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Dr. Jason Smith is the Berel L. Abrams MD endowed professor of Surgery at the University of Louisville, and the Executive Vice President and CEO of UofL Health after previously serving as the Chief Clinical Officer for UofL Health. Additionally, he still serves as the Division Chief of General Surgery within Hiram C. Polk Jr Dept of Surgery at the University of Louisville. Dr. Smith was born in Dayton, Ohio, and completed his undergraduate studies at Wright State University in Dayton. He completed medical school, surgical residency, and surgical critical care fellowship at The Ohio State University. Dr. Smith took his first academic posting at the University of Louisville in 2008. While at the University of Louisville, he completed his PhD in Biophysics, studying the effects of resuscitation on the inflammatory process following hemorrhagic shock. In 2019, he completed his MBA at the Kelley School of Business in Indiana.

Dr. Smith has authored over 120 peer-reviewed publications and book chapters. He has been supported by the NIH, the DoD, and private funding in conducting these laboratory and clinical studies. Dr. Smith is happily married and the father of twins, and in his free time, he enjoys racing sports cars, hiking, and coaching lacrosse.