

**Vanderbilt Digestive Diseases Research Center, Diabetes Research and Training Center,
GI SPORE, and Meharry Medical College**
Gastrointestinal Disease, Diabetes, and Cancer Research and Career Development Symposium
Light Hall 214
Friday, June 13, 2025

9:00 – 9:05 am	Introduction Richard M. Peek, Jr., MD Mina Cobb Wallace Professor of Medicine and Pathology, Microbiology, & Immunology; Director, Vanderbilt Digestive Diseases Research Center
9:05 – 9:55 am	Striving for Precision in Trauma Care Selwyn O. Rogers, Jr., MD, MPH James E. Bowman Jr. Professor of Surgery Executive Vice President, Community Health Engagement Founding Director, Trauma Center Chief, Section of Trauma and Acute Care Surgery University of Chicago
9:55 – 10:45 am	Optimizing Delivery of Care for Chronic Liver Disease and Liver Transplant Outcomes Naudia L. Jonassaint, MD, MHS, MBA Interim Chief, Division of Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs, School of Medicine Associate Professor of Medicine University of Pittsburgh Medical Center
10:45 – 11:00 am	Break
11:00 – 11:30 am	Broken Barrier, Broken Metabolism: How Chronic HIV Drives Metabolic Dysfunction Celestine N. Wanjalla, MD, PhD Assistant Professor of Medicine Division of Infectious Diseases
11:30 – 12:00 pm	The Pancreatic Islet Alpha Cell in Physiology and Disease: Beyond Glucose Control E. Danielle Dean, PhD Assistant Professor of Medicine Division of Diabetes, Endocrinology, and Metabolism
12:00 – 12:30 pm	Lunch
12:30 – 1:00 pm	A New Treatment Paradigm in Obesity and the Pathway There Jason M. Samuels, MD Assistant Professor of Surgery Division of General Surgery
1:00 – 1:30 pm	Career Development Session Selwyn O. Rogers, Jr., MD, MPH, and Naudia L. Jonassaint, MD, MHS, MBA
1:30 – 2:00 pm	Graduate and Post-doctoral Training Panel Ukpebo Omosigho, MD; Matthew Gonzales, MD; MaKayla Lowe