

David Schnurr, Ph.D.
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Dave was born and raised in the Buffalo, NY area. He received his BA in biology from the SUNY at Buffalo in 1966 and his MS in microbiology from SUNY at Buffalo in 1970. He then traveled west and joined the State of California Viral and Rickettsial Disease Laboratory from 1971 until resuming graduate studies at UC Berkeley in 1976 where he received his Ph. D. in microbiology in 1981.

At the VRDL he had the good fortune to work with Dr. Edwin Lennette, Dr. Natalie Schmidt and other important figures in clinical and Diagnostic virology. He continued his association with the VRDL while serving as Assistant and Associate professor at San Francisco State University from 1981-86. In 1987 Dave returned to the VRDL as a Section Chief. He remained in that position until 2009, when he assumed the position of Acting Chief for the VRDL.



Dave has more than 60 publications covering a wide range of diagnostic and clinical virology. Among his primary interests are characterization, diagnostics and pathogenesis of entero- rhino-, influenza, adeno, and rabies viruses.