



In a further effort to extend our reach and visibility, a series of interviews was recorded at the CDRC Annual Meeting from key stakeholders within the Collaboratory. Check out Cynthia Adinig, co-founder of the BIPOC Equity Agency, long COVID patient and CURE Drug Collaboratory member stepped aside from C-Path's 2023 CDRC Annual Meeting to engage in a lively Q&A. Cynthia discusses the importance of working with a public-private partnership like CDRC to advance repurposed drugs, the importance of advocacy so people who are diagnosed with a rare disease of all backgrounds are represented and treated fairly and more. Check it out (and feel free to share it on

### Long Covid Treatment Survey

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have symptoms that persist weeks or even months after the diagnosis. Symptoms include fatigue, shortness of breath, muscle pain, hair loss, insomnia, cognitive dysfunction, and more. Currently, there are no FDA-approved treatments for Long COVID. CURE ID is looking to collect treatment information for Long COVID through our survey.

# Critical Care Datathon Recap Datathon 2023 DISCOVERY 💝

Smitty Heavner, CDRC's Senior Scientific Director, has been an active member of the Society of Critical Care Medicine (SCCM) since 2020. At the time of joining the organization, Dr. Heavner was a clinical research manager at an academic medical center where he helped organize the institution's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, including leading a registry effort. Dr. Heavner joined the SCCM Discovery VIRUS COVID-19 Registry (VIRUS) as a site lead but quickly joined the international registry's leadership team as he facilitated a group of health systems working to automate the extraction of data from the electronic health record. Dr. Heavner's work contributed to the development of an FDA grant proposal, and he joined C-Path to help lead the project it funds. In August, Dr. Heavner joined colleagues from SCCM and served as a faculty mentor for a datathon in New York. During the weekend intensive, participants spent two days exploring datasets, including VIRUS, developed hypotheses, and conducted preliminary analyses. "The datathon teams included a wide range of training and experience," said Dr. Heavner. "These events are great for generating research, but I think the real value is in giving researchers an opportunity to learn from each other and broaden their understanding of data science, especially younger scientists. There is nothing quite like the thrill of seeing someone's eyes light up as they begin to understand something new." Dr. Heavner will lead a workshop in January at SCCM's 2024 Critical Care Congress on data science, part of a coordinated effort with SCCM's Discovery Research Network to increase awareness of regulatory



This collaboration will work to find new treatment options for STD's and Mpox through a patient entered case report form. This will include research on current treatments that have been used "off label" or for other indications. The goal is to gain a deeper understanding of these diseases, how they get diagnosed, and potential treatment options by using insights from patients and their medical team.

HeHealth and CURE ID are partnering to advance STD, and Mpox treatment research.

### **Events**

#### Rare and Orphan Disease Conference September 11-13, 2023, Washington, DC Attendees of the 2.5-day conference, including patients, providers, researchers,

considerations among critical care researchers.

clinicians, biopharmaceutical companies, regulatory reviewers and scientists, will leave with an understanding of: C-Path's Rare and Orphan Disease Program's current and future impact on drug development in rare diseases from the perspectives of patients, regulators and industry partners. Heather Stone will be presenting on Sept 11th on CURE and drug repurposing. Sign up here IDWeek 2023

#### Oct. 11-15, 2023, Boston IDWeek is the joint annual meeting of the Infectious Diseases Society of America

(IDSA), Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America (SHEA), the HIV Medicine Association (HIVMA), the Pediatric Infectious Diseases Society (PIDS), and the Society of Infectious Diseases Pharmacists (SIDP). CURE ID will have a booth to visit. CURE ID and CDRC will have multiple abstracts presented. Abstracts include: The landscape of infections caused by rare bacterial pathogens, Landscape Analysis to Identify Effective Drug Repurposing Candidates for the Treatment of Implantation Mycoses: Comparison of World Health Organization Survey Treatment Data and Published Case Reports on CURE ID, and The Lesser Known Treponemal Infections: A Review of Non-Syphilitic Cases. Register here

#### NORD Rare Disease & Orphan Products Breakthrough Summit October 15- 17, Washington, DC

Join the National Organization for Rare Disorders (NORD®) October 15-17, 2023 for the Rare Diseases and Orphan Products Breakthrough Summit. This exciting event brings together over 900 rare disease advocates, experts, and stakeholders from around the world to tackle the most pressing issues facing the rare disease community. With a focus on the most critical topics, including accelerated approval, newborn screening, and equitable access to care, the 2023 NORD Breakthrough Summit promises a full program of productive discussions and collaborative solutions. Heather Stone will be on a panel at this event. Register here

### Fall 2023 HRA Members Meeting

October 16th & 17th, 2023, Chicago, IL, USA The Health Research Alliance, a collaborative member organization of nonprofit research funders, is committed to maximizing the impact of biomedical research to improve human health. CDRC senior scientific director, Smith Heavner, will be presenting on repurposing and Real World Data. Read more

#### Meeting October 18-22 Chicago, Chicago, IL, USA The meeting draws tropical medicine and global health professionals representing academia, foundations, government, not-for-profit organizations, non-governmental

American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene (ASTMH) Annual

organizations, the private sector, the military, and private practice. The meeting is designed for researchers, professors, government and public health officials, military personnel, travel clinic physicians, practicing physicians in tropical medicine, students, and all healthcare providers working in the fields of tropical medicine, hygiene, and global health. CURE ID will have a booth at this conference. Read more Connective Tissue Oncology Society (CTOS) Annual Meeting

Nov 1 - 4, 2023 at The Convention Centre Dublin, Dublin, Leinster, Ireland. The Connective Tissue Oncology Society was formed in 1995 and incorporated in 1997. CTOS is an international group comprised of physicians and scientists with a primary interest in the tumors of connective tissues. The goal of the society is to advance the care of patients with connective tissue tumors and to increase knowledge of all aspects of the biology of these tumors, including basic and clinical research. CDRC team members will be in attendence. Read more **INFOCUS 2023** 

#### November 15th- 18th, Brazil Welcome to the 21th INFOCUS, which will be held in Iguazu Falls, Brazil, the largest waterfall system in the world. INFOCUS or The Latin American Forum of Fungal Infections in Clinical Practice was created 21 years ago, and at present constitutes the

main scientific event on fungal infections in Latin America. The INFOCUS annual meeting enables Clinicians, Microbiologists, Pharmacists, Biomedical and other Health Professionals to discuss and update everything related to fungal infections. Read more **Trending Articles** 

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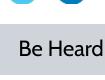


#### Looking to become a social media ambassador? CURE ID is looking to recruit individuals interested in help promoting our web-based app. The platform enables healthcare providers to share their real-world experiences

treating patients with repurposed drugs. We currently have 20 social media ambassadors and looking to expand. This is an unpaid position but can win CURE ID/CDRC swag.

and win some swag! If interested please reach out to cbassetti@c-path.org

This is a competitive opportunity to bring on more followers, tweets, discussion posts,



#### Tell Your Drug Repurposing Story in 2023 Our Impact stories share the value and impact C-Path's and CDRC's work brings to patients, patient organizations, drug developers, the academic community, regulators

Reach out to the Communication and Patient Engagement Manager, Claire Bassetti at cbassetti@c-path.org if interested in sharing your story through an Impact Story. Joining the CDRC

and more. Enjoy and share! Impact Stories | Critical Path Institute (c-path.org)

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