

## Phage Therapy: Fresh Science, Stories and Hope for the Future

**Save the Date - Monday, June 22, 2026**

Hosted by Unity Health, Dr. Greg German and Team (Professor of Bacteriophage Therapy Research and Innovation, U of T; Unity Health Chronic Infection Clinic and Microbiology Service), and the U of T Phage Therapy Interest Group.

Featuring **Steffanie Strathdee**, PhD, infectious disease epidemiologist, Harold Simon Distinguished Professor of Medicine at the University of California San Diego, Co-Director of the Center for Innovative Phage Applications and Therapeutics (IPATH), and Arthur Slutsky Visiting Scholar at Unity Health Toronto, for a keynote lecture titled:

*Necessity is the Mother of Invention: From HIV to Phage Therapy*

Dr. Strathdee is internationally recognized for her work in infectious diseases and for helping revive interest in phage therapy in North America. In 2016, she and collaborators were credited with saving her husband's life from a deadly multidrug-resistant infection using bacteriophages. She later co-authored *The Perfect Predator: A Scientist's Race to Save Her Husband from a Deadly Superbug*, and in 2018 was named one of *TIME* magazine's Most Influential People in Health Care.

Join us for a special afternoon focused on phage therapy, bringing together science, clinical perspectives, advocacy, and public engagement.

### Program highlights:

**1:00–3:20 PM** – Keynote and speaking program

**3:20–4:05 PM** – Poster presentations, reception, and book signing of *The Perfect Predator*

**4:05–5:00 PM** – Special screening of *The Good Virus* film

**5:00–5:30 PM** – Panel discussion and closing remarks

**Indicate Your Interest:** <https://bit.ly/phagefuture>

**Date:** Monday, June 22, 2026

**Time:** 1:00–5:30 PM

**Format:** Hybrid for the first half of the program, including keynote talks; in-person for the poster presentations, book signing, film screening, and panel discussion.

**Location:** Li Ka Shing Knowledge Institute 2nd floor Auditorium and Foyer  
209 Victoria St, Toronto, ON M5B 1T8, Canada

Please use the Microsoft Form linked here to indicate your interest in attending. Additional event and registration details will be shared with interested attendees as they become available.

**Save the date — we hope you will join us for an infectiously engaging afternoon on phage therapy.**

