

HEALTH SERVICES RESEARCH CENTER

EMORY UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

RESEARCH DAY HIGHLIGHTS

15th Annual Department of Medicine Research Day

The 15th annual Department of Medicine Research Day on Friday October 28, 2022 highlighted a number of different health services research-related abstracts and presentations. Below are two selections of some of the health services research-related presentations that were featured in oral presentations.

Variation in hand hygiene improvement after implementation of an electronic hand hygiene monitoring system

Lindsey Gottlieb, Asrani RP, Overton E, Holdsworth JE, Feistritz NR, Jacob JT, Steinberg J

Professor of Medicine (Division of Infectious Diseases) Dr. James Steinberg presented data on the implementation of electronic hand hygiene (HH) monitoring systems and their relationship to healthcare-associated infections (HAI). Among 2,100 acute and critical care rooms across 9 hospitals across Emory, HH adherence improved from 46% to 60%, with significant variation by hospital. Hospitals with later implementation showed the least improvement. Despite the challenges of large-scale implementation of an electronic HH system during a pandemic, the researchers improved HH adherence overall but found wide variation among hospitals due to timing of implementation, variation in the dedicated hospital-specific project management resources, and leadership engagement. Pandemic-related staffing challenges, disruption of standard HAI prevention efforts, and intensive device utilization confounded the researchers' ability to show a relationship between HH adherence and HAIs.



A cluster randomized trial of two implementation strategies of EQUIPPED

Camille Vaughan, Burningham Z, Kelleher JL, McGwin G, Jasien C, Hastings SN, Stevens MB, Morris I, Jackson GL

Dr. Camille Vaughan, Associate Professor of Medicine (Geriatrics) presented results of the EQUIPPED research study. EQUIPPED is a quality improvement program focused on prescribing safety for older adults at the time of Emergency department discharge. EQUIPPED implementation involves three core components, including provider education, clinical decision support, and audit and feedback interventions using the American Geriatrics Society Beers Criteria to determine potentially inappropriate medications (PIMs). This study evaluated the implementation of audit and feedback through a dashboard compared to academic detailing with an EQUIPPED champion. Through a cluster randomized implementation study from October 2019-September 2021, eight VA EDs were randomized to either the Academic Detailing (n=4) or Dashboard (n=4) strategy for audit and feedback. The researchers found that the academic detailing approach to audit and feedback was more effective than the dashboard-based approach; however, the EQUIPPED dashboard site with the highest dashboard engagement showed a substantial reduction in PIMs.



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HSR SEMINAR HIGHLIGHTS

"A Human Factors Approach to Strengthening Infection Prevention and Control"

Joel Mumma, PhD

Research Director, Healthcare Human
Factors Lab, Assistant Professor,
Department of Medicine, Division of
Infectious Diseases



Human factors engineering is a discipline that considers human performance, capabilities, limitations, and characteristics to design human-centered tools and healthcare systems. In 2020, the Emory Healthcare Human Factors Lab was created to deepen the understanding of healthcare workers and the equipment, technology, and environments with which they interact. The Emory Healthcare Human Factors Lab is working to address the unique challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic by collaborating with CDC on Project Firstline, a massive initiative to transform infection prevention and control training for all 6 million US healthcare workers. Project Firstline aims to provide frontline healthcare workers Infection Prevention and Control training they need to protect the county from infectious diseases threats through utilizing a user-centered approach to delivering training and emphasizing the “why” behind IPC practices and how to apply them.

Dr. Joel Mumma, the Research Director of the Healthcare Human Factors Lab and an Assistant Professor in the Division of Infectious Diseases, and his team seek to identify the forms of cognitive work involved in healthcare worker practices related to infection control and prevention. By utilizing the MacroCognitive Framework, the study of how people think in a naturalistic setting, Dr. Mumma and his colleagues conducted a qualitative study among 45 Registered Nurses (RNs) within Emory to obtain descriptions of the cognitive processes that an individual uses to perform a task. RNs were asked to describe (think aloud) what they were thinking about while performing a task. The “think alouds” were transcribed and coded into four macrocognitive functions: sensemaking, monitoring, decision-making, and planning. Analysis identified over 1,000 relevant verbalizations for infection control, with 61% of the verbalizations including at least one or more MacroCognitive Functions. This health services research study helped describe the thought process related to infection control and prevention, and Dr. Mumma and his colleagues plan to use these data to inform the development of an evidence-based infection control and prevention competency assessment and, ultimately, a training program for healthcare workers.

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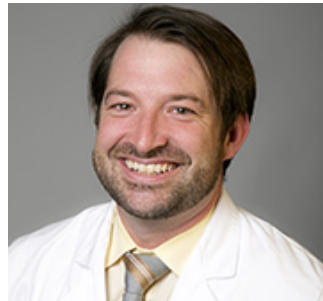
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HSR CENTER EVENTS

Health Services Research Seminar

"Using the MarketScan Claims Data for Health Services Research"

Wed | 11/16/2022 | 1PM - 2PM | Hybrid Virtual Option | WMB 1109



Christopher Filson, MD, MS
Associate Professor

Christopher Filson, MD, MS, is an Associate Professor of Urology at Emory University School of Medicine. Dr. Filson's primary clinical interest is urologic oncology (cancers involving the prostate, bladder, kidney, testes, and penis). This includes management of complex urological malignancies such as robotic prostatectomy for prostate cancer, robotic partial nephrectomy for kidney cancer, and focal therapy techniques with state-of-the-art technology. Dr. Filson is a member of the Cancer Prevention and Control research program at Winship Cancer Institute.



Michal Horný, PhD
Assistant Professor

Michal Horný is a health services researcher primarily interested in patients' experiences of the cost of care. His latest work examines health care price transparency efforts and how the temporal concentration of patients' out-of-pocket costs impacts the affordability of care. Currently, Michal is an Affiliate Research Fellow at the Harvey L. Neiman Health Policy Institute. He received his master's degree in Stochastics and Financial Mathematics from VU University Amsterdam and his PhD in Health Services Research from Boston University School of Public Health.



Jeselyn Rhodes, MSPH
Informatics Analyst

Jeselyn is a Research Informatics Data Analyst, IT Data Mgmt & Solutions specialist who assists with collection of data from Grady Hospital, specifically for the Center For AIDS Research (CFAR) at Emory and the Diabetes Center at Grady. Prior to coming to Emory, she worked for a year as a scientific data analyst at the Center for Disease Control (CDC), working in the Behavioral and Clinical Surveillance Branch. She also spent 7 "glorious" years as an Epidemiologist at the Georgia Department of Public Health (DPH) and the Metro Nashville (DPH).

Register here:

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_X9s9GKbXSBmf0sUoPY6p4w

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HSR CENTER EVENTS

Trainee Research in Progress

"The Role of Racial Residential Segregation in Access to Early Kidney Transplant Steps"

Wed | 12/07/2022 | 12-1 PM ET | Hybrid | Location WMB 1109

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. Trainees at all levels are welcome to present their research. If you have research in progress you would like to present to a multidisciplinary team of researchers and clinicians engaged in health services research, please contact Melisa Meza (melisa.meza@emory.edu) to schedule.



Presenter:

Jasmine Berry, MPH
Assistant Epidemiologist
School of Medicine,
Department of Surgery

Summary:

Substantial racial inequities exist throughout the kidney transplant process, though few studies have examined the impact of institutionalized racism. Prior studies suggest that racial residential segregation is associated with access to multiple aspects of care in the end-stage kidney disease (ESKD) population. We examined the association of racial residential segregation with referral for kidney transplant and start of the kidney transplant evaluation.

Join the TRIP here: <https://zoom.us/j/92683808036>

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LOCAL EVENTS

Diabetes and COVID-19: A Bi-directional Relationship

Georgia Center For Diabetes Translation Research Seminar Series

Mon | 11/07/2022 | 12PM-1PM ET | Virtual

Presenter:



Jess Harding, PhD

Assistant Professor, Department of
Surgery, Department of Medicine, Emory
University School of Medicine;
Department of Epidemiology, Rollins
School of Public Health, Emory
University

Join us for GCDTR's next seminar series presentation hosted by the Design and Evaluation for Equity Core, featuring a talk by Jessica Harding, PhD. Dr. Harding is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Surgery/Medicine at Emory University. She is an epidemiologist with extensive experience in conducting chronic disease research at population and system levels in both academic and government settings. She received her PhD from Monash University, Melbourne, Australia, in 2016, and completed a post-doctoral research fellowship at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention where her research focused on describing population-level trends in diabetes and related complications in the United States. At Emory, Dr. Harding is working on improving data collection and quality related to kidney disease and transplantation as a member of the Transplant Health Services and Outcomes Research Program. Dr Harding also has interest in health equity research and the role of social determinants of health as it pertains to people with diabetes and kidney disease.

Dr. Harding is a recipient of a Pilot & Feasibility Program Grant from the Georgia Center for Diabetes Translation Research at Emory University. In her project, she is examining the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the diabetes care processes within a large integrated healthcare system.

Register [here](#).



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LOCAL EVENTS

Network for Evaluation and Implementation Sciences at Emory

Wed | 11/9/2022 | 12PM-1PM ET | CNR Rollins Auditorium

This session focuses on “Applying a rapid qualitative approach in community-engaged implementation research: a case example from an evaluation of a breastfeeding peer counseling program in the US”

Speaker:



Elizabeth Rhodes, PhD, MS

Assistant Professor

Hubert Department of Global
Health Emory University

Core faculty at the Emory Global
Diabetes Research Center

Dr. Elizabeth Rhodes conducts implementation research to optimize the delivery and scale-up of evidence-based interventions that improve maternal and child nutrition, prevent and control type 2 diabetes and hypertension, and promote health equity. She also has expertise in the use of qualitative methods in implementation science. She currently leads and contributes to the qualitative components of several multi-site, mixed methods implementation research studies as well as methodological research projects to develop and refine innovative qualitative methods.

Attend in person: CNR Rollins Auditorium

Attend remotely: [Zoom link](#)



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LOCAL EVENTS

Health Equity Advocacy Community Forum: Building Consensus for Action

Tues | 11/15/2022 | 4:30PM-8PM ET | National Center for Civil and
Human Rights

This session will bring together healthcare professionals, learners, and community members to build consensus around health-related priorities for advocacy. This program will feature collaborative discussion that will have tangible deliverables.

Register [here](#)



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LOCAL EVENTS

Emory Department of Nephrology Renal Grand Rounds Talk

"Treatment Patterns and Characteristics of Dialysis Facilities Randomly Assigned to the Medicare End-Stage Renal Disease Treatment Choices Model."

Tue | 11/29/2022 | 5PM - 6PM | Virtual



Adam Wilk, PhD
Assistant Professor
Department of Health Policy
and Management
Rollins School of Public
Health

Adam Wilk is an assistant professor in the Department of Health Policy and Management. He is a health economist and health services researcher, conducting research on physician decision-making, access to care for Medicaid beneficiaries and other low-income and underserved populations, and the management of complex, chronically ill patients, particularly adults with kidney failure.

Dr. Wilk received his doctorate at The University of Michigan School of Public Health in 2015. Before his time in Michigan, Dr. Wilk worked to develop episode-based cost-of-care measures at The Brookings Institution and as a consultant to state Medicaid agencies and private insurers at The Lewin Group.

Join Meeting Here:
<https://zoom.us/j/99351503974>

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LOCAL EVENTS

Education Transformation - Community Engagement Session

Tues | 11/29/2022 | 1PM - 2PM ET | Virtual

In March 2022, The Emory School of Medicine launched an Education Transformation process across all ESOM programs. A Steering Committee comprised of the ESOM Education leadership and other key constituents has been charged with leading this strategic initiative. This transformational process has been designed to be highly interdisciplinary and include a diverse group of stakeholders from across the institution. The goal of this initiative is to redesign the educational experience across all ESOM programs (Health Professions, MD, and GME) by developing recommendations for proposed mechanisms to support learner experiences and attainment of learner goals. As of September, six working groups have launched and are individually convening through February 2023 to develop recommendations on various curricula and co-curricula topics. We would like to invite all faculty, staff, students to join a Community Engagement.

The session plan to share the overarching vision of Education Transformation, introduce the working group structure, provide an update on the broad direction of the process, and close with a dedicated Q/A session. During this Q/A session, we'd like to address any questions or suggestions from the ESOM community

Speakers:



Jada Bussey-Jones, MD
Chief of General Medicine and
Geriatrics for Emory at Grady
Memorial Hospital Director of
Education for Emory's Urban
Health Initiative



Eric Sundberg, PhD
Department of
Biochemistry
Professor And Chair



J. William Eley, MD
Executive Associate Dean
Medical Education & Student
Affairs

Registration is open! Register [here](#).

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LOCAL EVENTS

Public Health Workforce Training Programs

These are short courses offered by Emory University, Rollins School of Public Health. They are non-degree, certificate program designed to improve skills of public health workers. Epidemiology courses are patterned from CDC, EIS summer training program.

Course Dates:

Public Health Communication and Leadership Training Program (PHCLTP)

Monday, December 12 at 9 am

SAS Bootcamp (online or in-person)

Wednesday, December 14 at 9 am

Applied Epidemiology and Public Health Surveillance

Tuesday, January 3 at 9 am

International Course in Applied Epidemiology

Monday, April 3 at 9 am

Public Health Surveillance workshop (online and/or in person training)

Monday, May 15 at 10 am

Epidemiology in Action with Introduction to R Design Studio

Tuesday, June 6 at 10 am

[Click here for course details](#)

For questions or more information contact:

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GRANT OPPORTUNITY

WHSC COVID-19 Center for Urgent Research Engagement (COVID-19 CURE) and Awards Program

The Woodruff Health Sciences Center (WHSC) continues to seek proposals under the WHSC COVID-19 CENTER for URGENT RESEARCH ENGAGEMENT (COVID-19 CURE) and Awards Program, made possible by generous philanthropic support from the O. Wayne Rollins Foundation and the William Randolph Hearst Foundation. The CURE Center was created to facilitate high-impact science and discovery towards improved COVID-19 treatment and prevention research. This round of CURE award funding is focused on infrastructure urgently needed to support COVID-19 research or novel approaches to the disease, in particular in the areas of response to the emergence of new variants, strategies for **addressing vaccine hesitancy/resistance and the long-term complications of COVID-19 infection**.

Awards up from \$10,000 to \$250,000 will be made depending upon the scope of the project. In addition, COVID-19 CURE will act as a hub, facilitating and helping to prioritize Emory COVID-19 research activities.

Proposals are due November 15, 2022 The very best ideas that support new or existing research and collaborative projects between the schools, centers, and faculty of the WHSC are encouraged.

Eligibility: Principal investigators must have a primary faculty appointment in one of the WHSC units. The proposal cannot be duplicative with other funding approved or pending at the time of the award

Please submit proposals to Barbara Walsh barbara.walsh@emory.edu
(404) 727-4251

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CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Emory Woodruff Health Sciences Center for Health in Aging: Request for Pilot Proposals

Identify, attract, and catalyze Woodruff Health Sciences Center and Emory-wide creative resources to promote the physical, psychological, social, and spiritual health of older adults and to address the challenges that threaten their health and well-being.

We are seeking applications that fit the overall mission of the Emory Center for Health in Aging, can be completed in 1 year, and require no more than \$45,000 in direct costs. Pilots can include basic science, translational studies, and health services research. Cross-disciplinary proposals with investigators from more than one School or Department/Division are encouraged.

Examples of possible studies include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Understanding interactions between and innovative strategies to manage multiple chronic conditions
- Adaptations at the individual, family/caregiver, community, and/or health system that promote optimized independence in older adults
- Optimizing self-determination, including at the end of life
- Mastery in caregiving in a variety of conditions (e.g., MCI; transition from hospital)
- Addressing turbulence management: Aging as Change
- Nurturing the Spirit: Creativity, Civic Engagement, Spirituality

Submissions are due to Naquia Mitchell (naquia.mitchell@emory.edu) by Monday, November 21, 2022 at 5 pm EST.

Applications will be reviewed and Project Leaders of those **projects selected for funding notified by December 19, 2022**. Award funding will **begin on January 1, 2023**. Each selected pilot project will receive up to \$45,000 in direct costs for the project year, depending on scope, and will be required to provide progress reports at least quarterly to CHA leadership.

For inquiries regarding the Center for Health in Aging, the pilot projects, or upcoming events, contact Associate Director of Programs, Naquia Mitchell, BSN, MPH (naquia.mitchell@emory.edu)

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GRANT OPPORTUNITY

A Call for Investigator-Initiated Seed Grants in Healthcare Innovation Focus: Dealing with Pandemics

The Emory-Georgia Tech Healthcare Innovation Program (HIP), in partnership with the Emory Synergy Award Program, Georgia Clinical & Translational Science Alliance (Georgia CTSA), Emory Healthcare Innovation Hub, Emory Health Services Research (HSR) Center, Winship Cancer Institute (Winship), Emory+Children's Pediatrics Institute, and Georgia Institute of Technology, is pleased to announce the nineteenth round of research seed grants in Healthcare Innovation. Seed grants will fund multi-investigator & multi-disciplinary teams examining healthcare services and clinical effectiveness involving adult and/or pediatric patients.

Awards will support innovative approaches that are consistent with the goals of HIP and address issues of healthcare quality, costs, and/or access, which include (but are not limited to): coordination of public health and healthcare systems in prevention, diagnosis and treatment; provider-patient safety; clinical preparedness and communication; health policy and disparities. Proposals that include issues dealing with pandemics are encouraged.

Two types of grants will be offered: Preliminary Study Grants or Complete Project Grants. See attached RFA for information regarding evaluation criteria, funding, proposal formats, and submission instructions. Visit <https://hip.emory.edu/about/grants.html> to view awardees from previous rounds of seed grants.

Deadlines:

- **Letter of Intent: November 1, 2022**
- Full Proposal: January 1, 2023

Requests for additional information and questions may be directed to:

Maryam Carn, Associate Director Emory-Georgia Tech Healthcare Innovation Program
Maryam.carn@emory.edu or 404-727-9473

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GRAND ROUNDS

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.

Subscribe to the Grand Round mailing list here:

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

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

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.

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

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NATIONAL EVENTS

Webinar on Hybrid Effectiveness Implementation Clinical Trial Designs for Surgical Research"

Tues | November 1, 2022 | 6PM ET | Virtual

AcademyHealth AAS Association for Academic Surgery

Methodology Series WEBINAR!

"Hybrid Effectiveness Implementation Clinical Trial Designs for Surgical Research"

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 6 PM - 7 PM EST

REGISTRATION OPENS OCTOBER 3

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Shipra Arya, MD, SM
Associate Professor
Stanford University

Alex Sox-Harris, PhD, MS
Professor
Stanford University

SURGICAL OUTCOMES CLUB

Description: Surgical Outcomes Club (SOC), Association for Academic Surgery (AAS), and the AcademyHealth Surgical and Perioperative Care Interest Group (AH-SPIG) members are invited to participate in a quarterly jointly moderated, 60-minute virtual Health Services Research methodology series for an opportunity to receive updates in our field of research, share progress, and set the stage for future collaborations and opportunities. The first 30-minutes of each session will be a pragmatic didactic lecture followed by an interactive discussion and Q&A session. Participants are encouraged to submit questions ahead of time.

Register [here](#) to attend this webinar.



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NATIONAL EVENTS

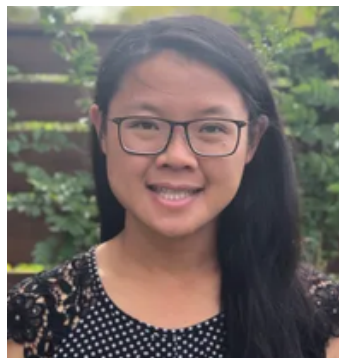
The Promise and Perils of Machine Learning Approaches in Epidemiologic Research

Society for Epidemiologic Research

Wed | November 9, 2022 | 12PM-2PM EDT | Virtual

Machine Learning (ML) is a rapidly growing subfield of artificial intelligence with an already extensive application in health and healthcare research. However, ML is not widely adapted in epidemiologic research, partly owing to its low emphasis on traditional epidemiologic thinking built on causal inference. Yet, ML has potential advantages that could tackle common issues in epidemiologic research, such as measurement error and missing data. The session will focus on the promise and perils of ML in epidemiology and advancements in the field over the past few years and how we can best adapt and harmonize ML approaches in epidemiologic research.

Speakers:



Jean Feng, PhD
Assistant Professor of
Epidemiology and Biostatistics
University of California, San
Francisco



Jack Wilkinson
Lecturer in Biostatistics,
Centre for Biostatistics,
University of Manchester

Visit the SSER website [here](#) for more details.



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NATIONAL EVENTS

Workshop on Housing and Obesity: Gaps, Opportunities, and Future Directions for Advancing Health Equity

November 14 - 15, 2022 | Virtual

The overall goal of this workshop is to accelerate research on the role of housing insecurity—including housing affordability, quality, stability, and its neighborhood context— on behaviors and pathways underlying risk for obesity-related health disparities across the lifespan. The workshop will emphasize existing research that connects housing policies and programs with obesity and also address methods for housing and obesity research, including study design, measures, data linkages and analytic approaches. The event will highlight interventions focused on addressing housing as a social need and that also move upstream to address housing as a core social determinant of health. The workshop will include engaging and interactive discussions to identify key research questions for advancing health equity research priorities relevant to diverse sectors and identify opportunities to create research partnerships and collaborations across Federal, regional and local housing programs.

The workshop is a two-day, online event and is free and open to the public. The meeting will bring together a diverse group researchers, leaders, and experts from a range of disciplines, including housing, obesity, health disparities, health equity, public health, and other relevant fields. The event will feature panel presentations, poster sessions, breakout sessions, and interactive discussions.

Registration is required. Register [here](#). Registration deadline is November 9, 2022. Learn more about this event [here](#).



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NATIONAL EVENTS

Seminar on Invisible No More: Addressing the Absences of Indigenous Peoples in Health Research and Data in the United States

Thurs | November 17, 2022 | 1-2pm ET | Virtual

This Cyberseminar will focus on the breach or gulf between American Indian/Native American health experiences and the data that informs healthcare decisions in government, industry and private practice. Our distinguished guests - who work across organizations in government and higher education - will lay out the preliminary scaffolding for what ought to be a longer, more official project to make American Indian/Native American peoples the top priority and the leading voices within healthcare and medicine across the United States.



Speaker: John Brown, MSPA

Assistant Director of Administrative
Operations/Administrative Officer: American
Indian Alaska Native Special Emphasis
Program Manager U.S. Department of
Veterans Affairs

Please register [here](#) to attend, and you can learn more about this event [here](#).



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NATIONAL EVENTS

15th Annual Conference on the Science of Dissemination and Implementation in Health

(Re)Building Better Systems: Being Proactive, Nimble, and Responsive

December 11-14, 2022 | Walter E. Washington Convention Center |
Washington, DC

Through a combination of plenaries, workshops, breakout, and poster sessions, the 15th Annual Conference on the Science of Dissemination and Implementation in Health, co-hosted by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and AcademyHealth, supports the collective understanding of the research agenda, puts forth new findings, and identifies research priorities to set the field up for the next decade.

This year's theme, **(Re)Building Better Systems: Being Proactive, Nimble, and Responsive**, will build upon lessons learned about rapidly changing community health and clinical settings to envisioning new models for conducting D&I science that respond to the shifting needs of diverse systems and populations, and use flexible and rigorous methodologies to anticipate challenges and ongoing change. To make large-scale gains in health at a population level, we must consider the integration of scientific discoveries within varied contexts and populations, in the face of dynamic evidence, competing demands, and diverse stakeholder priorities.

View event details [here](#).

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CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Advocacy and Health Policy Abstract Competition

The Georgia Society of the American College of Surgeons (GSACS) is participating in the American College of Surgeons (ACS) Advocacy and Health Policy Abstract Competition for residents and surgical trainees. The GSACS competition will take place on **November 14, 2022** at 6 pm via Zoom.

The winning GSACS abstract will be submitted to the ACS for consideration at the national competition, which will take place during the annual Leadership & Advocacy Summit from April 15-18, 2023, in Washington, DC.

Judges made up of individuals appointed by the Divisions of Member Services and Advocacy and Health Policy, will review the submissions and invite ten or more authors to participate in the national Advocacy and Health Policy Competition at the Summit.

The research should focus on advocacy and health policy issues at the state or national level.

Advocacy and Health Policy Abstract [Competition Specifications](#).

All abstracts must be submitted electronically by 11:59 pm, November 9, 2022.



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FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

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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FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Funding Opportunity: Georgia Center for Diabetes Translation Research: 2023 Pilot and Feasibility Program Cycle

The Georgia Center for Diabetes Translation Research (GCDTR) is pleased to announce the 2023 Pilot and Feasibility Project Program. GCDTR is a collaboration of Emory University, Georgia Tech, and Morehouse School of Medicine, with funding provided by the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK) and interinstitutional sponsors. The mission of the center is to facilitate and grow diabetes translation research at the partner institutions, within Georgia, and regionally with the overarching theme of health equity across race/ethnicity, age, sex and gender identity, geography (rural, urban), and associated comorbid conditions (e.g., cardiovascular disease, HIV, depression, cancer, cystic fibrosis, covid-19 and long-term consequences, and others).

GCDTR is seeking pilot grant proposals in the field of diabetes translation research that advances health equity. Pilot proposals are expected to be developed to gather preliminary data to generate subsequent funding. Two levels of funding are available for applicants:

1. Preliminary or formative research: This opportunity is for exploratory, feasibility, and formative diabetes health equity studies to generate preliminary data to facilitate a subsequent submission of a research grant for external funding. Examples include, but are not limited to, qualitative field work, community-engaged research for development of research questions, instrument, or assay testing, and secondary data analyses that leverage existing databases for data science, analytics, and modeling. Budget: up to \$30,000 for one year.
2. Prospective clinical or community-based studies: This opportunity is for pilot studies addressing diabetes health equity questions using prospective approaches in clinical or community-based settings to create or strengthen preliminary data to facilitate subsequent external grant submissions. A variety of methods may be used, including social, behavioral, clinical and community concepts, evaluations of clinical or innovative interventions, and dissemination and implementation studies. Budget: up to \$50,000/year

2023 CYCLE COMPONENTS DATES

Letter of Intent: Tuesday, November 1 - Wednesday, November 30, 2022

Studio Consultations with Core Faculty: December 2022 - January 2023

Application Receipt: Wednesday, February 15, 2023

Anticipated Start: Thursday, June 1, 2023

Letters of Intent should be submitted as a single PDF via to gcdtr@emory.edu **no later than Wednesday, November 30, 2022**. GCDTR will invite individuals to submit full applications. Should you have any questions about this funding opportunity, please contact Jeff Mills at jeff.mills@emory.edu. To learn more about GCDTR and our efforts to facilitate and grow diabetes translation research, please visit us online at <http://gcdtr.org>.

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FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENT

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.

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