

UAB Healthy Living Research Center Symposium

Advancing the Science of Community-Engaged Research to Prevent Chronic Disease & Improve Health

Agenda for April 15, 2026

11:00 AM Registration

Come early to mingle and connect with others

11:30 AM Lunch

Grab a plate and eat with good company

12:00 PM Welcome

Ray L. Watts, M.D.

President of the University of Alabama at Birmingham

12:05 PM Preventing Chronic Disease, Improving Health

Learn more about the work of the UAB Comprehensive Healthy Living Research Center

Mona N. Fouad, M.D., MPH

Senior Associate Dean, Access and Engagement

Professor of Medicine, General Internal Medicine & Population Science

Director, UAB Comprehensive Healthy Living Research Center

CEO, Live HealthSmart Alabama

12:20 PM Community-Engaged Research in Action Panel Discussion

PANELISTS

Maria Pisu, Ph.D.

*Lead Principal Investigator, Cancer Awareness,
Research, Engagement & Support (CARES) Center*

*Professor, UAB Division of General Internal
Medicine & Population Science*

Teresa Shufflebarger, MSHA, MBA, FACHE

*Chief Administrative Officer,
Live HealthSmart Alabama*

Lori B. Bateman, Ph.D.

*Multiple Principal Investigator, Alabama CEAL
Associate Professor, UAB Division of General
Internal Medicine & Population Science*

T.J. Smith

*Project Manager City Blocks Wellness Center
Selma, Alabama*

MODERATORS

Irfan Asif, M.D.

*Associate Dean for Primary Care & Rural Health
Chair, Dept. of Family and Community Medicine
Co-Director, UAB Comprehensive Healthy
Living Research Center*

Raegan Durant, M.D.

*Professor of Medicine, UAB Division of General
Internal Medicine & Population Science
Medical Director, Cooper Green Mercy Health
Services*

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12:55 PM Introduction of Keynote Speaker

Anupam Agarwal, M.D.

Senior Vice President for Medicine

Dean, Heersink School of Medicine at the University of Alabama at Birmingham

1:00 PM Keynote Address

Admiral Brian Christine, M.D.

Assistant Secretary for Health, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

2:00 PM Community-Engaged Research in Action Panel Discussion

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Admiral Brian Christine, M.D.

*Assistant Secretary for Health, U.S.
Department of Health and Human
Services*

George Mensah, M.D.

*Director, Center for Translation Research and
Implementation Science NIH/National Heart,
Lung, and Blood Institute*

Scott Harris, M.D., MPH

State Health Officer, Alabama

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Chris Brown, Ph.D.

*Vice President for Research, University of
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2:45 PM Closing Remarks

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