



Dear AIDS Vaccine 200 supporter:

The world still desperately needs effective AIDS vaccines, and the Emory Vaccine Center is at the forefront of AIDS vaccine development. Our scientists are making extraordinary advances in understanding the immune system and creating vaccines to prevent and treat HIV infection.

A few of the projects supported by Action Cycling Atlanta's annual Action Cycling 200:

- The Emory Vaccine Center developed one of the world's first AIDS vaccines.
- Created by Dr. Harriet Robinson's research team, the vaccine prevented 96% of nonhuman primates from developing AIDS. It's now being tested in humans and phase II clinical trials are planned for late-2008.
- Dr. Rama Amara's team is crafting a treatment vaccine to teach the immune system to control HIV naturally, without drugs.
- Husband and wife team Drs. Susan Allen and Eric Hunter are working to combat AIDS in Africa. Allen counsels couples to prevent people with HIV from infecting their mates. Hunter focuses on those who do become infected to better understand the virus and design effective vaccines. They are also testing potential new vaccines in Africa through the International AIDS Vaccine Initiative.
- New research by Dr. John Altman suggests a new strategy for fighting chronic infections like HIV/AIDS. Trapping white blood cells in the lymph nodes where infections grow and take root may allow these cells to concentrate their forces to overcome the virus.
- The Hope Clinic of the Emory Vaccine Center tests potential new vaccines in people in Atlanta. The clinic is part of the National Institutes of Health's premier HIV Vaccine Trials Network.
- The Emory Vaccine Center's new satellite campus in New Delhi is developing an AIDS vaccine designed specifically for the strain of HIV prevalent in India. It will be the first ever developed in India for the people of India.

We urgently need your help. Grant funding fails to cover many essential expenses, and we rely on individual donations to accelerate discovery and attract larger grants. Our ability to develop effective vaccines for HIV/AIDS depends on our level of resources.

The Emory Vaccine Center is doing amazing things with every dollar available. On average, each private-funding dollar an Emory Vaccine Center scientist receives is leveraged into **17 additional research dollars** in the form of prestigious federal grants. Where else can you get this kind of return on investment and support research that will save lives for years to come?

Thank you for your support of Action Cycling Atlanta. You have our heartfelt gratitude and are making an important difference in our lifesaving work.

Sincerely,

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