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A native of the Memphis area, Dr. Black graduated from the University of Memphis and UTHSC. He completed his pediatric training and fellowship in pediatric gastroenterology and hepatology at UTHSC and LBCH. His research and clinical interests are neonatal lipid absorption and metabolism and associated disorders, as well as pediatric liver disease and transplantation with a focus on pediatric primary sclerosing cholangitis (PSC).

Dr. Black has received research funding from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the Food and Drug Administration, amongst others, and has authored more than 170 journal articles, book chapters, and abstracts. He has mentored numerous fellows, medical students, graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, and junior faculty, and has chaired the Department of Pediatrics Promotion and Tenure Committee since 2014. He also served as chair and member of several national grant review committees, including those for NIH, American Liver Foundation, North American Society for Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology, and Nutrition (NASPGHAN), and American Heart Association. He served as a member of the editorial board of the American Journal of Physiology: GI and Liver Physiology from 2003-09 and has served on the executive councils of the Society for Pediatric Research and NASPGHAN. He was vice chair and chair of the American Gastroenterological Association Council Section on Obesity, Metabolism and Nutrition from 2013-18 and was recipient of the Section's Research Mentor of the Year Award in 2020.

Among his recognitions, Dr. Black received the UTHSC Outstanding Alumnus Award in 2017 and the Department of Pediatrics 2017 Outstanding Mentor Award. In 2018, he was awarded the NASPGHAN Gerard Odell Prize for Excellence in Hepatology Research. Dr. Black is a member of the scientific advisory boards of PSC Partners Seeking a Cure and the Alagille Syndrome Alliance and is a founding board member of the Abetalipoproteinemia and Related Disorders Foundation.

Dr. Black is married to Dr. Gail Beeman, also a pediatrician, whom he met while both were pediatric residents at LBCH in Memphis. They have three children, two dogs, and one cat. Dr. Black is co-owner of Black and Wyatt Records, a vinyl-only record company specializing in Memphis rock 'n' roll.