



Biography of Alexei Savinov, MD

Associate Scientist, The Sanford Project



Dr. Alexei Savinov (*sähv-IN'-ahv*) is a highly educated and well-trained immunologist and cellular biologist who comes to Sanford from the Burnham Institute for Medical Research in LaJolla, California. The Russian native completed his doctorate degree of medicine with specialization in surgery and doctorate thesis in biochemistry in Leningrad, USSR, and his neuropathology and neurosurgery residence in St. Petersburg, Russia.

Dr. Savinov's main area of expertise lies in the autoimmune insulin-dependent type 1 diabetes. His main goal is to develop novel and effective methods to stop the progression of diabetes and to eventually cure the disease. Dr. Savinov is deeply interested in researching the lymphocyte-endothelial interactions, which could lead to the successful treatment of autoimmunity.

Dr. Savinov has worked as a scientist and a researcher for more than 20 years in Russia and most recently in the United States. In those years, he has been a vital part of six major projects around the world and is now the Associate Scientist for The Sanford Project.

Dr. Savinov has had 33 original works published thus far and has had at least one work published every year since 2000. Dr. Savinov has also received two prestigious awards: the Jackson Laboratory Postdoctoral Fellowship Award in 1998-1999 and the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation Postdoctoral Fellowship Award in 1999-2001. In addition, Dr. Savinov is an inventor. With two U.S. patented inventions under his belt, he has pioneered three more inventions with pending U.S. patents.