

The Lipids Droplets Conference

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Robert Farese, Jr., MD, is professor of molecular metabolism and chair of the Department of Molecular Metabolism at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health and professor of cell biology at Harvard Medical School, where he has run a laboratory jointly with Tobias Walther since 2014. Farese earned a BS in chemistry at the University of Florida and an MD at Vanderbilt University School of Medicine. He trained in medicine at the University of Colorado School of Medicine and completed a research fellowship in endocrinology and metabolism at the University of California–San Francisco and the Gladstone Institutes. The Farese & Walther laboratory studies cellular lipid and energy metabolism, in particular the mechanisms and physiology of energy storage in lipid droplets. More broadly, the lab investigates the mechanisms of cellular lipid metabolism, including lipid metabolism and neurodegeneration.

Farese is a founder of the Bluefield Project to Cure Frontotemporal Dementia. He has received numerous honors, including election to the American Society for Clinical Investigation and the Association of American Physicians, the Bristol-Myers Squibb “Freedom to Discover Award,” the Avanti Award in Lipids, and the Roy Greep Award in Research of the Endocrine Society.