



## **ADVANCE Program Lead and Principal Investigator**

W. Ripley (“Rip”) Ballou, M.D., drives HIV vaccine and prevention efforts while leading a multi-disciplinary team with a track record of conducting gold-standard vaccine trials and large epidemiology studies.

Ballou previously was Vice President and Head at GSK Global Vaccines U.S. R&D Center in Rockville, Maryland. Prior to that, he was Vice President and Head, Clinical Research and Translational Science, Vaccine Discovery and Development at GSK Vaccines. He also served as Deputy Director for Vaccines, Infectious Diseases Development, Global Health, at the Bill &

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Ballou received his M.D. from Emory University School of Medicine and completed his residency and fellowship in infectious diseases at Walter Reed Army Medical Center.