

HAROLD WADE MEMORIAL LECTURE



“Equity in Trauma Care”

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7:45–8:30 AM

DHMC Auditorium H

Selwyn O. Rogers, Jr., MD, MPH, FACS

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After an extensive national search, Selwyn Rogers, Jr., MD, MPH was named the Section Chief of Trauma and Acute Care Surgery at the University of Chicago Medicine in 2017. He now serves as the Dr. James E. Bowman, Jr. Professor in the Biological Sciences at the University of Chicago Medicine. He earned his undergraduate degree at Harvard College and his medical degree from Harvard Medical School. He completed both his surgery residency and NIH research fellowship in surgical oncology at Brigham and Women’s Hospital. He completed a surgical critical care fellowship at Massachusetts General Hospital and Brigham and Women’s Hospital. Additionally, Dr. Rogers has a master’s degree in public health from Vanderbilt University. Dr. Rogers is an acclaimed trauma and critical care surgeon and public health expert who has served in leadership capacities at health centers across the country, including most recently as Vice President and Chief Medical Officer for the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston. Dr. Rogers also served as the Chair of Surgery at Temple University School of Medicine and as the Division Chief of Trauma, Burn and Surgical Critical Care at Harvard Medical School. While at Brigham and Women’s Hospital, he helped launch the Center for Surgery and Public Health to understand the nature, quality and utilization of surgical care nationally and internationally. Dr. Rogers is a prolific researcher, and his work seeks to improve quality and access to care for all patients. Among other topics, his published research looks at the impact of race and ethnicity on surgical outcomes. He is committed to improving the understanding of disparities in surgical care to close the quality chasm for underserved populations and provide the most patient-centered care possible. Beyond trauma and surgical critical care, Dr. Rogers has been an advocate for treating intentional violence as a public health problem. In partnership with the Center for Community Health and Health Equity at Brigham and Women’s Hospital, he developed a violence intervention and prevention program that worked to address the social factors that put patients at increased risk for trauma and mortality such as poverty, hopelessness and lack of opportunity. The program partners with organizations in Boston to educate youth about community violence and connects victims with resources they need to heal. Dr. Rogers helped to launch the Violence Recovery Program at the University of Chicago Medicine in conjunction with the Urban Health Initiative.

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