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Richard Gallo is an accomplished basic and translational physician-scientist, the Irma Gigli Distinguished Professor and founding chair of the Department of Dermatology at the University of California, San Diego. He was trained at the University of Chicago, the University of Rochester, Johns Hopkins and Harvard.

Dr. Gallo's research has transformed the understanding of the skin as an immune barrier against infection through his discovery of antimicrobial peptides in mammalian skin and his first observations of the benefits of the skin microbiome. These fundamental findings have been shown to be important in several skin diseases, including atopic dermatitis, acne, psoriasis, and rosacea. He has published over 450 papers, with more than 95,000 citations, and has a current h-index of 154. This work has also attracted interest from the general public, leading to coverage by major national and international news outlets, including The New York Times, NBC, BBC, Der Spiegel, and PBS. Multiple discoveries and patents from his research have led to the founding of three biotechnology companies.

His work has earned numerous awards and lectureships, including the Montagna Award, Blank Lectureship, and Rothman Award from the SID; the Sulzberger Award, David Martin Carter Award, and Eugene Van Scott Award from the AAD; the Rene'Touraine Lecture from the ESDR; the Dohi Lectureship from the Japanese Dermatology Society; the Arthur Rook Oration from the British Association of Dermatology; and the Frank Lectureship from the AAAAI. He has been elected to several prestigious organizations and is a Fellow of the National Academy of Medicine, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the ASCI, the AAI, the American Academy of Microbiology, the Royal College of Physicians (London), and others. A dedicated mentor, he has helped launch many careers worldwide.