

Lesson 6

Leading Scientists & Experts

SUB-SECTION	NAME	BORN - DIED	MAIN EXPERTISE	IMAGE
6.6	Robert C. Gallo	March 23, 1937-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Robert Gallo is a renowned scientist in the field of virology. ▪ He was the first who succeeded in growing T-cells in culture after discovering their growth factor - Interleukin-2 (IL-2). ▪ Consequently, he was able to discover the first Human retrovirus – HTLV-1 and then discovered HTLV-2. Subsequently, together with Luc Montagnier and Françoise Barré-Sinoussi of France he co-discovered HIV and was the first to prove that HIV is the causative agent of AIDS. This was accomplished by developing the AIDS blood test. 	