HEALTH DISPARITIES RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM
From Discovery to Delivery

The University of Alabama at Birmingham
DoubleTree Hotel - Thursday, April 5, 2007
Registration at www.uabmhrc.com
Welcome to the UAB Health Disparities Research Symposium

Welcome to the 2007 Health Disparities Research Symposium. A symposium that highlights and promotes work by undergraduate, graduate, post-doctoral and faculty researchers from universities throughout the Southeast in the field of racial/ethnic health disparities.

This university remains deeply committed to eliminating health disparities. We are proud to host this annual symposium and thank our partner institutions from around the Southeast for being here. We look forward to our continued collaboration as we work together to eliminate disparities and bring better health to all.

Carol Z. Garrison, PhD
President, University of Alabama at Birmingham

On behalf of the UAB Minority Health & Research Center (MHRC) and UAB Project EXPORT, sponsored by the NIH National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities, we welcome you to the 2007 Health Disparities Research Symposium.

The Symposium highlights the work being done toward eliminating health disparities and providing equal care and equal outcomes to all individuals in Alabama, and our nation. UAB researchers and other academic investigators strive to bring new discoveries in basic science research from bench to bedside and beyond, through innovative approaches to taking this knowledge of successful models to the clinic and to the community.

The UAB MHRC will present the Charles Barkley Young Investigator Awards for oral and poster presentations of current research projects. All winners will be recognized at the Annual MHRC Gala, Sept. 28, 2007. Mark your calendars – you’re all invited to attend this annual fund-raise.

We hope you enjoy the presentations and benefit from this gathering of researchers. We look forward to our continued scientific collaboration.

Mona Fouad, MD, MPH
Director, UAB MHRC

Edward Partridge, MD
Co-Director, UAB MHRC
Keynote Speakers

Sandral Hullett, MD

Dr. Sandral Hullett is the Chief Executive Officer/Medical Director for the Jefferson Health System. A native of Birmingham, Alabama, Dr. Hullett earned her undergraduate degree in biology at Alabama A&M University, her medical degree from the Medical College of Pennsylvania, and her Master’s in Public Health from the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB). Since completing her residency in Family Practice and fulfilling a National Health Services Corporation obligation, she developed an interest in rural health care including health care planning and delivery to the underserved, underinsured, and poor of this area. Dr. Hullett has extensive experience in research, clinical trials, community outreach and teaching direct care delivery. She serves as project director and principal investigator for grants – the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the Kellogg Foundation, and the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute.

Dr. Hullett is the co-author of several nationally published articles on health care issues in rural primary care communities.

LaSalle D. Leffall, Jr., MD, FACS

Dr. LaSalle Leffall, the Charles R. Drew professor of Surgery, Howard University College of Medicine, is a surgeon, oncologist, medical educator and leader in professional and civic organization.

A native of Quincy, Florida, Dr. Leffall earned his undergraduate degree from Florida A&M College, and an MD from Howard University College of Medicine. He is a diplomate of the American Board of Surgery and a fellow of both the American College of Surgeons, and the American College of Gastroenterology (he was named Honorary Lifetime member in 1998).

In 1998, he became Chairman of the Steering Committee of the National Dialogue on Cancer, a committee co-chaired by former President and Mrs. George H.W. Bush. The Dialogue represents a group of 140 collaborating partners from different sectors who are dedicated to eradicating cancer as a major health problem. In 2002, President George W. Bush named him chairman of the President’s Cancer Panel, a three-member group that oversees the national cancer program and reports directly to the president. In 2002, he also became Chairman of the Susan G. Komen Cancer Foundation.

Dr. Leffall’s professional life has been devoted to the study of cancer, particularly among African-Americans. In 1979 as national president of the American Cancer Society, he launched a program on the challenge of cancer among Black Americans, paying special attention to the increasing incidence and mortality of cancer in this population group and its implications for similar studies in other racial and ethnic minorities—the first program of this type in our nation.
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What Should We Include In A Cultural Competency Curriculum?  
A Formative Evaluation  
**Carlos Estrada, MD**

Taking Health Into Our Own Hands: Volunteers Promoting Prostate Cancer Awareness And IDM  
**Theresa Wynn, PhD**

Session III  
**University**

Children’s Secondhand Smoke Exposure in African American Families  
**Anne Turner-Henson, DSN**

The Impact of Herbal Remedies on Timely Delivery of Health Care for Rural African-American Children  
**Glenda L. Smith, DSN**

Different Factors Influence Variation in Insulin Sensitivity in Children of Diverse Backgrounds  
**Jose Fernandez, PhD**

An Examination of Acceptability of HPV Preventive Vaccination among African American and Latina Immigrants  
**Isabel Scarinci, PhD, MPH**

A Community Cook-Off Event To Promote Healthy Congregations And Healthy Communities  
**Dennis Pillion, PhD**

Scholars Group Discussion with Dr. Leffall  
(9:30 – 10:30)

10:20 – 10:30  
**Break**

10:30 – 12:00  
**Poster Sessions**  
**Lower Level**

12:00 – 2:00  
**Lunch and Award Ceremony**

Introduction of Keynote Speaker  
**Ed Partridge, MD**

African American Surgical Contributions to Healthcare  
**LaSalle D. Leffall, Jr., MD**  
The Charles R. Drew Professor of Surgery  
Howard University College of Medicine

Presentation of Awards

Closing Remarks
National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NCMHD)

The mission of the National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NCMHD) at NIH is to promote minority health and to lead, coordinate, support, and assess the NIH effort to reduce and ultimately eliminate health disparities. In this effort NCMHD conducts and supports basic, clinical, social, and behavioral research, promotes research infrastructure and training, fosters emerging programs, disseminates information, and reaches out to minority and other health disparity communities.

UAB Project EXPORT

UAB Project EXPORT systematically investigates the etiologies and bioethical implications of racial bias, with the ultimate goal of eliminating health disparities in diabetes and colorectal cancer. Project EXPORT provides support for multidisciplinary programs of research, education and community outreach. Additionally, Project EXPORT seeks to increase the number of minority researchers through UAB’s training consortium with the Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) in Alabama.

UAB Minority Health & Research Center (MHRC)

The Minority Health & Research Center (MHRC) at the University of Alabama at Birmingham is a comprehensive educational, research and community outreach center focused on eliminating health disparities of racial/ethnic minorities. The Center’s mission is to foster partnerships with UAB schools and centers, Historically Black Colleges and Universities, State agencies and grassroots organizations with an ultimate goal of eliminating health disparities.

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