Björklunden Seminars

"Vacation with a purpose"



How Do Humans Survive in a World with so Many Deadly Pathogens?

Course Description

Humans are surrounded by millions of potentially deadly pathogens.

Death by the Black Plague, Smallpox, Measles, Syphilis, Typhoid, Cholera, Tuberculosis, Malaria, Influenza, HIV, SARS or Coronavirus?

We fight them using hand-washing, vaccines, antibiotics, our incredible immune system and by rearranging our genes using CRISPR. What is that?



Instructor



David Hines ('76)

Hines practices Infectious Diseases (ID) in Chicago. He started medical school in Guadalajara, Mexico, because of more B's than A's while at Lawrence.

While in Mexico he diagnosed a case of leprosy which likely kindled his interest in Infectious Diseases. He then did well enough on boards to transfer into the third-year class at Rush Medical College in Chicago.

He remained at Rush for his Internal Medicine Internship, Residency, Chief Medical Residency and Fellowship in ID.

He managed to raise three pretty outstanding children in Oak Park, IL with fellow '76 Lawrence grad, Nancy Gazzola.