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Byrd's main research focus is elucidating the unreported roles of neutrophils and the innate immunity in the induction of local and systemic immune dysregulation. Byrd leads multidisciplinary collaborative projects with the overarching goal of establishing a scientifically-driven approach to treatment options for patients suffering from these debilitating diseases.

Of much importance, she continues to pay-it-forward along her journey devoting time to training and investing in the next generations of scientists and physician scientists as well as engaging in community outreach. She is the inaugural recipient of the Skin of Color Society Career Development Award and the Society for Investigative Dermatology (SID) Freinkel Diversity Fellowship Award. She has also received the American Skin Association Milstein Research Scholar Award for Melanoma/Non-Melanoma Skin Cancer, Mary Kay-SID Skin Health/Skin Disease Research Grant, as well as the Robert A. Winn Diversity in Clinical Trials Career Development Award (funded by Bristol Myers Squibb Foundation), has contributed to the scientific literature, given numerous lectures, national/international talks, and has been featured on the *BET 33rd Annual UNCF An Evening of Stars®* international program, recognizing her as one who is “changing the face of science, one mind at a time.”