Department of Medicine Mini-Research Retreat
202 Light Hall
Saturday, August 29, 2015

9:00am Opening remarks – Roy Zent, M.D., Ph.D., Vice Chair of Research, Department of Medicine

9:10am “The Microbiome: A New Horizon for Vanderbilt“
Seth Bordenstein, Ph.D.
Associate Professor of Biological Sciences
Associate Professor of Pathology, Microbiology and Immunology

9:40am “Engineering Gut Microbiota for Treatment of Cardiometabolic Diseases”
Sean Davies, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor of Pharmacology

10:00am “Characterization of the Microbiome in Patients with Benign Lung Nodules”
Melinda Aldrich, Ph.D., M.P.H.
Assistant Professor of Thoracic Surgery
Assistant Professor of Medicine

10:20am “B Lymphocyte Signaling Links Intestinal Microbiome and Autoimmunity”
Peggy Kendall, M.D.
Assistant Professor of Medicine,
Assistant Professor of Pathology, Microbiology and Immunology

10:40am Break

11:00am “The Impact of Nutrition on Clostridium difficile Infection”
Eric Skaar, Ph.D., M.P.H.
Director, Host-Pathogen Interactions Division
Professor of Pathology, Microbiology and Immunology

11:20am “Dynamic Acquisition of the Fetal Microbiota during Normal Pregnancy”
JoAnn Romano-Keeler, M.D., M.S.
Instructor in Pediatrics

11:40am “Role of the Lung Microbiota in COPD Progression”
Bradley W. Richmond, M.D.
Clinical Fellow, Department of Medicine

12:00 pm Wrap up