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RESEARCH SPOTLIGHT: JOE SHARMA, MD

Joe Sharma, MD

Professor and William C. McGarity Chair of Surgery,
Division of General and GI Surgery, Department of
Surgery, Emory University School of Medicine



Dr. Joe Sharma, Professor of Surgery and Vice Chair of Quality, Patient Safety and Care Innovation for the Department of Surgery, specializes in thyroid and parathyroid surgery, adrenal gland surgery, and pancreatic endocrine tumors. Since joining the department in 2006, Dr. Sharma has been a significant driver of standardizing and advancing care, quality, and safety in the programs and services of the Department of Surgery. In 2009, he became the primary steward for the participation of Emory University Hospital (EUH) in the American College of Surgeons National Surgical Quality Improvement Program (ACS NSQIP). In 2010, he was appointed Chief Quality Officer for the Division of General and GI Surgery, began serving as the Chief Quality Officer for the Department of Surgery in 2016, and was named Vice Chair of Quality, Patient Safety and Care Innovation for the department in 2019. In addition to holding these titles, Dr. Sharma advises Emory's MSCR students, residents, and junior faculty on health services research related projects.

Dr. Sharma's quality and safety-based recent achievements include his installment and oversight of the sustained internal auditing and localized-to-systemic renovation that contributed greatly to lowering EUH's readmissions, incidence of surgical site infections, and overall mortality. In addition to his work at Emory, Dr. Sharma chairs the Georgia Surgical Quality Collaborative, a partnership of fourteen hospitals from across the state, and is directing and evaluating the member facilities' information-sharing systems and subsequent examination and comparison of clinical outcomes data for the benefit of patients and to reduce overall health care costs. His nine year collaboration with CDC has led to improvement in SSI definitions, tracking and refinement of risk-adjustment for SSI nationally.

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HIRING NOW

**The Health Services Research Center is Hiring Staff - Apply
Now!**

One Available Faculty Position at the HSR Center

Assistant Professor

Emory University's Department of Surgery seeks a full-time epidemiologist or health services researcher at the rank of Assistant Professor to join a robust team centered on improving surgical health outcomes through innovative and rigorous scientific research. The incumbent will be associated with the Health Services Research Center within the School of Medicine, which includes a focus on developing pragmatic investigations around healthcare access and quality of care with applications in a number of potential surgical disciplines (e.g., pediatric surgery, oncology, GI, transplant, etc). Candidates should possess a strong interest in the field of health services research and have specific methodological expertise in at least one of the following areas: qualitative research methods, quality measurement and metrics, clinical decisions science, behavioral sciences, comparative effectiveness research, and/or dissemination & implementation research, with a developed emphasis in surgery health services and outcomes research.

Please check out our [website](#) for details on how to apply and for more information on careers in HSR.

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Two Available Staff Positions at the HSR Center

Assistant Epidemiologist

The Assistant Epidemiologist will be responsible for assisting with the program management and epidemiologic aspects of the NIH-funded Reducing Disparities in Access to Kidney Transplantation (RaDIANT) Studies with a focus on clinical epidemiology, social determinants of health, and health services research methods. The candidate will work closely with the Director of the Emory Health Services Research (HSR) Center, a cooperative initiative of the departments of medicine and surgery of the Emory University School of Medicine, which is committed to advancing healthcare access, quality of healthcare delivery, and health outcomes of patients and populations. The candidate would work on these projects, in addition to other research by faculty throughout the departments of surgery and medicine related to health services research.

Post-Doctoral Fellow

The Health Services Research Center is accepting applications for a postdoctoral fellowship position. This position is grant-funded and renewable on an annual basis depending on performance. The fellowship provides formal and informal training in epidemiologic methods, health surveillance data collection, analysis, and dissemination, and practical experience working with community partners across the nation to support a mission to improve access to healthcare.

Applications are accepted year-round and are reviewed on a rolling basis.

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HIRING NOW - HEALTH SERVICES RESEARCH FACULTY

Epidemiologist/Health Services Researcher

Emory School of Medicine - OBGYN Department

The Emory University School of Medicine, Department of Gynecology and Obstetrics, is recruiting a full-time Epidemiologist/Health Services Researcher. The position will hold a rank of Assistant Professor, Associate Professor or Professor, commensurate with qualifications and experience. The position will be within the Division of Research and will work closely with faculty members across several clinical divisions.

For more information and to apply, visit the posting [here](#).

Director of Clinical Outcomes Research & Public Health

Children's Healthcare of Atlanta

The Emory Department of Pediatrics and Children's Healthcare of Atlanta are seeking an individual with a strong track record in child health related outcomes research to grow this area of research within The Emory+Children's Pediatric Institute. The chosen candidate will lead efforts to expand outcomes and health services research relevant to child health in the Center for Outcomes Research and Public Health (CORPH). CORPH serves as a focal point for investigators engaged in outcomes research across disciplines providing a seminar series, funding for pilot projects, access to biostatistics and bioinformatics support and multiple collaborative opportunities. The candidate will have the opportunity to leverage many available resources including multiple pediatric campuses and institutional partnerships to enhance outcomes research through improving data access and analytic help for investigators, and educating junior faculty in outcomes research approaches and methodologies. We seek an individual who is familiar with and actively engaged in research funded by extramural agencies including NIH, AHRQ, CDC, PCORI, and other sources of funding for health services and outcomes research.

For more information and to apply, visit the posting [here](#).

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Trainee Research in Progress

""Neighborhood Accessibility as a Social Determinant in Kidney Transplant Care"

The HSR Center Trainee Research in Progress meetings are an informal way to get feedback from HSR Center faculty, staff, and peers on research in progress.

Mon| 02/07/2022 | 11 AM ET

Presenter:

Jon Gunasti

2nd Year MSPH Candidate

Environmental Health-

Epidemiology

Rollins School of Public Health



Access here:

<https://zoom.us/j/98798343810?pwd=blZiaGdPVmVNWEVJR21aYStvYzl5Zz09>

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Emory School of Medicine Heart and Vascular Grand Rounds

Mon | 02/07/2022 | 7:30AM - 8:30AM ET

Opportunities to innovate in cardiovascular disease prevention to address the gaps

Speaker:

Clara Kayei Chow, MBBS, FRACP, PhD

Professor

Department of Cardiology

Westmead Hospital

Westmead Applied Research Centre, University of Sydney

Professor Clara Chow is Academic Director of the Westmead Applied Research Centre (WARC), Faculty of Medicine and Health, University of Sydney. She is a cardiologist and the Program Director of Community Based Cardiac Services at Westmead hospital, Sydney, Australia. Her research focuses on “frugal innovations”, or smart, low-cost solutions to big health problems (e.g. digital health solutions, polypill, etc.), and her research team has conducted research throughout Asia, including India and China. She has over 200 publications, including in the New England Journal of Medicine, Lancet, and JAMA, and she is also President elect of the Cardiac Society of Australia and New Zealand. She has expertise in the design, delivery and implementation of clinical trials. Her PhD from the University of Sydney, Australia was in cardiovascular epidemiology and international public Health and her Postdoc from McMaster University, Canada in clinical trials and cardiac imaging. She is supported by a NSW Health Clinician Scientist Fellowship.

Zoom link here:

<https://zoom.us/j/96672133161?pwd=cFE0cUxYN0V4OExLVWF4aHY2M3g1Zz09>

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Health Services Research & Development Cyberseminars

U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs

The Health Services Research & Development division of the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs has a plethora cyberseminars every month. Click [here](#) to view upcoming and past sessions. Below are some upcoming seminars.

Thursday, February 10, 12:00pm ET

Advanced Qualitative Methods hosted by the Qualitative Methods Learning Collaborative

The Power and Importance of Qualitative Observations in Research and Quality Improvement Work--When to use observational methods, refuting the Hawthorne effect, and foundational methodology on how to conduct observations

by Megan McCullough, PhD, Gemmae Fix, PhD, Bo Kim, PhD, Molly Harrod, PhD
Register [here](#)

Tuesday, February 15, 2:00pm ET

Spotlight on Women's Health

New Developments in Cervical Cancer Prevention and Challenges in VA Implementation

by Elisheva Danan, MD, MPH, Sally Haskell, MD
Register [here](#)

Wednesday, February 16, 2:00PM ET

HERC Health Economics Seminar

Using VA Nursing Data to Estimate the Relationship between Nurse Staffing and Patient Outcomes

by Ciaran Phibbs, PhD ; Shira Winter, PhD, RN, FNP-BC
Register [here](#)

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UPCOMING EVENTS

COVID Force Seminar Series

Children's Healthcare of Atlanta and Emory University

Fri | 2/11/2022 | 12PM - 1PM ET

"Cardiac MRI Findings in MIS-C"
Matthew Dove, MD



"Long-term Outcomes in MIS-C"
Joshua Kaltman

"Comparison of MIS-C Related
Myocarditis, Classic Viral
Myocarditis, and COVID-19
Vaccine-related Myocarditis"
Trisha Patel, MD



Register here:

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJcvceyh pz0tGdQ4VxqCTt4lT3tkXQCsoTUI>

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Acknowledging the Past, Disrupting the Present, Creating a Different Future

National Institute of Minority Health and Health Disparities

Wed | 2/16/2022 | 2PM ET

Join us for the NIMHD Director's Seminar Series lecture with Joan Y. Reede, M.D., M.S., M.P.H., M.B.A., on Wednesday, February 16 at 2 p.m. ET. In her presentation, "*Acknowledging the Past, Disrupting the Present, Creating a Different Future*," Dr. Reede will:

- Characterize the historical context of race, diversity and inclusion in medicine and science
- Identify benefits of and challenges to diversity and inclusion
- Provide a framework for building a culture of inclusive excellence, including approaches to individual and organizational responses that address racism, advance diversity, equity and inclusion, and create sustained change

Dr. Reede is the Dean for Diversity and Community Partnership and a professor of medicine at Harvard Medical School. She is also a Professor of Society, Human Development and Health at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health.



Watch live or later at <https://videocast.nih.gov/watch=44673>.

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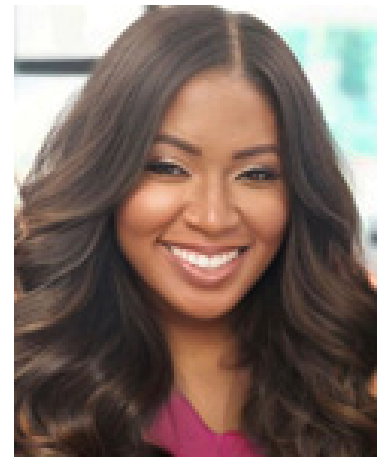
Health Services Research Center Seminar Series

"90-day Outcomes after Peripheral Artery Disease Interventions"

Wed | 02/23/2022 | 2PM ET

Speaker: Olamide Alabi, MD

Assistant Professor in the Division
of Vascular Surgery and
Endovascular Therapy, Emory
University School of
Medicine



Dr. Alabi is recognized for her work as a health science researcher who focuses on systems-level quality improvement initiatives, multidisciplinary collaboration and patient care, and surgical education. Her research focuses on surgical education and curriculum development, quality improvement and surgical outcomes, and health equity/health disparities in vascular surgery. Dr. Alabi also practices as a general and vascular surgeon at both Emory University Hospital and the Atlanta VA Medical Center.

Register here:

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUoce6rqzkiGNFu8uMy-D4aaL4Oofzi6hk>

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Designing Interventions that Address Structural Racism to Reduce Kidney Health Disparities

National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases

February 24-25, 2022 | 12PM - 2PM ET

Substantial racial and ethnic disparities exist in health outcomes among patients with kidney disease, and structural racism is widely recognized to be a fundamental determinant. Structural racism is defined as macrolevel systems, social forces, institutions, ideologies, and processes that interact with one another to generate and perpetuate inequities among racial and ethnic minority populations. For marginalized racial and ethnic groups, this leads to greater exposure to adverse social determinants and risks (e.g., residential segregation, housing insecurity, food insecurity, inadequate health care, financial resource deprivation) that negatively affect individuals' risk of chronic kidney disease (CKD) and its progression and contributes to inequitable care and outcomes across the spectrum of CKD. Interventions that dismantle or address the effects of structural racism are essential to achieve health equity for patients with kidney disease.

Meeting Objectives

- Review the mechanisms by which structural racism (racism embedded within clinical, organizational, institutional, and societal practices and policies) contributes to health and health care disparities for patients along the continuum of kidney disease (CKD and CKD risk groups, dialysis care, and transplant care) and identify feasible areas for intervention.
- Identify and describe meaningful interventions to address identified areas and discuss feasible approaches and/or study designs needed to evaluate potential interventions.

Registration closes February 22. Register [here](#).

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Advancing Environmental Health Equity Through Implementation Science

National Institute of Environment Health Sciences

Monday, February 28 - Tuesday, March 1, 2022

The purpose of this workshop is to explore how environmental health scientists can use implementation science to inform the development, adaptation, implementation and scale-up of interventions, practices, and policies to prevent and/or mitigate potentially harmful environmental exposures and ultimately advance environmental health equity.

Workshop Goals:

1. To bring together environmental health scientists and implementation scientists to define the current state of their disciplines in health disparities research and to discuss how implementation science approaches can be used to advance environmental health equity
2. To identify research opportunities and gap areas to promote equitable implementation of evidence-based environmental health interventions in health disparity and environmental justice communities
3. To identify resources, training, and capacity building needs as well as opportunities for collaboration to support the use of implementation science that advances environmental health equity

Workshop topics include:

- What Is Implementation Science & Why Does It Matter for Environmental Health?
- Implementation Science in the Context of Environmental Health Disparities & Environmental Justice Research
- Evidence-Based Prevention & Interventions
- Emerging Environmental Health Issues (e.g., climate change, disasters)
- Community & Multi-Sectoral Partnerships

Click [here](#) for more information and registration.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Southeast Regional Clinical and Translational Science Conference

Thursday, March 3 - Friday, March 4, 2022 | Callaway Resort & Gardens in Pine Mountain, Georgia

This multi-day conference featured talks from top researchers across the region, dynamic poster sessions, breakout sessions on hot topics such as health equity, infectious disease, and health services, and multiple opportunities for networking at Callaway Resort & Gardens.

Registration is \$75 per person (\$35 for trainees). Fee includes attendance at scientific sessions and all breaks and meals.

Keynote Speaker:



Joni L. Rutter, PhD

Acting Director

National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences
National Institutes of Health

More information can be found [here](#).

Registration for this event can be found [here](#).

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Society for Epidemiological Research Mid-Year Meeting

Thursday, March 3 - Friday, March 4, 2022 | Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

"Intersecting pandemics: COVID-19 + health disparities"

The past few years have been unprecedented for many epidemiologists and biostatisticians. The COVID-19 pandemic revealed longstanding deficiencies in the public health system, especially in the U.S., and exacerbated pre-existing health disparities. In the 2022 SER mid-year meeting, we will focus on the experiences of applied epidemiologists as well as notable research projects undertaken in the past year related to the pandemic, health disparities, or their intersection. Several talks will center on Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as a prototypical urban location to highlight the local response to both pandemics.

SER is pleased to offer Mid-Year Meetings held via web conference. Invited presenters will present live on-site with attendees viewing via web conference. Individuals from the host institution(s) and public health departments/agencies may attend in person based on available space.

Registration Fees

Virtual Attendance:

Free to all 2022 SER members

In Person Attendance:

Students - \$35 per day

Non-Student - \$75 per day

Visit the website [here](#) for in-person and virtual registration, to view the agenda, and for more information regarding this meeting.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Emory Open School Institute for Healthcare Improvement Case Competition

Save the date for the inaugural Emory Open School IHI case competition! This competition gives graduate students across Emory and Georgia Tech the opportunity to develop solutions for improving access to care and healthcare equity in our community. A cash prize pool of \$7,500 will be awarded to the winning teams, with a portion of the winnings going to implementing the solution within the designated healthcare system. This competition is sponsored by the Institute for Healthcare Improvement and the Emory- Georgia Tech Health Innovation Program. Please refer to the flyer below for additional information.

Start date: April 6, 2022

Final Presentations: April 19, 2022

If you have any questions, e-mail Julie.mara.shabto@emory.edu or katharine.nianhua.woo.rainer@emory.edu

SAVE THE DATE

EMORY OPEN SCHOOL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTHCARE IMPROVEMENT CASE COMPETITION

Participate in a multi-disciplinary competition that allows graduate students to develop solutions for improving access to care and healthcare equity in our community

START DATE: APRIL 6, 2022
FINAL PRESENTATIONS: APRIL 19

Free to participate
Teams must be 4-6 students
and represent more than two
graduate programs

Cash prize pool of \$7,500

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UPCOMING EVENTS

20th Annual William C. Wood Research Symposium

Thurs | 4/14/2022 | 7:00AM - 11:30 AM ET

The 20th Annual William C. Wood Research Symposium will showcase the basic and clinical science research of the Emory Department of Surgery's students, residents, and both clinical and post-doctoral fellows. First and second place cash awards will be given for best oral presentations and posters in both clinical science and basic science categories. *The format of this event is yet to be determined.*

The keynote address will be delivered by Allan D. Kirk, MD, PhD, who is the David C. Sabiston, Jr. Distinguished Professor of Surgery; Chair, Department of Surgery; Professor of Surgery; Professor in Pediatrics; and Professor in the Department of Immunology at Duke University School of Medicine. In addition to his clinical transplant practice, Dr. Kirk has published over 300 scientific manuscripts, and continues NIH, DoD, and FDA-sponsored investigations in organ transplantation and immune management. Prior to Duke, he served as Vice Chair for Surgical Research at Emory from 2007-2014.



Allan D. Kirk, MD, PhD

The deadline for abstract submissions is **Friday, February 4, 2022, at 11:59PM, EDT** (extended). Trainees in dedicated laboratory rotations are encouraged to submit their research, though the call is open to all trainees. Submissions are reviewed by a panel of the Department of Surgery Research Advisory Committee. View abstract guidelines [here](#).

Click [here](#) to learn more about this event .

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UPCOMING EVENTS

8th Annual Health Services Research Day

The Georgia CTSA and Emory Health Services Research Center

Wed | 05/04/2022

Emory School of Medicine Building, Auditorium 110

Save the date for the Georgia CTSA and Emory Health Services Research Center 8th Annual Health Services Research Day - a symposium and networking opportunity where researchers learn about ongoing quality, effectiveness, and value-based research activities across the state of Georgia.

Keynote Speaker:

Elizabeth McGlynn, PhD

Professor of Health Science Systems Executive Director, Center for Effectiveness and Safety Research Vice President, Kaiser Permanente Research



For more information including the agenda, visit the Georgia CTSA website [here](#).

Register for this event [here](#).

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Society for Epidemiological Research Annual Meeting

Wednesday, June 15 - Friday, June 17, 2022 | Chicago, Illinois

Join the Society for Epidemiologic Research (SER) for the Annual Meeting June 15-17, 2022, in Chicago, Illinois.

Discounted conference registration rates are available through May 13, 2022. This includes discounts for SER members and an additional discount, from normal SER meetings, for Student and Early Career attendees. All attendees are encouraged to register early to ensure they receive the discounted rates!

Activities include:

- professional development sessions
- symposium sessions
- course development and revision workshop
 - Submission for application closes **February 4, 2022**. Click [here](#) to apply.
- student dissertation workshop
 - Submission for in-progress thesis for doctoral students closes **February 4, 2022**. Click [here](#) to apply. The students selected for participation will receive a fellowship to support travel expenses for the meeting and onsite childcare services will be available at no charge.

Visit the website [here](#) for registration details, to view the agenda, and for more information regarding this meeting.

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WEBINARS

Emory School of Medicine Grand Rounds

School of Medicine Grand Rounds occur every Tuesday from 12PM - 1PM.

Grand Rounds are offered in the Emory University Hospital Auditorium (2E) from September through June. We encourage faculty from all divisions, residents, fellows, and medical students to attend. Each presentation is followed by a brief Q&A session.

Medicine Grand Rounds presentations are broadcast to several Emory sites around Atlanta.

- Decatur Clinic
- Emory Clinic at 1525 Clifton Road, 4th Floor Conference Room #477
- Emory Johns Creek Hospital, Administration Boardroom
- Emory Saint Joseph's Hospital, Saint Joseph's Hospital Auditorium
- Emory University Hospital Midtown, Davis-Fischer Classroom 3
- Grady, Faculty Office Building, 101
- Grady, Ponce De Leon Center Room #354
- Veterans Affairs Medical Center, 6th floor Corner Conference Room

Subscribe to the Grand Round mailing list here:

<https://med.emory.edu/departments/medicine/education/cme-grand-rounds.html>

Archived session can be viewed [here](#).

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WEBINARS

Department of Surgery Grand Rounds

Surgical Grand Rounds occur every Thursday from 7AM - 8AM.

Surgical Grand Rounds are held on Thursday mornings in the Emory University Hospital Auditorium, with the option to attend and participate virtually via Zoom. The EUH Auditorium is located on the 2nd floor of the hospital, E-Wing, Room E205.

To be added to the email list for the monthly grand rounds schedules, contact Sean Moore, Communications Manager for the Department of Surgery, at srmoore@emory.edu.

CME credits are given for documented attendance.

February 3, 2022

Grand Rounds Canceled:

EUH Perioperative Services Performance Day

February 10, 2022

Past, Present, and Future of Surgery Training Paradigms

Presented by Emma Rooney, MD

February 17, 2022

COVID-19 in '22: What We Know Now (That We Didn't Know Then)

Presented by Jay Varkey, MD

February 24, 2022

7th Annual Kamal Mansour Lectureship:

The Complexity of Simplicity - Screening for Venous Thromboembolism in Thoracic Surgical Oncology Patients (and Other Musings)

Presented by Sudish Murthy, MD, PhD

Information on upcoming Surgical Grand Rounds can be found [here](#).

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CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

20th Annual William C. Wood Research Symposium

The Annual William C. Wood Research Symposium showcases the basic and clinical science research of all trainees in the Emory Department of Surgery. Participation is open to medical students, residents, and both clinical and post-doctoral fellows; trainees in a dedicated research rotation are encouraged to submit their research and attend the Symposium. Submissions are reviewed by a panel of the Department of Surgery Research Advisory Committee.

Important Dates:

- **Friday, February 4, 2022: Submission Deadline at 11:59 p.m. ET (Extended)**
- Friday, February 25, 2022: Notification letters for oral or poster presentation will be distributed
- Thursday, April 14, 2022: William C. Wood Research Symposium, Dr. Allan Kirk, MD, PhD Visiting Professor

Submission Criteria:

- One abstract per trainee may be submitted.
- One table or figure allowed per abstract.
- Talks previously presented at a national or regional meeting are admissible (must not have been published before August of prior year).
- Presenting at this meeting is not a deterrent for presenting at future national/regional meetings.
- A complete submission must include the presenter's name, email address, cell number, position, and PI/Faculty Mentor's name.

For questions about the program or submission, please contact S. Ashley McCullough at Sharon.McCullough@emory.edu. Visit the website [here](#) for abstract guidelines and more information.

Submissions can be done [here](#).

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CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

2022 Society for Epidemiologic Research Conference Abstract Submission

The 2022 SER Conference will be taking place June 14-17, 2022 in Chicago, IL.

Latebreaker Abstract Submission:

February 8, 2022 - March 4, 2022 (11:00am EST)

Notifications will be sent by: May 4, 2022

Abstract Submission Policy:

Abstracts derived from papers already published, either in print or in an online format, are not eligible for consideration to present at SER. Papers accepted but not yet published may be submitted, but in the event that the paper is published in advance of the SER meeting, the abstract will be withdrawn from presentation.

Visit the conference website [here](#) for abstract submission and conference details.

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CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

2022 Academy Health Annual Research Meeting

The 2022 Annual Research Meeting is organized around 21 themes and five submission types. All individual abstracts and research panel submissions undergo blinded peer review. Submissions for policy roundtables and critical and emerging issues in health services research are not blinded.

Late-Breaking Abstracts:

- Open Date: **Thursday, February 17, 2022**
- Submission Deadline: Thursday, March 24, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. ET

Submission Types:

- Call for Abstracts Sessions
- Panels on Critical and Emerging Issues in HSR
- Policy Roundtables
- Research Panels
- Student Posters

The conference will be taking place June 4 - June 7, 2022 in Washington, D.C.

For more information, visit the website [here](#).

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Oral and poster presentations will be selected from submitted abstracts. Abstract submission is not exclusive and is allowed at other conferences.

Abstract submission requirements:

- Limit of 1800 characters (250 – 300 words)
- Free-format/not structured

Abstract Submission Deadline: **March 7, 2022**

Abstract Acceptance Notice: April 2022

Click [here](#) for more information.

View examples of successfully submitted abstracts [here](#).

Questions? Contact:

Lauren James

Lauren.James@emory.edu

404.727.9734

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CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation - Evidence for Action: Innovative Research to Advance Racial Equity

Evidence for Action prioritizes research to evaluate specific interventions (e.g., policies, programs, practices) that have the potential to counteract the harms of structural and systemic racism and improve health, well-being, and equity outcomes. We are concerned both with the direct impacts of structural racism on the health and well-being of people and communities of color (e.g., Black, Latina/o/x, Indigenous, Asian, Pacific Islander people, and other races and ethnicities)—as well as the ways in which racism intersects with other forms of marginalization, such as having low income, being an immigrant, having a disability, or identifying as LGBTQ+ or a gender minority.

This funding is focused on studies about upstream causes of health inequities, such as the systems, structures, laws, policies, norms, and practices that determine the distribution of resources and opportunities, which in turn influence individuals' options and behaviors. Research should center on the needs and experiences of communities exhibiting the greatest health burdens and be motivated by real-world priorities. It should be able to inform a specific course of action and/or establish beneficial practices, not stop at characterizing or documenting the extent of a problem.

While they will consider research on various aspects of health equity, they prioritize studies of interventions that are designed to reduce race-based disparities (e.g., by confronting a root cause of disparities or targeting benefits to those experiencing the greatest burdens). RWJF is particularly interested in strategies focused on developing healthy and equitable communities; supporting the needs of children, families, and caregivers; and fostering alignment among health care, public health, and social service systems.

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

Please contact your RAS unit and Nicole Dancz (nicole.dancz@emory.edu) to inform them of your intent to submit.

For more information and how to apply, please visit the [website here](#).

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GRANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Diabetes Research Centers (P30 Clinical Trial Optional)

Applications for Diabetes Research Centers are designed to support and enhance the national research effort in diabetes, its complications, and related endocrine and metabolic diseases. Diabetes Research Centers support two primary research-related activities: Research Core services and a Pilot and Feasibility (P and F) program. All activities pursued by Diabetes Research Centers are designed to enhance the efficiency, productivity, effectiveness, and multidisciplinary nature of research in Diabetes Research Center topic areas.

Successful Diabetes Research Center applications require an existing program of excellence in biomedical research in diabetes, its complications, and in related research in endocrine and metabolic diseases. To justify Center support, the Diabetes Research Center must serve a large research base of NIDDK-funded investigators pursuing research activities in Center topic areas, as well as diabetes investigators with other sources of peer-reviewed support. The research base for the Center, including any affiliated hospitals or proposed partners, must consist of at least \$3,000,000 per year in direct costs of peer-reviewed research projects.

Deadlines:

- Letter of Intent: **February 8, 2022**
- Full Applications: **March 8, 2022**

For more information and how to apply, view the Funding Opportunity Announcement [here](#).

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Department of Surgery HSR Pilot Grant Funding Opportunity

PROPOSAL DESCRIPTION: Pilot grant funding/seed funding for the Department of Surgery health services research related projects for a one year period, with potential for competitive renewal for a second year. Funding will not exceed \$30,000 per year in direct costs only. Depending on merit, we may award up to 2-3 grants annually.

PURPOSE: Seed grants will fund projects to gather preliminary data which can later be converted to an R-series application or other sponsored funding opportunity with a secondary goal of encouraging collaboration across disciplines

ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION: A proposal related to health services research that ideally would involve multiple disciplines (e.g., clinical expert + methodologist) examining innovative solutions for issues such as healthcare quality, costs, equity/access to care or dissemination research in surgical patients. The focus can be local, regional, national, or international, but must include coinvestigators with primary appointments from a minimum of two schools. Salary for faculty or clinical staff would not be an eligible expense for this RFA. Recommended expenses could include fees related to data acquisition, biostatistics support, effort for a research coordinator, student/trainee support, travel expenses, or publication expenses.

Applicants should email their completed application to Larissa Teunis (larissa.j.teunis@emory.edu) with the subject line: HSR Center Pilot Grant Application by **February 11, 2022 (extended)**.

For more information and what to include in the application for this pilot grant, visit the HSR Center website [here](#).

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Accepting Applications for Georgia CTSA TL1 (T32-like) Training Grant

Clinical and Translational Research Training

The Georgia CTSA TL1 Program provides outstanding opportunities for clinical and translational research (CTR) training for predoctoral and postdoctoral trainees at the Georgia CTSA partner institutions: Emory University (Emory), Georgia Institute of Technology (Georgia Tech), Morehouse School of Medicine (MSM), and University of Georgia (UGA). The program is focused on providing didactic and mentored research training for predoctoral (medical students, PhD students, PharmD students) and postdoctoral (resident and fellow physicians, PhD postdocs, PharmD residents) trainees interested in a career focused on clinical and/or translational research relevant to human health.

Applicants admitted into the TL1 program receive the following:

- Stipend: One year of predoctoral or postdoctoral stipend support and health insurance based on the NIH NRSA scale.
- Tuition: Tuition support for the Emory or Morehouse School of Medicine MSCR program or Emory CPTR). (MSCR/CPTR coursework begins August 2022).
- Travel: A total of \$1,000 is provided to each TL1 awardee for travel to the Georgia CTSA Southeastern Regional Conference in Feb-March 2022 and the Translational Science Scientific Meeting in April 2022 to present their research in progress or research findings

Predoctoral TL1 application deadline: February 15, 2022

Postdoctoral TL1 application deadline: March 15, 2022

For more information on how to apply to the TL1 program and the application requirements, please see the program's [website](#).

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Now Open: AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting Scholarships

AcademyHealth is pleased to announce that we are now offering two scholarship opportunities for the Annual Research Meeting. These opportunities provide free registration and travel for successful applicants to attend the meeting on June 4-7, 2022 in Washington, DC.

Alice S. Hersh Student Scholarship

Designed to encourage professional and educational development in health services research and policy among student members, this scholarship commemorates the dedication of Alice S. Hersh, the founding executive director of the Association for Health Services Research (AHSR).

Click [here](#) for more information and to apply.

AcademyHealth Diversity Scholars Program

The AcademyHealth Diversity Scholars Program supports the professional development of underrepresented racial/ethnic minority groups in the field of health services research (HSR). This year five scholarships are available, plus one additional scholarship designated specifically for nurses enrolled in doctorate or post-doctorate programs

Click [here](#) for more information and to apply.

Application Deadline: Monday, March 7, 2022 11:59PM ET

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School of Medicine Imagine, Innovate, and Impact (I3) Nexus Research Awards

The Dean of the Emory School of Medicine (SOM) is soliciting proposals to develop new interdisciplinary research projects that have the potential to impact health or generate biomedical knowledge. In the current round, grants will be considered for:

I3 Nexus Research Awards: Proposals to spur interdisciplinary research are solicited. The I3 Nexus Research Awards will provide seed money to fundamental biological and translational investigators for obtaining sufficient data to ultimately develop external collaborative funding applications, and to investigators who may not otherwise engage in multi- and interdisciplinary research. The goal is to take programs to the level at which extramural funding may be pursued. **These awards require interdisciplinary team collaboration, with at least one collaborator outside of the home department/division (within the SOM) who brings a different discipline, expertise, or methodology to the project.**

Funding Availability - Award amounts are as follows:

- I3 Nexus Research Awards: Awards will be made in \$25,000 increments, up to a total of \$125,000 in total direct costs. Budgets should be rounded-off to the nearest \$25,000 increment.
- The total number of awards to be made is variable based on merit and funds requested; a maximum of \$500,000 will be awarded in this round.

Proposals are due **March 24, 2022 by 5:00 pm.**

View the award RFP [here](#) for more information.

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Apply Now: Conference Grants Focused on Advancing Health Services Research from AHRQ

AHRQ is accepting applications from organizations or individuals seeking funds to sponsor conferences to advance health service research. Applications may focus on research development; research design and methodology; dissemination and implementation; and research training, infrastructure and career development.

AHRQ is especially interested in supporting conferences that demonstrate strategies that include plans for disseminating complementary conference materials and products beyond the participants attending the event. Regionally-based conferences are acceptable with the expectation that plans will be developed for national dissemination. Such strategies might include, but are not limited to, submitting articles for publication, posting information on a website, and seeking formal opportunities to discuss conference information with others.

The agency invites applications from eligible public or nonprofit private colleges or universities, including minority-serving institutions of higher education, or individuals with the knowledge and resources to carry out research as program directors or principal investigators. Applicants from historically Black colleges and universities, Hispanic-serving institutions, Asian-American Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institutions and Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities are also strongly encouraged to apply.

Click [here](#) to view the announcement in the AHRQ website.

Click [here](#) to access the Notice of Funding Opportunity.

For questions, email R13conf@ahrq.hhs.gov.



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The Public Health Disparities Geocoding Project 2.0

In June and July 2022, the Public Health Disparities Geocoding Project, based at the Harvard TH Chan School of Public Health, will host new, thoroughly updated and revised FREE 4-day virtual trainings on why & how to analyze population health and health inequities in relation to census tract, county, and other georeferenced societal and environmental data.

Registration for both trainings is NOW OPEN and will close Thursday, Feb 10 at 12 noon EST. Register [here](#) for one of the 150 available slots.

Duke University School of Medicine Summer Institute 2022

Build your foundational knowledge in population health sciences; approach your research from different perspectives; better understand your context; and be more innovative in your proposals, design, and analysis. The Department of Population Health Services faculty will teach these skills and more at the Department of Population Health Sciences Virtual Summer Institute, June 13-17 and June 20-24.

Register and learn more information [here](#).

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Access to the COVID-19 Data Analytics Platform

Researchers studying COVID-19 can now access an innovative new analytics platform that contains clinical data from the electronic health records of people who were tested for coronavirus or who have had related symptoms. As part of NCATS National COVID Cohort Collaborative (N3C) Data Enclave, the data within this source will help scientists study COVID 19 and answer clinically important questions about COVID-19 that they could not have answered previously, including potential risk factors, protective factors, and long-term health consequences.

More information and how to submit access requests can be found here:

<https://ncats.nih.gov/news/releases/2020/access-to-N3C-COVID-19-data-analytics-platform-now-open>

Grant Support

The new Georgia CTSA Grant Wise service offers the opportunity for one to receive one-on-one feedback and support with grant writing from experienced senior faculty. This resource is available to faculty of institutions within the Georgia CTSA (Emory University, Georgia Tech, Morehouse School of Medicine, and the University of Georgia). All grant types are welcome to submit a request for guidance.

Receive support with:

- Developing a timeline
- Reviewing Specific Aims
- Writing/editing the text
- Responding to reviewers

Requests can be submitted to the [online form](#).

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Advancing Collaborative Biostatistics at Emory (ACBE)

Are you interested in joining an informal community for collaborative biostatisticians/data analysts to share ideas, information, and advice and to facilitate professional development? If so, please complete this interest form to join Advancing Collaborative Biostatistics at Emory (ACBE) [here](#). ACBE meets monthly on the third Thursday at noon via Zoom and we would love to have you join us! Contact Christina Mehta (christina.mehta@emory.edu) for more information.

Network for Evaluation and Implementation Sciences at Emory (NEISE)

NEISE is a network that encourages interdisciplinary research opportunities to harness the intellectual resources of Emory University and Greater Atlanta to create solutions for sustainable and resilient communities, while enriching the faculty and student experience. The mission of NEISE is to improve population health by conducting rigorous, evidence-based, and actionable research on implementing programs and informing policies in the US and abroad.

Check out their website [here](#) to get involved and access resources.

Healthcare Innovation Program

The Healthcare Innovation Program (HIP) supports and enhances the activities of faculty, staff, and units throughout the region to create, disseminate, and apply knowledge about healthcare service and delivery in order to benefit society. Explore existing health services research projects, news and events from partner organizations [here](#).



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Surgical Outcomes Club

The Surgical Outcomes Club is a consortium of surgeons and scientists interested in advancing health services and outcomes research in surgery. Officially launched at the American College of Surgeons Clinical Congress in 2005, SOC provides a virtual and real meeting place for investigators addressing some of the most pressing clinical and policy issues facing the surgical profession today.

SOC aims to facilitate networking with established surgical outcome researchers and provide a platform for fostering collaborations. It will also serve as a clearinghouse for educational materials and other resources for surgeons wishing to learn more about the field.

Check out their website [here](#) and become a member.

Episheet

Spreadsheets for the Analysis of Epidemiologic Data: <https://rtihs.org/episheet>

Episheet is a spreadsheet workbook that evolved from a collection of programs for first-generation programmable calculators (Epidemiologic Analysis with a Programmable Calculator, by Kenneth J. Rothman and John D. Boice, Jr.) It comprises various analyses for epidemiologic data, including confounding control by stratification of rate data, risk data, and case-control data, study size and power computation, standardization, analysis of matched case-control data, analysis of seasonal trends, computation of exact confidence limits for selected measures, meta-analysis, and more. The file is free to download and share.

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