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## **MENTORSHIP PROGRAM AGENDA**

Wednesday October 20, 2021

5:00 PM – 6:30 PM CST

Virtual Meeting | ZOOM MEETING

### **What exactly does DEI mean in a DOS?**

**5:00PM - 5:05PM** Welcome & Panel Introduction

**Jennifer Tseng, MD, FACS**, Utley Professor and Chair,  
Department of Surgery, Boston University; Surgeon-in-Chief,  
Boston Medical Center

**Douglas S. Tyler, MD, FACS**, Professor and Chair, Department of  
Surgery, University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston, Texas

**5:05PM - 5:35PM** Speaker Presentations

**Jason Hall, MD, MPH, FACS** | Associate Professor of Surgery,  
Associate Chair for Academic Advancement and Faculty  
Development, Co-Director of the Dempsey Center for Digestive  
Disorders, Boston University School of Medicine and Boston  
Medical Center

**Ikenna Okereke, MD, FACS** | Vice Chair, Department of Surgery,  
System Director, Thoracic Surgery, Henry Ford Health System

**5:35PM - 6:05PM** Breakout Room Discussions

**6:05PM - 6:30PM** Return to Large Group for Discussion and Closing Remarks

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## **MENTORSHIP PROGRAM 2021 SPEAKERS**

**Jason Hall, MD, MPH, FACS** | Associate Professor of Surgery, Associate Chair for Academic Advancement and Faculty Development, Co-Director of the Dempsey Center for Digestive Disorders, Boston University School of Medicine and Boston Medical Center

Jason F. Hall, MD, MPH, FACS, FASCRS is the Associate Chair for Faculty Development and Academic Advancement in the Department of Surgery at Boston Medical Center. He also serves as the Chief of Colon and Rectal Surgery and Co-director of the Dempsey Center for Digestive Disorders at Boston Medical Center (BMC). He is an Associate Professor of Surgery at Boston University School of Medicine (BUSM).

Dr. Hall earned his medical degree from Harvard Medical School, and a master's of public health from Harvard School of Public Health. He completed his residency in general surgery at Massachusetts General Hospital, where he served as the Churchill Instructor in Surgery (Super-Chief), and completed a Colorectal Surgery Fellowship at Lahey Hospital & Medical Center. Dr. Hall's research interests include colorectal cancer, diverticulitis and fistulas, with several of his studies appearing in national academic journals.

Hall is board certified by the American Board of Surgery and the American Board of Colon and Rectal Surgery and received fellowships from the American College of Surgeons and the American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgery (ASCRS).

**Ikenna Okereke, MD, FACS** | Vice Chair, Department of Surgery, System Director, Thoracic Surgery, Henry Ford Health System

Dr. Okereke is the current Vice Chairman of the Department of Surgery and the Division Chief of Thoracic Surgery at Henry Ford Health System in Detroit, MI. He grew up in Detroit and attended Johns Hopkins University for undergraduate studies. Dr. Okereke went to Washington University in St. Louis for medical school, Cleveland Clinic for his general surgery residency and Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center for his cardiothoracic surgery fellowship.

Dr. Okereke has a busy clinical practice as a general thoracic surgeon. He focuses on benign and malignant esophageal disease. He has an NIH-funded laboratory which investigates the esophageal microbiome and its association with disease. Dr. Okereke also does a fair amount of work with underrepresented high school students and communities. He created the Okereke Foundation, a non-profit organization designed to reduce disparities in education and healthcare, in 2013. He currently hosts multiple programs with local high schools to increase the number of underrepresented people in medicine.

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