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## **HTRS/ATHN 2018 DREAM Award Recipient**



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**Project Title: “Impact of obesity on laboratory profiles, treatment and outcomes of individuals with Type 1 VWD and low VWF”**

Dr. Schaefer completed her medical degree at SUNY Upstate Medical University, followed by a Pediatrics Residency at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital and the Alfred I. duPont/Nemours Hospital for Children and a Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Fellowship at Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center. Dr. Schaefer’s DREAM project will examine the complex relationship between obesity and elevated Von Willebrand Factor (VWF). She plans to use the ATHN dataset to evaluate differences between obese and non-obese individuals with T1VWD and Low VWF on VWF/FVIII levels, bleeding symptoms, demographics, management practices, morbidity and mortality. This study will help refine diagnostic guidelines, provide novel insight into the diagnostic heterogeneity of VWD, and establish the foundation for future clinical and translational research.