



2018 Carolyn Wetzel Continuum Award Recipient

Igho Ofotokun, MD, MSc, FIDSA



Professor of Medicine in the Department of Medicine, Division of Infectious Diseases at the Emory SOM and a Professor of Behavioral Science and Health Education, at the Emory Rollins School of Public Health. Dr. Ofotokun is an accomplished physician-scientist whose career is centered on caring for HIV infected women, clinical/translational research on HIV issues specific to women's health, research education, and mentoring junior investigators. Within this context, his work is focused on antiretroviral clinical pharmacology and long-term (bone) complications of HIV. Early in his career, he was the recipient of the NIH funded Building Interdisciplinary Research Careers in Women's Health (BIRCWH) and NIAID K-23 career development awards. Leveraging these opportunities, Dr. Ofotokun has transitioned into research independence, serving as the PI or co-PI on multiple NIH awards including the Atlanta Women's Interagency HIV Study and the Emory Specialized Center of Research Excellence (SCORE) in Sex Differences.

Dr. Ofotokun has extensive experience in research education and mentoring. He has served as a lead mentor for over 30 early career trainees, many of whom have received NIH funding including four mentees with active NIH K awards. He serves on the Research Education Executive Committee of the Georgia CTSA, he is the Co-Director of the Georgia CTSA KL2 program, and the co-PI/Program Director for the Emory BIRCWH. At the national level, he is a member of the organizing committee for the IDSA/NIAID Infectious Diseases Research Career Meeting for infectious diseases fellow interested in biomedical research careers. He also serves on the Clinical and Translational Science Pre-doctoral (TL1) Program Directors' Committee that organizes the annual Clinical and Translational Science Pre-doctoral trainees' meeting aimed at stimulating interest in biomedical research among MDs and PhD students. Dr. Ofotokun is a member of the HIV Medicine Association (HIVMA) Board and he serves as the HIVMA representative on the Infectious Diseases Society Association of America (IDSA) Board. He also serves as member of the U.S. FDA Antimicrobial Drug Advisory Committee.