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**polio survivors in the U.S. are still with us**

By Carl Good III

We cannot forget that polio survivors in the U.S. are still with us and unfortunately suffer from a reemergence of symptoms as they age.  For any people in our district who either are polio survivors or know of those who are, we suggest that they get in contact with [Rotary Polio Survivors](http://rotarypoliosurvivors.org/%C2%A0) and/or [Post Polio Health International.](http://www.post-polio.org/edu/pphnews/index.html)

**Toward a virus-free polio vaccine**

Researchers are developing polio vaccines based on the viral capsid, alone. When produced in recombinant systems, these vaccines could eliminate the need to propagate live poliovirus for vaccine production.

To **learn more**, [click here](http://mobile.the-scientist.com/article/48089/toward-a-virus-free-polio-vaccine).

**Worth a listen**

A recent science podcast interviewed Dr. **Jay Wenger**, MD (shown, right), director of [polio-eradication efforts](http://www.gatesfoundation.org/What-We-Do/Global-Development/Polio) of the **Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation**. It is one of the best descriptions of the program that I have heard – and is worth a listen.

Dr. Wenger discusses the history of wild poliovirus, including its devastating medical effects as well as the incredible success of the [Global Polio Eradication Initiative](http://polioeradication.org/). (Oral polio vaccination has [reduced cases around the world](http://polioeradication.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/CVDPVFactSheetMarch2015.pdf) by 99.9 percent since 1988.) In addition, they focus on [new cases in Nigeria](http://www.who.int/mediacentre/news/releases/2016/nigeria-polio/en/), and why it is more important than ever to focus on final [eradication efforts](https://twitter.com/endpolionow). To support the End Polio Now effort, [click here](http://www.endpolio.org/).

[**LISTEN NOW**](https://soundcloud.com/talk-nerdy/jay-wenger)

**Virtual-reality films bring a new dimension to polio fight**

At this year’s World Polio Day celebration in Atlanta, **Rotary** harnessed the power of **virtual-reality technolog**y to build empathy and inspire action in our fight to **eradicate polio**.

**Learn more** about the **films**, [click here](http://echo4.bluehornet.com/ct/91264546%3A7lQO-0YNB%3Am%3A1%3A2906161915%3A90513638115C6470FDBEE967376F9113%3Ar).

To **watch** the **video**of**World Polio Day in Atlanta**, [click here](http://echo4.bluehornet.com/ct/91264545%3A7lQO-0YNB%3Am%3A1%3A2906161915%3A90513638115C6470FDBEE967376F9113%3Ar).

If you are had an event for **World Polio Day** (or Week) last fall, please **send me** a**brief description**. We are keeping track of the events.

[**READ MORE**](http://echo4.bluehornet.com/p/vTPTkd5YdN)

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