.m.	Introduction
9 a.m. - 10 a.m.	Rabies in A Changing World: A One Health Approach to Prevention, Diagnosis, and Control
10 a.m. - 11 a.m.	Overview of Ebola and One Health Challenges
11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Arboviruses Without Borders: Emerging Threats in Travel and Global Health
1:45 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.	The Expanding Landscape of Rickettsial Diseases
2:45 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.	Alveolar Echinococcus: A Multipdisciplinary Approach to Diagnosis and Care

This course will be held in person with a livestream option and later made available on demand. However, CME is only available to those who attend live. CME is not available for those who purchase the course on demand.

The Clinical Group Speaker Network is now live!

The Clinical Group Speaker Network is a new initiative designed to connect Clinical Group members with colleagues seeking speakers for lectures, conferences, educational programs, webinars, and other events related to tropical medicine and travelers' health.

The Network will feature a searchable directory of members who are willing to share their expertise with colleagues and institutions around the world. Members at all career stages are invited to participate.

The Speaker Network will be hosted in our new members-only Clinical Group Forum, where members can identify potential presenters and contact them directly regarding speaking opportunities.

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COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHT

Meet the Clinical Practice Guidelines Subcommittee

The newly formed Clinical Practice Guidelines Subcommittee will play a central role in shaping the development of clinical practice guidelines for the Clinical Group and ASTMH. Its responsibilities will include identifying priority topics, establishing standardized processes for guideline development, selecting guideline leadership and panel members, and overseeing the development, review and approval of guidelines by establishing the overall framework and providing oversight into guideline development.

Dr. Eva Clark(Co-Chair)



Dr. Eva Clark is an Assistant Professor of Medicine (Infectious Diseases) and Pediatrics (Tropical Medicine) at Baylor College of Medicine and co-leader of the U.S. Chagas Disease Providers' Network. As Medical Director of the Harris Health Tropical Medicine Clinic, she cares for patients with Chagas disease and other tropical conditions in Houston's public healthcare system. Her research focuses on the molecular epidemiology of parasitic infections and strategies to prevent their long-term clinical consequences.



Dr. Nitin Gupta (Co-Chair)

Dr Nitin Gupta is an infectious diseases physician-scientist with specialist training in infectious diseases and tropical medicine. He is an Associate Professor of Infectious Diseases and Coordinator of the Centre for Tropical Febrile Illness at Manipal, India. He is especially interested in tropical fevers and clinical decision-making tools. His work also focuses on evidence synthesis and the development of clinical practice guidelines. He has authored over 250 peer-reviewed publications.

Dr. Crystal Zheng (Secretary)



Crystal Zheng, MD, is an Assistant Professor in the Section of Infectious Diseases at Tulane University School of Medicine and Adjunct Assistant Professor at the Tulane School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine. Her interests span tuberculosis, travel and tropical medicine, emerging infectious diseases, and infections affecting pregnant and postpartum women. She serves as Secretary-Treasurer of the Clinical Group and is deeply committed to helping establish ASTMH as a leading source of rigorous clinical practice guidelines for tropical diseases.

Meet the Clinical Practice Guidelines Subcommittee

Dr. Elizabeth Collins



Elizabeth Collins MD, MPH, DTM, for the majority of her career in pediatrics and global public health, cared for adults and children with HIV in Africa and at Texas Children's Hospital/Baylor College of Medicine as a teaching physician in the hospital and in HIV, international adoption, and travel medicine clinics. After that, she worked as a pediatric/newborn hospitalist, in the Harvard Medical School system and at Washington University back home in St. Louis. She has worked or volunteered in 17 countries and has been a consultant to the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Office of AIDS Research (OAR) as an editor for the HIV Guidelines.

She is Adjunct Faculty at the University of Global Health Equity in Rwanda and Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Tropical Pediatrics. She has held numerous leadership positions with the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) for their Section on Global Health, their Committee on Pediatric AIDS, and the Immigrant Health Special Interest Group; as well as with ASTMH, as Co-Chair of the Tropical Medicine Annual Review Course, and on the Committee on Global Health (ACGH), for which she is the President-elect.



Dr. Tracy Evans-Gilbert

Dr. Tracy Evans-Gilbert is a clinical researcher and guideline methodologist specializing in pediatrics, tropical medicine, and public health in Jamaica. She is a Senior Associate Lecturer at the University of the West Indies, with research interests spanning HIV, arboviral diseases, and vaccine-preventable diseases, with a particular focus on immunization policy in global health. She serves on the Regional NITAG Network of the Americas and the PAHO Measles and Rubella Reverification Committee, has contributed to national, regional, and international clinical guidelines, and currently chairs the ASTMH Diploma Course Certification Committee. She is also the proud "grandmother" of 30 HIV-negative children born to parents living with perinatally acquired HIV.

Meet the Clinical Practice Guidelines Subcommittee

Dr. Davidson Hamer



Davidson Hamer, MD is a Professor of Global Health and Medicine at the Boston University Schools of Public Health and Medicine, the co-lead of the climate change and emerging infectious diseases research core at the BU Center on Emerging Infectious Diseases, and an attending physician in infectious diseases and Director of the Travel Clinic at Boston Medical Center. Dr. Hamer is currently the Scientific Program Chair for the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene and Section Editor the American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene (global health and Chagas disease). He is also a Past President of the Clinical Group.



Dr. Ralph Huits

Dr. Huits is a researcher at IRCCS Sacro Cuore Don Calabria (Negrar, Italy), a practicing physician in Antwerp, Belgium, and Co-Principal Investigator of GeoSentinel, with a career focused on tropical medicine and infectious diseases in endemic populations and travellers. He serves on the WHO SAGE Working Group on Chikungunya Vaccines and is a 3rd-year Councilor to ACCTMTH. As a member of the Clinical Practice Guidelines Subcommittee, Dr. Huits is motivated by the opportunity to help oversee a rigorous, transparent process for guideline development—ensuring evidence is evaluated systematically and consistently—so that resulting recommendations are trustworthy and actionable for clinical management and policy in tropical medicine.

Dr. Indi Trehan



Indi Trehan MD MPH DTM&H is a Professor of Pediatrics and Adjunct Professor of Global Health and of Epidemiology at the University of Washington, where his teaching duties include courses in evidence-based medicine and epidemiology. His research focuses on childhood malnutrition, helping lead large randomized clinical trials in Malawi, Ethiopia, Sierra Leone, and South Sudan. He has served on a number of WHO Guideline Development and advisory groups related to malnutrition, TB, Ebola, and mpox.

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PODCAST

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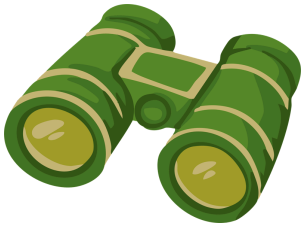
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19

TIME: 4:00 PM

Join ACCTMTH and the International Society of Travel Medicine's official podcast, Travel Unravelled, for a special collaborative episode recorded live at the ASTMH Annual Meeting!

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Clinical Group Opportunity Watch

COURSE

Institute of Tropical Medicine Antwerp Short Courses

The Institute of Tropical Medicine Antwerp is accepting applications for tropical medicine and global health short courses. **Clinical Decision-Making for Drug-Resistant Tuberculosis** combines 10 weeks of online learning with two weeks of on-campus training on the diagnosis, treatment and evidence-based management of drug-resistant TB. The Clinical Research and Evidence-Based Medicine short course targets practical skills in clinical research methodology and evidence-based practice.

Application deadlines:

• Clinical Decision-Making for Drug-Resistant Tuberculosis: 1 DECEMBER 2026

• Clinical Research and Evidence-Based Medicine: 13 DECEMBER 2026

Further details: *Institute of Tropical Medicine Antwerp Courses*

FUNDING

NIH/Fogarty Emerging Global Leader Award

The Fogarty Emerging Global Leader Award provides research support and protected time for early-career research scientists based at eligible low- and middle-income country institutions. The award combines career development activities with a health-relevant research project addressing priorities in the applicant's country and can support researchers across a broad range of health-related disciplines, including infectious diseases and global health.

Application deadline: 3 DECEMBER 2026

Further details here: *Fogarty Emerging Global Leader Award*

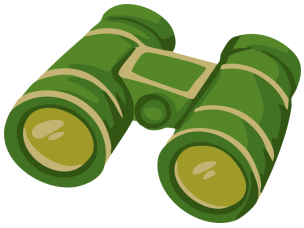
LECTURE

Drug Development for Neglected Tropical Diseases, LSTMH, UK

In this lecture, Professor John Kelly will discuss how working with the commercial sector and not-for-profit drug development consortia has accelerated progress in the field of new therapeutics for Chagas disease, the most important parasitic infection in Latin America.

When? 1730 - 1830, 16th Novmeber 2026, LSTMH *(in-person only, recording available).*

Further details: *Global Health Lecture Series: NTDs*



Clinical Group Opportunity Watch

VOLUNTEER

HIV/AIDS Technical Advisor, Peace Corps Response, Botswana

The Peace Corps is seeking a technical advisor to support Botswana's HIV response through treatment adherence, referral and linkage systems, health education, community support groups and efforts to improve retention and viral suppression. The 12-month placement includes international travel, housing, a monthly living allowance and medical and dental coverage, with service beginning in July 2027. Applicants must hold a bachelor's degree in public health, biology, health sciences or health education and have at least two years of relevant health-systems experience, preferably in HIV/AIDS, sexual and reproductive health or social and behaviour-change programmes.
Application deadline: 15 DECEMBER 2026
Further details: *Peace Corps HIV/AIDS Technical Advisor, Botswana*

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

London Research in Progress, Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, UK

London Research in Progress is designed for early career investigators to present and discuss their unpublished research with peers in all fields of tropical medicine and global health. Abstract submissions, presented as oral presentations, are now open for students and early career researchers or professionals.
Application deadline: 12th October, 1200 BST. Meeting on Monday 7th December 2026
Further details: *London Research in Progress*

Upcoming Tropical Medicine Conferences

International Congress of Antimicrobial Chemotherapy

December 7-9, 2026. Manila, the Philippines

More details here.

Do you have an opportunity you would like to share with the Clinical Group for our next issue?

Please send it to the *Clinical Group Interns.*

Clinical Group Trivia

By Miracle Abraham (Clinical Group Intern)
Reviewed by Dr. Crystal Zheng

Test your knowledge of Tropical Medicine and ASTMH History with these questions. Send your correct answers here to enter your name in a draw for 1 year of free membership!

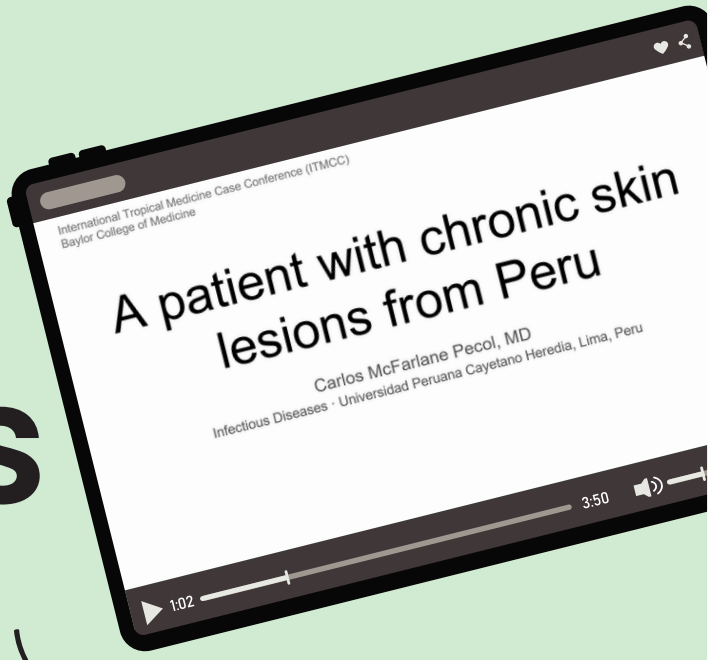
1. A patient presents with an acute febrile illness after travelling to an area experiencing a recent expansion of Aedes mosquito distribution. Which arbovirus exhibits antibody-dependent enhancement, with secondary heterologous infection associated with an increased risk of severe clinical disease?

2. Following an unusually intense rainy season, a cluster of febrile illnesses is reported among livestock farmers. Which zoonotic phlebovirus infection is associated with abortions and neonatal mortality in livestock, and may cause severe haemorrhagic or ocular complications in humans?

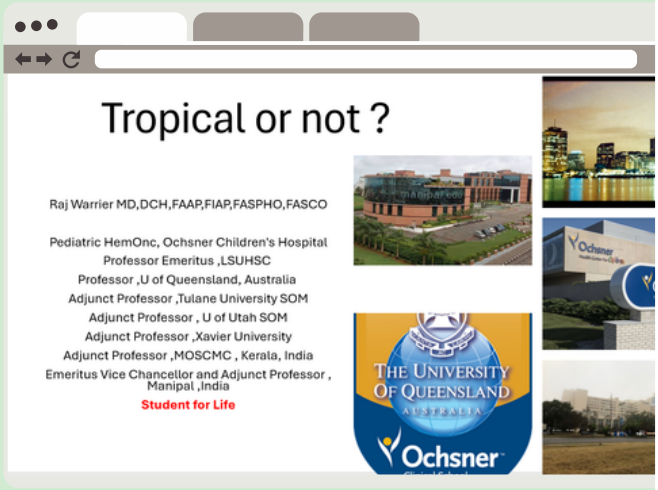
3. During an outbreak in Niamey, public health surveillance identifies a sharp increase in acute bacterial meningitis cases. Which capsular serogroup of Neisseria meningitidis has historically been a major cause of large-scale epidemics across the African meningitis belt?

4. The American Society of Tropical Medicine and the National Malaria Society were separate organisations before their amalgamation. In what year did their merger establish the present-day ASTMH?

Partner Event Highlights



The ASTMH Clinical Group partners with Baylor College of Medicine's **International Tropical Medicine Case Conference** to promote clinical learning and knowledge exchange in tropical medicine. Through this collaboration, members can engage with challenging cases, learn from expert discussions, and connect with the wider tropical medicine community. Here are highlights from the last two editions of the ITMCC.





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Funding Available!

CLINICAL TROPICAL MEDICINE TRAINEE EVENTS



ORGANIZE A TROPICAL MEDICINE EVENT

- Organize an event that aims to increase interest in clinical tropical medicine among students or trainees.
- Examples include film viewings, career talks, pizza parties, or other activities that introduce ASTMH & tropical medicine to trainees.
- Funds of up to USD $200 will be provided to selected proposals. 10 awards available annually.

APPLY NOW

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