



Weekly Newsletter October 23-27, 2023

PQHS NEWS

UPCOMING EVENT

Wednesday, October 25 – 10:00 – 11:00 AM

Research Meeting – Presenters: Hassan Fouayzi, PhD, MS, Assistant Professor, UMass Chan Medical School

Title: Introduction to the HCSRN Virtual Data Warehouse

Brief Description: This presentation will introduce the virtual data warehouse common data model that supports multi-site health system research. This common data model was developed by the Health Care Systems Research Network (HCSRN), formerly known as the HMO research network

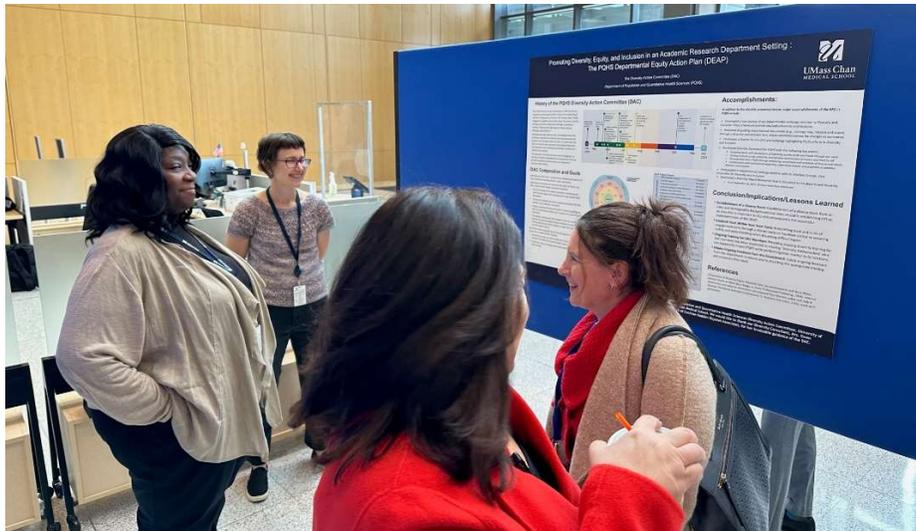
Click [here](#) to join or call 646 876 9923 Meeting ID: 937 1668 5400 password: 492717

PQHS FAREWELL



Teatime on October 19th said goodbye to Mandy and wished her well.

PQHS HAPPENINGS



The Diversity and Inclusion Office at UMass Chan Medical School hosted the two-day Diversity Summit on Oct. 11 and 12, illuminating progress toward meeting the institution's strategic goal to foster diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging across campus. The event included a poster fair, plenary session and a series of online breakout discussions.



The October 3 issue of Health Affairs has the theme “[Tackling Structural Racism In Health](#)” and includes many excellent articles, all of which are available through open access. We are particularly proud of “[Measuring The Enduring Imprint Of Structural Racism On American Neighborhoods](#)” whose lead author is Zach Dyer, an MD/PhD student in this department. PQHS faculty Matt Alcusky and Arlene Ash, and Sandro Galeo, Dean of the School of Public Health at Boston University, are co-authors. The article is linked to a website (sreindex.com) from which census-tract-level measures of the resources available within 9 distinct domains can be downloaded for research. The website also includes an interactive map for visual exploration of the data. While the measures were developed at the level of the census tract, geographically compact subdivisions of counties that can be readily determined from street address data, they are also available at the zip code tabulation area (ZCTA), an approximation of zip code.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UMass Boston Department of Gerontology & Gerontology Institute Present Proseminar Speaker Series Fall 2023

Monday, November 20, 2023
1:00 – 2:15 p.m.
via [Zoom](#)

Jaqueline Contrera Avila, PhD

Assistant Professor, Department of Gerontology,
University of Massachusetts Boston

“Tobacco Use Among Older Adults: Health Impact and Opportunities for Interventions”

Monday, November 27, 2023
1:00 – 2:15 p.m.
via [Zoom](#)

Debby Dodds, MS

Gerontologist and Head of Caregiver Engagement,
Generation Connect

“From Capstone to Commercialization: A Journey in Gerontology, Dementia, and Tech Innovation”

via Zoom: <https://umassboston.zoom.us/j/94175483404> Password: Boston

For more information contact Jaqueline Contrera Avila: Jaqueline.Avila@umb.edu

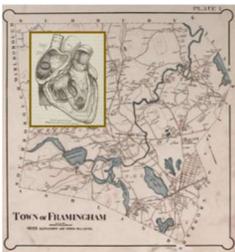


Monday, October 23, 2023, 12:00-1:00PM

Realizing the Promise of HPV Vaccination: Using Implementation Science to Prevent Cancer

Featured Speakers – Heather Brandy, PhD from St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital
Director, HPV Cancer Prevention Program, Co-associate Director for Outreach, St. Jude Comprehensive Cancer Center, Member, Department of Epidemiology and Cancer Control

Click [here](#) to join.



Wednesday, November 1, 2023, 7:00PM – Lazare Auditorium, Medical School Building and via zoom

**Boston Medical Library invites you to the 48th Annual Joseph Garland Lecture:
*The Framingham Heart Study at Age 75: Forever Altering the Face of Cardiovascular Care***

Presented by: Deeb Salem, MD and conversation with Daniel Levy, MD
Please Register to Attend In-Person or Virtually using the QR CODE



Friday, November 3, 2023, 12:00-1:00PM in Albert Sherman Building, AS9-2072

“Emulating the Chronic Hypertension and Pregnancy Trial: What Can We Really Learn from Real World Evidence?”

Presented by: Mollie Wood, PhD, MPH Assistant Professor, Department of Epidemiology, Gillings School of Global Public Health, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Click [here](#) to join via zoom. Password: 409560



Thursday, December 7, 2023, 11:00-1:00PM

“Thinking about Information Disorder in the Context of Health and Science: How Bad is the Problem and What Can We Do About It?”

Presented by: Ezra Markowitz, PhD

Click [here](#) to Register. Registration is required.

UMASS CHAN REMINDER

Annual Privacy and Information Security Training

Cybersecurity threats targeted against UMass Chan networks and data have become commonplace and the tactics that criminals employ are increasingly more sophisticated. UMass Chan’s annual Privacy and Information Security Training is a proven and effective deterrent against social engineering, phishing schemes and malware such as ransomware. The online training is informative and focuses on important steps that you can take to ensure you are safe from cybercriminals.



This year’s training begins Monday, Oct. 16, with an email from UMassChanInformationSecurity@umassmed.edu.

The training consists of six short interactive modules:

- You Are the Shield
- Email and Phishing
- Targeted Attacks
- Data Security
- Personally Identifiable Information (PII)
- Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)

You will have 60 days to complete the training, but we strongly recommend that you prioritize this critical tool for protecting your data both at work and at home.



NIDDK has issued two RFAs seeking to solicit projects that will form a consortium aimed at using diverse data types to improve subclassification of T2D. These RFAs solicit projects that will make use of large and diverse U.S.-based cohorts with large number of individuals with T2D. More information can be found in the published RFAs here:

RFA-DK-23-019: Integration of Novel Measures for Improved Classification of Type 2 Diabetes

<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-DK-23-019.html>

RFA-DK-23-020: Integration of Novel Measures for Improved Classification of Type 2 Diabetes – Biostatistics Research Center

<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-DK-23-020.html>

The receipt date for these will be October 26, 2023.



UMass Chan Medical School’s [Office of Communications](#) is initiating regularly scheduled opportunities where faculty, staff, and students can have a professional headshot taken. Photos are taken every other Wednesday from 9 AM to 3 PM on the fifth floor of the Sherman Center by the elevators. Each session caps at 50 people. Anyone at UMass Chan can sign up using this document found on the SharePoint site. See updated link for new options: [Photo Sign-Ups \(office365.com\)](#)

PQHS Weekly will be sent to all members of PQHS on Monday mornings. The intent is to provide a snapshot of what is going on that week in PQHS and to share our faculty and staff activities with the department. We depend on you to provide the items we need to share. Please send suggestions of events, faculty invited seminars & talks, honors, student thesis presentations, and news – new babies born! – to Kellie (kellie.armstrong@umassmed.edu) & Sarah (sarah.yeboah@umassmed.edu) by Friday each week.