

# SCIENTIFIC SEMINAR SERIES

27 September 2023

**Topic: Emergence of neutralizing antibodies associated with clearance of SARS-CoV-2 during HIV-mediated immunosuppression**

Time: 12h00 | Wednesday, 27 September 2023

Venue: Room 3073, BMRI, Tygerberg Campus **or** Online\*

Presenters: Prof. Alex Sigal

Prof. Alex Sigal, a Virologist and Cell Biologist, earned his Ph.D. in Systems Biology from the Weizmann Institute of Science. He explored cancer cell heterogeneity and later researched HIV spread and antiretroviral therapy at the California Institute of Technology. Based in South Africa and affiliated with the Max Planck Institute, he delved into neuro-HIV, HIV evolution, and TB. Shifting focus to Covid-19, his lab pioneered Omicron variant research, revealing its vaccine escape. Currently, he investigates immune responses, evolution, and health impacts of respiratory infections..

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