



HEALTH DISPARITIES RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

From Discovery to Delivery



The University of Alabama at Birmingham
DoubleTree Hotel - Thursday, April 5, 2007
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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



Mona Fouad, MD, MPH
Director, UAB MHRC

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-raiser.



Edward Partridge, MD
Co-Director, UAB MHRC

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

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Keynote Speakers

Sandra Hullett, MD



Dr. Sandra 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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7:30	Registration	
8:00 – 8:15	General Assembly	Heritage I
8:15 – 8:45	Plenary Session	Heritage I
	Community Involvement in Response to Disasters Sandra Hullett, MD Chief Executive Officer/Medical Director Jefferson Health Systems	
8:50 – 10:20	Break-out Session	
	Session I	Centennial I
	Regional Differences in African Americans' High Risk for Stroke: A Remarkable Burden for Southern African Americans George Howard, DrPH	
	Medication Adherence Does Not Explain Disparities In Blood Pressure Control In The REGARDS Study Monika Safford, MD	
	The Prevalence of Healthy Lifestyle Characteristics: A cause for health disparities? Jamy Ard, MD	
	Comparison of Three and Six Month Follow-up Data on Selective Indicators for Reduction of Cardiovascular Disease (CVD) Risk Factors among African Americans in a Rural Black Belt County of Alabama Norma Dawkins, PhD	
	Ethnic Variations in Self-Monitoring of Blood Glucose among Diabetics Deborah Levine, MD	
	Session II	Centennial II
	Poverty Explains the Differential Survival Rates Among SLE Patients of Different Ethnicities from the LUMINA Cohort Graciela Alarcon, MD, MPH	
	The Influence of Perceived Discrimination on Body Mass Index among U.S. Black Women Dana-Marie Thomas, PhD	
	The Role of Respect in Eliminating Health Disparities Isaac Mwase, PhD, MBA, MDiv	

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)

Arlington

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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