



Early-Career Road Map

2026



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Welcome. IDWeek is the joint annual meeting of the Infectious Diseases Society of America, the Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America, the HIV Medicine Association and the Pediatric Infectious Diseases Society. With more than 250 events and thousands of attendees, it can be a lot to navigate — but we're here to help you make the most of your week! This road map introduces you to all the major events at IDWeek 2026 and provides a guide of interesting events and sessions you must not miss as a trainee or early-career professional.

MAKING THE MOST OF IDWEEK

- **Plan ahead!** Browse the [IDWeek Interactive Program](#) before your trip and flag sessions that align with your interests. A little preparation goes a long way.
- **Think career!** IDWeek is a prime opportunity to explore job options.
 - Reach out to potential employers before IDWeek to ask if they'll be attending and suggest a time to connect. Always attach your CV.
 - Don't miss the career discussions at Fellows' Day and in the [NextGen ID Lounge](#). They're an excellent way to learn about career paths across ID.
- **Network with purpose.** Building connections is one of the best parts of IDWeek.
 - **Be open:** Collaborations between trainees and faculty often turn into rewarding, long-term partnerships.
 - **Be bold:** Say hello! If you're shy, ask a mentor or friend to make the introduction.
 - **Be curious:** Ask thoughtful questions. Genuine curiosity will leave a stronger impression than reciting your CV.
 - **Be brief:** Everyone's busy. Share who you are, ask a question or two, and keep it short.
 - **Follow up:** Send a quick email or set up a follow-up chat. And if it doesn't lead anywhere, don't take it personally — it's all part of the process.
- **Explore Washington, D.C.** Don't forget to set aside some time to enjoy the nation's capital. From the monuments and museums on the National Mall to Georgetown's charming streets, waterfront views and incredible food scene, there's plenty to discover just beyond the conference.

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Vincent T. Andriole ID Board Review Course

Tuesday, Oct. 20, 8 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Session Room 150 AB

Sharpen your skills and test your knowledge in this high-energy, case-based review course – perfect for physicians gearing up for the ID boards or anyone wanting a broad, up-to-date refresher. Using an interactive audience response system, you'll tackle real-world microbiologic and clinical scenarios alongside expert faculty.

Fellows' Day Workshop

Wednesday, Oct. 21, 8 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Session Room 147 AB

This workshop is all about learning, networking and building your career.

- Infectious Disease Case Presentations: See your peers present challenging cases and join faculty in lively discussions that get to the heart of clinical decision-making.
- Careers in Infectious Diseases: Go beyond the basics with a frank look at compensation, contract negotiation

and career paths across the ID spectrum. Small group sessions with leaders in different niches of ID give you the chance to ask candid questions and get real advice.

Pediatric Fellows' Day

Wednesday, Oct. 21, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Session Room 206

Designed for pediatric fellows and future faculty, this workshop blends career guidance with clinical pearls. Explore the leap from fellowship to your first faculty role, learn from leaders who've forged diverse careers in pediatric ID and sharpen your approach to diagnosing both common and rare childhood infections.

NOTE

Premeeting workshops and courses require advance registration and the payment of a separate fee.

All sessions will be held at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center unless otherwise noted.

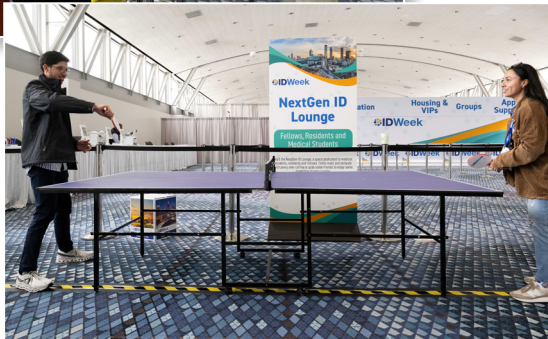
DEFINITIONS OF TERMS

Named Lectures – Honor members who have demonstrated significant contributions in the field of infectious diseases.

MedTalks – Held in the NextGen ID Lounge, these are chances to talk with ID experts and learn about career paths and professional development in the field.

Rapid-Fire Poster – The IDWeek Rapid-Fire Hot Zone features dynamic, 30-minute sessions held in one of four designated arenas within the Poster Hall. During each session, selected presenters will deliver a brief oral overview of their research, followed by a moderated Q&A.

IDBugCrawl – Created specifically for medical students and residents, the IDBugCrawl program is the place to learn about ID and meet directly with specialists in the field who are shaping the future of science, medicine and public health. This VIP experience is free for students and residents attending IDWeek.



Opening Plenary*Wednesday, Oct. 21, 3:45 – 5:30 p.m.***Ballroom ABC**

Kick off your IDWeek sessions with “Together We Rise: Courage, Collaboration and the Future.” The plenary session will feature health care leaders who will discuss the ways in which collaboration across disciplines and perspectives is essential in driving the field forward.

Treatment Conundrums – Not Always Black & White*Thursday, Oct. 22, 1:45 – 3 p.m.***Room 152 AB****Where We're Needed Now: Building a Career of Impact in Infectious Diseases as the Ground Shifts***Thursday, Oct. 22, 4:45 – 6 p.m.***Ballroom ABC****Clinical Trials That May Change Your Practice***Friday, Oct. 23, 1:45 – 3 p.m.***Ballroom ABC****Controversies in Medical Education***Saturday, Oct. 24, 8 – 9 a.m.***Room 201****IDBugBowl***Saturday, Oct. 24, 4:45 – 6 p.m.***Ballroom ABC**

Think you know your ID? It's time to put your knowledge to the test! Cheer on four ID training programs as they battle it out in the ultimate infectious diseases showdown. These contestants will face questions spanning the wild, weird and wonderful world of ID. Who will outsmart the competition, claim bragging rights and take home the coveted 2026 IDBugBowl crown? There's only one way to find out. Come watch the battle, cheer on your favorites and see who has what it takes to be crowned IDBugBowl champion.

**LET'S GET SOCIAL!**

Make the most of every session, discussion and networking opportunity — IDWeek is your time to learn, grow and celebrate infectious diseases medicine!

- **BugBash:** Wednesday, Oct. 21 | 5:30 – 7 p.m. | Marquis Ballroom, Foyer
- **Career Fair:** Thursday, Oct. 22 | 6 – 8 p.m. | Walter E. Washington Convention Center, BugHub East Salon
Connect with top employers at the IDWeek Career Fair! This live event brings together infectious diseases professionals and recruiters from private practices, group practices, hospitals, health systems and more from across the country.
- **IDBugBowl:** Saturday, Oct. 24 | 4:45 – 6 p.m. | Ballroom ABC

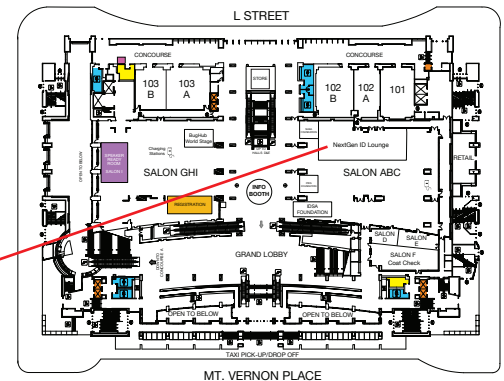


Wednesday, Oct. 21 – Saturday, Oct. 24

Stop by, enjoy coffee and meet other early-career attendees. This lounge is for IDWeek attendees in training or transitioning into infectious diseases ([medical students, residents and fellows](#)). Each day will feature sessions that will be useful for trainees and offer a safe environment to network with peers. These sessions are a unique opportunity for you to interact with others just as interested in the field of ID and to get your career development questions answered. Check out the [NextGen ID Lounge schedule](#) and join a session that fits your interests!

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NextGen ID Lounge



The lounge is open Wednesday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Stop by each day between 2:30 and 3:30 p.m. for a networking break with sweet treats and refreshments to enjoy while connecting with colleagues. Take advantage of this unique opportunity to interact with peers who share your passion for ID and gain insights to support your career journey. Highlights include:

Thursday, Oct. 22, 10 a.m.: Clinical Career Panel: How to find the job you want in clinical ID

- The Clinical Career Panel is designed for fellows, residents and students exploring clinical career paths in ID and beyond. We will have panelists involved in academics, community health and private practice.
- Panelists will share advice about finding and applying to jobs in ID, and then will take your questions. We will provide a summary of key tips for those attending to reference in the future.

Thursday, Oct. 22, 3 p.m.: NIAID: Research opportunities for trainees and tips to be successful

- Grant officers from NIH's National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases will share their advice on how to build a successful grant application for early-career investigators.

Friday, Oct. 23, 10 a.m.: Mystery Case Conference

- Please join us for an interesting case presentation and discussion featuring case presenters Laura Victoria, MD (ID Fellow at Colorado), Sophie Lewis, MD (UCSF Faculty), and case discussant Laura Marks, MD/PhD (WashU Faculty).

Saturday, Oct. 24, 10 a.m.: Nonclinical Career Panel: Navigating nonclinical careers, from industry and beyond

- The Nonclinical Career Panel is designed to give trainees insight into how ID training can prepare you for careers outside direct clinical practice, including research, industry and beyond. After a brief introduction from each panelist, we will moderate an open Q&A for you to ask questions (anonymously, if you wish). We will provide a summary of key tips for those attending to provide a reference after the event.

Saturday, Oct. 24, 2 p.m.: All the Flavors of ID

- Meet and greet leaders from a variety of ID specialties and receive career development tips and networking exposure you won't find anywhere else. And, of course, there will be ice cream!

Make Your IDWeek Count

- Plan with purpose.
- Be curious, courageous and connected.
- Learn, grow and enjoy the experience.

