



Early-Career Road Map

2025



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elcome. IDWeek is the joint annual meeting of IDSA, SHEA, HIVMA, PIDS and SIDP. 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 will introduce you to all the major events at IDWeek 2025 and will provide a guide on 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 program](#) before your trip and flag sessions that align with your interests. A little preparation goes a long way.
- **Stay Put When You Can.** Avoid hopping between rooms mid-session — it disrupts your focus, limits learning and adds unnecessary stress. Save your selections to a personal schedule to stay organized.
- **Think Career!** IDWeek is a prime opportunity to explore job options.
 - Reach out to potential employers before the meeting 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 Atlanta.** Don't forget to set aside some time to enjoy the city. From vibrant neighborhoods to historic landmarks, Atlanta has plenty to offer outside the meeting.
- Share your experience and highlights from the conference! From inspiring sessions to networking moments, we want to see it all. Tag your posts with #IDWeek2025 so we can follow along and celebrate together.

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Vincent T. Andriole ID Board Review Course

Saturday, Oct. 18, 8 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Room B308-B309

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

Sunday, Oct. 19, 8 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Room B302-B304

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

Sunday, Oct. 19, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Room B213-B214

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.

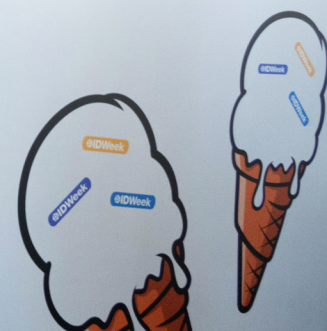
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Premeeeting workshops and courses require advance registration and the payment of a separate fee. All sessions will be held at the Georgia World Congress Center unless otherwise noted.



IDBugCrawl
31 Flavors of ID

Telehealth



Opening Plenary

Sunday, Oct. 19, 3:45 – 5:30 p.m.

Ballroom (Hall B1)

Kick off your IDWeek sessions with “Reflection and Renewal: Advancing Public Health in Challenging Times.” The plenary session will feature leading experts in a variety of fields within the infectious diseases specialty. Experts will share lessons learned based on experience and stories in their respective fields.

“Challenging Cases in Infectious Diseases”

Monday, Oct. 20, 10:30 – 11:45 a.m.

Ballroom (Hall B1)

Through real-world case discussions, this session will engage participants in the diagnostic reasoning process for complex infectious disease presentations. Explore differential diagnoses for suspected infections, consider both infectious and noninfectious causes of inflammatory syndromes, and apply key principles to sharpen your approach to difficult clinical scenarios.

“Changing the Things We Cannot Accept: Advancing Equity in an Anti-DEI Environment”

Monday, Oct. 20, 3:15 – 4:30 p.m.

B312-B313

In a climate of resistance to diversity, equity and inclusion efforts, this session will highlight practical strategies to advance equity and health justice. Explore systemic barriers affecting pediatric populations, approaches to strengthening public health infrastructure, and evidence-based advocacy to protect transgender individuals facing current policy and health care challenges.

“Friendly Debates in HIV & ID”

Tuesday, Oct. 21, 3:15 – 4:30 p.m.

Thomas B. Murphy Ballroom 2-3

Join this lively, debate-style session to explore hot topics in HIV and infectious disease care. Participants will weigh the pros and cons of using doxycycline for sexually transmitted infection prevention in specific populations and consider strategies for broad versus targeted anal cancer screening.

“Why Do We Do This? Exploring the Data Behind Long-Established Practices in ID”

Wednesday, Oct. 22, 3:15 – 4:30 p.m.

B308-B309

This session will examine the evidence behind common infectious disease practices. Participants will review data on rifampin use in hardware infections, analyze the rationale for double antimicrobial coverage in various infections and evaluate the support for shorter treatment durations of bacteremia, encouraging critical thinking about longstanding clinical approaches.

IDBugBowl

Wednesday, Oct 22, 4:30 – 5:45 p.m.

Ballroom (Hall B1)

Think you know your ID trivia? Cheer on contestants from four ID training programs as they face off in the ultimate infectious diseases showdown. From COVID-19 to *Candida auris*, no topic is off-limits. Watch the battle unfold and see who takes home the 2025 IDBugBowl crown!

**LET'S GET SOCIAL!**

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

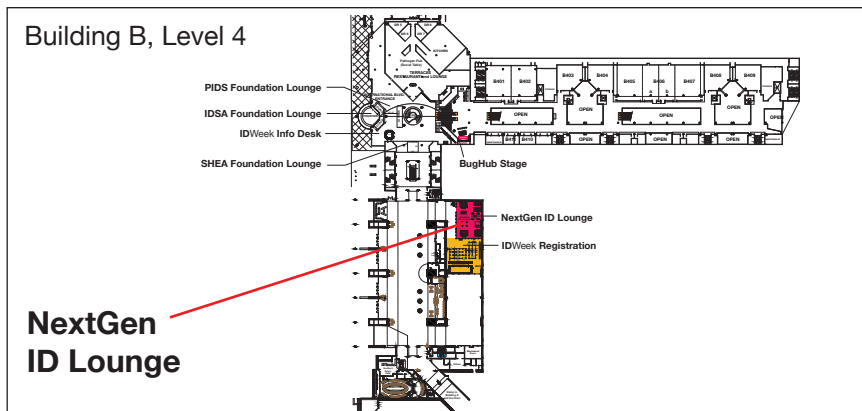
- **BugBash:** Sunday, Oct. 19 | 5:30 – 7 p.m. | International Plaza, just outside of the GWCC
- **Career Fair:** Monday, Oct. 20 | 6 – 8 p.m. | Georgia World Congress Center, Lobby B
Connect with top employers at the IDWeek Career Fair! This live event brings together infectious diseases professionals and recruiters from private practices,

group practices, hospitals, health systems and more from across the country

- **Attendee Reception:** Tuesday, Oct. 21 | 6 – 7:30 p.m. | Poster Hall
- **IDBugBowl:** Wednesday, Oct. 22 | 4:30 – 5:45 p.m. | Ballroom (Hall B1)

Sunday, Oct. 19 – Wednesday, Oct. 22

Stop by and 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!



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:

Monday, Oct. 20, 10 a.m.: Mystery Case Conference

- Please join us for an interesting case presentation and small group discussion, featuring Dr. Shivum Patel, an ID fellow from Medical College of Wisconsin, and Dr. Supavit “Mac” Chesdachai, an assistant professor from Mayo Clinic, as our presenters.

Monday, Oct. 20, 2 p.m.: 31 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!

Tuesday, Oct. 21, 10 a.m.: Career Foundations: Applications, Contracts and Clinical Pathways

- The Career Foundations Panel is designed for fellows, residents and students exploring clinical career paths (in ID and beyond). Our panelists come from careers across clinical practice, from academic centers to private practice. In the first half, they will offer practice tips on job applications, including sharing key terms and things they wish they’d known when applying for jobs for the first time. In the second half, they will answer your questions about their pathways. We will provide a summary of key tips for those interested so you have something to reference in the future!

Wednesday, Oct. 22, 10 a.m.: Beyond the Clinic: Exploring Non-Traditional Careers in ID

- Our second Career Foundations Panel will focus on careers beyond the clinic! ID training opens doors to many careers that you may not have as much exposure to in your training. Join us for a discussion with professionals from diverse arenas such as industry, global health and public health. Learn how our panelists navigated their career choices and what fellows, residents and students can do to explore and prepare for these alternative paths in ID.



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Wander the Beltline

A massive walking/biking path lined with restaurants, bars & shops!

- Stroll through Piedmont Park.
- Explore Ponce City Market (food hall + shops).
- Check out Krog Street Market (food hall) and the Krog Street Tunnel.
- Visit local favorites like New Realm Brewing and Lady Bird.
- Stop by the Historic Fourth Ward Skatepark.

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Discover Top Tourist Destinations

- Georgia Aquarium
- World of Coca-Cola
- Atlanta Botanical Garden
- Centennial Olympic Park
- Fox Theatre
- Mercedes-Benz Stadium + State Farm Arena

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Discover Top Tourist Destinations

- National Center for Civil and Human Rights
- Martin Luther King Jr. National Historic Park
- Atlanta History Center (Buckhead)
- Fernbank Museum
- Historic Oakland Cemetery
- Jimmy Carter Presidential Library & Museum

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Explore Local Neighborhoods

- Buckhead: Shopping + higher-end dining
- Midtown: Restaurants and bars around Piedmont Park
- Old Fourth Ward/Inman Park: Nightlife near the Beltline
- Grant Park: Charming, family-friendly vibe
- Buford Highway: Authentic Asian cuisine, a short drive from the city
- Duluth: A longer trip, but worth it for incredible Korean + Asian food

