

A Word from our Directors

Welcome to the second CAPES quarterly newsletter! We are excited to share news and announcements from the NIMH-funded Center for Accelerating Practices to End Suicide (CAPES) at UMass Chan Medical School. It's been a busy quarter, with our Signature Project Jaspr kicking off recruitment and our faculty being featured as a research highlight by NIMH. We wish you a happy 2024 and look forward to seeing what the new year brings for our growing Center!

Sincerely,

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Directors, Center for Accelerating Practices to End Suicide



News

The soft launch of the **CAPES signature project** is happening this month! We will be testing clinical and implementation outcomes of Jaspr, a suicide prevention software that can be accessed on a tablet by emergency department patients, which makes therapeutic use of downtime before a psychiatric evaluation. Patients can download the Jaspr@home app to their smartphone and use their safety plan and tools after the visit.



NIMH highlighted CAPES faculty, who recently published the results of the large Emergency Department Safety Assessment and Follow-Up Evaluation 2 (ED-SAFE 2) trial in JAMA Psychiatry

[Read more](#)

Voices of UMass Chan hosted Drs. Boudreaux and Larkin to discuss CAPES, highlighting the importance of compassionate healthcare in preventing suicide



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We are now recruiting for the **CAPES Lived Experience Advisory Board!** If you are an adult living in MA, with lived experience of suicidality or of supporting a loved one in crisis, consider joining us

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Upcoming events and announcements

We are hiring! The CAPES Center is seeking outstanding applicants for a clinical research coordinator II.

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On February 7, **Massachusetts Department of Public Health** is hosting a half-day virtual training "Understanding and Treating the Complex Puzzle of Non-Suicidal Self-Injury"



[Learn more](#)

Meet the team

Each newsletter, we will feature a CAPES team member. This time, meet **Ben Gerber, MD, MPH**. Dr. Gerber is an internist at UMass Chan with research expertise in designing and implementing technology to promote health in vulnerable patient populations. He is a member of the CAPES Executive Committee and an investigator in our person-centered design unit. In Ben's spare time, he loves to run. Coming from relatively flat Chicago, he's been finding the hills around Central Massachusetts to be challenging!



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