The UAB HEALTH DISPARITIES RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM highlights the work of investigators in basic science, clinical, behavioral, and community-based research related to health disparities.
The Science of Eliminating Health Disparities
Wednesday, April 21, 2010

7:45 am Registration / Continental Breakfast Lower Level Foyer
8:15 – 8:30 General Assembly and Welcome Heritage II
8:30 – 9:30 Poster Session Lower Level Foyer and Heritage I
9:30 – 11:30 Break-out Session I Centennial I

Moderator: Edward Partridge, MD
Professor, Gynecologic Oncology
Director, UAB Comprehensive Cancer Center
Co-Director, UAB Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center

Prevalence of Autonomic Neuropathy in Diabetic Patients Undergoing Retinal Surgery
Gwendolyn Boyd, MD, Professor, UAB School of Medicine, Anesthesiology Chair Office
Presented by Daniel G. Stout, MD
Fellow, UAB School of Medicine, Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism

Racial Disparities in the Evaluation and Selection of Living Kidney Donors
Jeremy Goodman, MD
Assistant Professor, UAB School of Medicine, Surgery

Racial Disparities in Prevalence and Outcome in Patients with Peripheral Arterial Disease
William Jordan, MD
Professor and Chief, UAB School of Medicine, Section of Vascular Surgery and Endovascular Therapy

Trends in Cancer Survival Disparity
Alan Cantor, PhD
Professor, UAB School of Medicine, Preventive Medicine

Traditional Risk Factors Play a Minor Role in the Excess Stroke Incidence of African Americans: The REasons for Geographic And Racial Differences in Stroke (REGARDS) Study
George Howard, DrPH
Professor and Chair, UAB School of Public Health, Biostatistics

Acute Myocardial Infarction Incidence and Regional Disparities in Acute Coronary Heart Disease Mortality: The REasons for Geographic and Regional Differences in Stroke-Myocardial Infarction (REGARDS-MI) Study
Monika Safford, MD
Associate Professor, UAB School of Medicine, Preventive Medicine

Sociodemographic, Religious, and Health Correlates of Health Insurance Status among African American Adults
Beverly Rosa Williams, PhD
Birmingham/Atlanta Geriatric Research, Education and Clinical Center, Birmingham VA Medical Center
Assistant Professor, UAB School of Medicine, Gerontology, Geriatrics, and Palliative Care
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Challenges Faced by Community Health Workers Engaged in Programs for Latino Immigrants in the Southeastern United States  
Andrea Cherrington, MD, MPH  
Assistant Professor, UAB School of Medicine, General Internal Medicine

Developing and Evaluating an Electronic Game for HIV Prevention with Rural Adolescents  
Comfort Enah, PhD  
Assistant Professor, UAB School of Nursing, Community Health, Outcomes and Systems

Activity among Urban and Rural African Americans  
Lonnie Hannon, PhD  
Assistant Professor, Tuskegee University School of Arts and Humanities, Sociology

The Children’s Computerized Physical Activity Reporter: Reporting Process Challenges in English-to-Spanish Adaptation  
Patricia F. Pearce, MPH, PhD, APRN-FNP  
Assistant Professor, UAB School of Nursing, Community Health, Outcomes and Systems

9:30 – 11:30  Break-out Session IV  Arlington

Moderator: Richard M. Allman, MD  
Parrish Endowed Professor of Medicine and Director  
UAB Division of Gerontology, Geriatrics and Palliative Care  
Director, UAB Center for Aging

BCDA Intervention for Women Diagnosed with Early Stage Breast Cancer  
Angela Jukkala, PhD  
Assistant Professor, UAB School of Nursing, Community Health, Outcomes and Systems

Limited English Proficiency as a Barrier to Mental Health Service Use: A Study of Latino and Asian Immigrants with Psychiatric Disorders  
Giyeon Kim, PhD  
Assistant Professor, UA School of Social and Behavioral Sciences, Center for Mental Health and Aging/Psychology

Impact of Spirituality on QOL of Lower Income Predominantly Minority Cancer Survivors  
Michelle Martin, PhD  
Assistant Professor, UAB School of Medicine, Preventive Medicine

Patients’ Right Not to Know: Exploring the Attitudes of Older Iranian Immigrants about Medical Disclosure of Terminal Illness  
Shadi Martin, PhD  
Assistant Professor, UA School of Social and Behavioral Sciences, Social Work

Developing and Testing a Culturally and Linguistically Adapted Physical Activity Intervention for Latinas  
Dori Pekmezzi, PhD  
Assistant Professor, UAB School of Public Health, Health Behavior

Out-of-Pocket Expenses for Breast Cancer Survivors: Differences by Income Levels in a Rural Population  
Maria Pisu, PhD  
Assistant Professor, UAB School of Medicine, Preventive Medicine
11:30  Lunch Buffet Opens  Heritage II

12:00 – 2:30  Plenary Speakers and Presentation of Awards  Heritage II

Moderator: Edward Partridge, MD

Health Care Disparities in Musculoskeletal Diseases: Further Opportunities to Improve Quality
Kenneth G. Saag, MD, MSc
Jane Knight Lowe Professor of Medicine, Division of Clinical Immunology and Rheumatology; Professor of Epidemiology, UAB School of Public Health
Director, Center for Education and Research on Therapeutics of Musculoskeletal Disorders, and Center for Outcomes and Effectiveness Research and Education

The Impact of Minority Participation in Clinical Trials: A True Basis for Health Reform
Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS
Jay Phillips Professor and Chairman, Department of Surgery
Associate Director, Masonic Cancer Center, University of Minnesota

AWARDS PRESENTATION

Lifestyle Interventions in Cancer Survivors: Who Signs Up? Who Sticks with It? And When Is the Best Time to Intervene?
Wendy Demark-Wahnefried, PhD, RD
Professor and Webb Endowed Chair, UAB School of Health Professions, Department of Nutrition Sciences; Associate Director, Cancer Prevention and Control, UAB Comprehensive Cancer Center

Intersecting Epidemics in Populations with Health Disparities: Sorting Out the Tangled Web of Obesity, Cardiovascular Disease, and HIV/AIDS
Linda D. Moneyham, DNS, RN, FAAN
Professor and Rachel Z. Booth Endowed Chair, UAB School of Nursing
Department of Community Health, Outcomes and Systems

Racial Disparities in Mobility and Function: Implications for Older Adults
Richard M. Allman, MD
Parrish Endowed Professor of Medicine and Director, UAB School of Medicine,
Division of Gerontology, Geriatrics, and Palliative Care; Director, UAB Center for Aging

2:30  Closing Remarks

Scientific Planning Committee
Mona Fouad, MD, MPH
Linda Moneyham, DNS, RN, FAAN
Edward Partridge, MD
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Dr. Richard M. Allman, MD, Parrish Endowed Professor of Medicine and Director of the UAB Division of Gerontology, Geriatrics, and Palliative Care, has expanded the research, education, and service programs in aging through his leadership of the UAB Center for Aging, the Southeast Center of Excellence in Geriatric Medicine (SCEGM), the Birmingham/Atlanta VA Geriatric Research, Education, and Clinical Center (GRECC), and the Deep South Resource Center for Minority Aging Research (RCMAR). He has served as the principal investigator for the NIA-funded UAB Study of Aging since 1998. Dr. Allman has been listed in Best Doctors in America since 1991 and has played important leadership roles in the American Geriatrics Society, the Association of Directors of Geriatric Academic Programs, and the National VA GRECC Directors’ Association. He was inducted as a permanent member of the Alabama Senior Citizens’ Hall of Fame and received the Robert G. Sherrill Quality Champion Award from AQAF in 2009 in recognition of his efforts to improve the health and well-being of older adults in the state.

Wendy Demark-Wahnefried, PhD, RD, Professor and Webb Endowed Chair of UAB Nutrition Sciences and Associate Director for Cancer Prevention and Control, is a nutrition scientist with training in biochemistry, genetics, and behavioral science. Her research career has spanned basic science studies focused on determining mechanisms of action of food-related components on neoplastic progression, to clinical research that involves nutrition-related concerns of cancer patients, as well as determining effective lifestyle interventions that improve the overall health of cancer survivors and populations at high risk for cancer. Her laboratory has conducted some of the largest studies exploring metabolic and body composition changes in response to cancer treatment. Dr. Demark-Wahnefried has experienced particular success in the delivery of home-based lifestyle interventions among cancer survivors and has led a number of NIH-funded trials aimed at improving the diet and exercise behavior of cancer survivors. She was a named a Komen Professor of Survivorship for this work.

Linda D. Moneyham, DNS, RN, FAAN, Professor and Rachel Z. Booth Endowed Chair, UAB School of Nursing, Department of Community Health, Outcomes and Systems, has established programs of funded research focused on developing and testing of interventions supportive of rural women with HIV disease. Since 1999, Dr. Moneyham has been testing a peer-based social support intervention aimed at decreasing depressive symptoms and increasing disease management and quality of life. Her research has been funded by a number of grants from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the National Institutes of Health. She is experienced in instrument development and both qualitative and quantitative research methods. Dr. Moneyham is an expert in the use of focus group methods in formative research supportive of the development of culturally sensitive interventions and field research methods.

Kenneth G. Saag, MD, MSc, Jane Knight Lowe Professor of Medicine, Division of Clinical Immunology Rheumatology, and Professor of Epidemiology, UAB School of Public Health, is the founding Director of the Center for Education and Research on Therapeutics (CERTs) of Musculoskeletal Disorders, Associate Director of the Multidisciplinary Clinical Research Center (NIAMS P60), and Director of the UAB Center for Outcomes and Effectiveness Research and Education (COERE). He is a practicing rheumatologist and outcomes researcher with expertise in musculoskeletal disorders (MSD) and pharmacoepidemiology and has a clinical focus in bone health. Dr. Saag is experienced in designing and conducting clinical trials in the therapeutics of MSD and in population-based investigations. He is has served on the FDA Arthritis Advisory Committee and co-chaired the American Medical Association (AMA) Physician Consortium for Performance Improvement on Osteoporosis. He is on the editorial board of Annals of Internal Medicine, Arthritis Research and Therapy, and Arthritis Care and Research.

Selwyn M. Vickers, MD, FACS, Jay Phillips Professor and Chairman, Department of Surgery at the University of Minnesota, and Associate Director of the Masonic Cancer Center, is a former Chair of UAB General Surgery and Co-Director of the UAB Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center (MHRC). Dr. Vickers specializes in pancreatic, bile duct, and gastrointestinal cancer. His research interests include gene therapy as an application in the treatment of pancreaticobiliary tumors and the role of growth factors and receptors in the oncogenesis of pancreatic, hepatobiliary, and gastrointestinal cancer. He currently serves on the editorial boards of Archives of Surgery, Journal of Surgical Research, Yearbook of Surgery, The American Journal of Surgery, and Journal of Gastrointestinal Surgery. He is an ad-hoc reviewer for Surgery, Mosby Yearbook of Surgery, Gastroenterology, Clinical Center Research, and Cancer Research. He recently was appointed as a Director for the American Board of Surgery and was elected to the Institute of Medicine. Dr. Vickers is listed in Best Doctors in America.