

DR. LUIS MONTANER



- Vice President, Scientific Operations, The Wistar Institute
- Herbert Kean, MD, Family Professor, The Wistar Institute
- Director, HIV-1 Immunopathogenesis Laboratory
- Leader, HIV Research Program, Vaccine & Immunotherapy Center

EDUCATION

- B.S., M.S. (Veterinary Pathology) and D.V.M., Veterinary Medicine, Kansas State University
- D.Phil., Experimental Pathology, University of Oxford U.K.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Studies mechanisms of disease in HIV-1 infection, cancer, COVID-19, and emerging viral infections (e.g., monkeypox, Nipah virus).
- Explores new strategies to boost the natural function of the immune system in order to combat viral-associated disease or cancer progression.
- Published a paper confirming a new method's ability to estimate HIV viral reservoir for patients on antiretroviral therapy.
- Published a Nature Medicine paper that sets data-informed guidelines for clinical trials investigating cure-directed HIV therapies.
- The BEAT-HIV Collaboratory received a \$29M grant for HIV cure research and in 2023 alone it received over \$5M in funding.
- Received a \$4M COVID-19 grant from the State of Pennsylvania to study the impact of vaccinations on vulnerable populations.
- Evaluates the intersection between substance use disorder and the persistence of HIV after therapy.
- Has authored more than 200 papers.

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AVAILABLE FOR MEDIA INTERVIEWS ON

- Foundational and translational, cure-directed HIV research
- HIV research providing the foundation for COVID research
- Population studies and clinical trials
- Connection to local and global partners and strong ties with the local community, community partner organizations, federal HIV/AIDS organizations, major academic science groups, and advocacy groups

A SAMPLE OF DR. MONTANER'S MEDIA APPEARANCES

- Wistar researcher spoke about HIV cure research on National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day, *Scripps News*, Feb. 8, 2024
- Local scientists share lessons learned from community engagement model of HIV cure research, *Philadelphia Gay News*, Aug. 9, 2023
- Philly-based research consortium gets \$29M federal grant to search for a cure for HIV, *Capital-Star*, Sept. 27, 2021
- With Grant, Wistar Institute is Planning to Study COVID-19 in At-Risk Populations, *ContagionLive*, Jan. 10, 2022

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