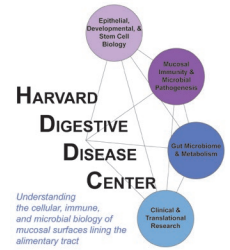
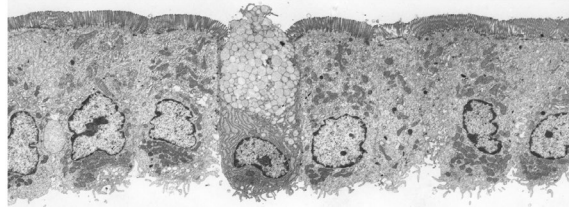


# Digestive Disease Research on Campus

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**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2026**  
**Center for Life Science 12<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room**

8:45 AM *Coffee and Breakfast*

**9:15 AM Keynote:**  
***“Tail of Two Glycolipids:  
Education of the Immune System by the Microbiome”***

**Dennis Kasper, MD**

William Ellery Channing Professor of Medicine/Professor of Immunology  
Department of Immunology  
Blavatnik Institute/HMS

- 10:15 Jodie Ouahed, MD** Assistant Professor of Pediatrics (GI, BCH/HMS)  
*“Deciphering the Role of MDA5 in Intestinal Homeostasis: Early Insights”*
- 10:30 Sahin Naqvi, PhD** Assistant Professor of Pediatrics (GI, BCH/HMS)  
*“Transcription Factor Dosage Control of Human Enteric Nervous System Development”*

**10:45 Coffee Break**

- 11:00 Yebin Wang, PhD** Immunology, HMS (Mathis Lab)  
*“Thymic Mimicry of the Intestinal Goblet for Preventing Gut Autoimmunity”*
- 11:15 Katlynn Bugda-Gwilt, PhD** GI, BCH/HMS (Thiagarajah Lab)  
*“When Fat Becomes Harmful: Lipid-Driven Epithelial Dysfunction in IBD”*
- 11:30 Stephanie Zhang, PhD** Pathology, BWH/HMS/Wyss Institute (Walt Lab)  
*“Reading Host Immune Dynamics at the Gut Interface”*
- 11:45 Guangqing Lu, PhD** Immunology, HMS (Huh Lab)  
*“Microbiota Promotes Intestinal Growth via IFN- $\gamma$  Signaling in Intestinal Mesenchymal Cells”*

**12:00 – 1:00 PM Lunch**

HDDC Directors: *Wayne Lencer, MD & Rick Blumberg, MD*

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