

Department of Population and Quantitative Health Sciences

Weekly Newsletter

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Current and Pending Other Support

- Using SciENcv to create your Common Form Current and Pending (Other) Support document(s) (abbreviated as CPOS) will be required for proposals beginning sometime in 2026.
- Creating the CPOS document using SciENcv is a change from how this document was created previously.
- Only the NIH Current and Pending (Other) Support PREVIEW Common Form document is available in the SciENcv platform. The NSF Current and Pending (Other) Support document is also available in SciENcv, as is the USDA version.
 - The final version of the NIH CPOS should be available in November 2025.
 - For now, the NIH PREVIEW CPOS or the NSF Current and Pending (Other) Support document in SciENcv can be used as a template to get a head start on populating your funding -- especially if you have many grants.

The Finance team will be sending the current master other support document for each PI to populate their funding into SciENcv. Going forward, they will be able to generate for other documents as needed.

On your SciENcv Page (NCBI. SciENcv)

To start a new Other Support document

- Under My Documents click the button **+ NEW DOCUMENT**
- **Document title:** Give the document a unique name. If this is your first Other Support document, consider naming it your master. Following recommended naming tips is the same for the Other Support document as it is for your biosketch.
- **Format (Document type):** Click on the menu drop-down arrow.
 - As we already mentioned in the section on starting a new biosketch, the NIH expects to have the new NIH Other Support document available in SciENcv sometime in November 2025.
 - Until then, use the **NIH Current and Pending (Other) Support PREVIEW Common Form** or the NSF Current and Pending Other Support (referred to as C&P) document type.
 - Using the PREVIEW or the NSF form will allow you to get a head start on populating your funding in SciENcv before the new NIH forms are added. After they are added, use your PREVIEW or NSF version to **populate a new NIH master Current and Pending (Other) Support** document and work from that one for all subsequent proposals.
- **Choose Data source:**
 - For the CPOS, **there is no option for external data source** import. This is because funding information is highly structured and can be specific to your institution's Sponsored Research grants management system -- SciENcv cannot import data from institutional internal data sources.
 - Existing document: You can only choose from your current SciENcv C&P / CPOS documents, if you have any
 - Upload an XML file - this is an option only for CPOS or C&P forms
 - See the NIH's instructions on [structuring data for XML upload to a CPOS document](#).
 - Start with a blank document
- Click **Create** (or Cancel if you wish)

Here's the notice [NOT-OD-25-152: Preview of NIH Common Forms for Biographical Sketch and Current and Pending \(Other\) Support Coming Soon to SciENcv](#).

Regards,
Sarah

CONGRATULATIONS

Notice of Award



PI: [Adrian Zai, MD, PhD, MPH](#)

Source of support: **NIH** (correction-not NCI)

Award Number: 1OT2OD032581

Primary Place of Performance: UMass Chan Medical School, Worcester MA

Project/Proposal Start and End Date: 10/1/2025 – 7/31/2026

Total Award Amount (including Indirect Costs): \$99,987

Title: AI-CARDIO: Artificial Intelligence for Cardiovascular Risk Detection in GLP-1 Therapy 1

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, October 6, 2025, 1:00-2:15 PM

Gerontology Speaker Series

Title: ADVANCED-Comfort: New Paradigm for Advance Care Planning in Dementia Care



Speaker: Ruth Palan Lopez, PhD, GNP-BC, FGSA, FAAN, Jacques Mohr Professor of Nursing, MGH Institute of Health Professions

Yet in the context of advanced dementia, this traditional approach often fails to capture the lived experience of residents and families or to guide care in a meaningful way. Drawing on over a decade of research in nursing homes, I will introduce ADVANCED-Comfort, a novel framework and care planning tool that reimagines advance care planning as an ongoing, dynamic process centered on comfort, dignity, and family engagement. The model integrates the 6Ms—What Matters, Meaningful Activities, Mealtime, Medications & Treatments, Mobility, and Making Personal Care Comfortable—to ensure that plans reflect both medical needs and personal

values. I will share findings from pilot studies, lessons learned from national and international implementation, and implications for improving care for people with advanced dementia.

In-person (Gerontology Classroom, Wheatley Hall 3rd Floor, Room 125) and via Zoom: via

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

Thursday, October 9, 2025, 1:00-2:15 PM

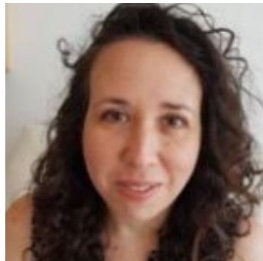
Sarah Yeboah and the PQHS Finance Team will be your hosts for a fall teatime. Please drop by for some seasonal treats to spice up your day.



Monday, November 10, 2025, 1:00-2:15 PM

Gerontology Speaker Series

Title: Growing old together: Connections and perceptions



Speaker: Dikla Segel-Karpas, PhD, Chair, Department of Gerontology, University of Haifa

Abstract: Aging is not only a biological process but also a deeply social one. Our relationships across the life course shape how we age, affecting physical and mental health as well as the ways we think about and experience aging itself. This presentation will review evidence on the role of social connections in later life, highlighting their impact on cognitive functioning, physical health, emotional well-being, and subjective views of aging. I will then turn to the couple as a central context of aging, examining how older romantic partners influence each other's aging process. Beyond the couple, I will consider intergenerational relationships with

adult children and their significance for both parents and children. The talk will conclude with discussion of ongoing and future research aimed at advancing theoretical and empirical tools to better understand how our closest relationships, including spousal and intergenerational relationships, shape the process of growing old.

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For more information contact Qian Song: Qian.Song@umb.edu**THE NEW ENGLAND ATTC TEAM WEBINARS**

We welcome you to check out our upcoming events! Mark your calendars and register now!

Wednesday, October 8th | 12-1 PM

Adolescent Substance Use: A Deeper Dive – Synthetics, Club Drugs, and New Fads in Substance Misuse.

We are excited to be bringing back **Dr. Laura Grubb** for a focused follow-up training on synthetic drugs, club drugs, and emerging substances. In this one-hour training designed for pediatric and adolescent providers, Dr. Grubb will provide a targeted overview of how to recognize acute signs of intoxication from synthetic drugs, club drugs, and newer substances such as xylazine. Participants will review practical, evidence-based approaches for managing overdose, walk through case-based examples, and explore how to guide adolescents and families toward appropriate resources and support. Click [here](#) to register.

The New England ATTC Team

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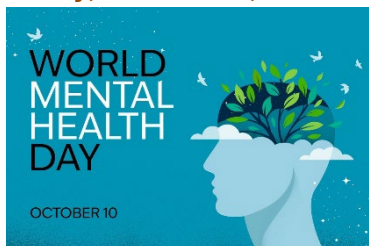
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[New England ATTC - Addiction Technology Transfer Center \(ATTC\) Network](#)**DIVERSITY CALENDAR**

2025 OCTOBER Monthly observances: * Filipino American History Month * Global Diversity Awareness Month * LGBTQ+ History Month * National Disability Employment Awareness Month * Polish American Heritage Month	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	28	29	30	1 * National Day of the People's Republic of China * Yom Kippur begins	2 * Dasara * Mahatma Gandhi's Birthday * Yom Kippur ends at sundown	3 * Gaecheonjeol * Day of German Unity	4 St. Francis Day
	5 * Chuseok (10/5-7) * Portuguese Republic Day	6 * Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival * Sukkot (10/6-13)	7	8 Latina Equal Pay Day	9 Hangul Day	10 * Guayaquil Independence Day * World Mental Health Day	11 National Coming Out Day
	12 * National Day of Spain * National Day of Spain	13 * Canadian Thanksgiving * Día de la Raza * Nat'l Indigenous Peoples Day	14 * Shemini Atzeret (10/13-15) * Sports Day	15 * Simchat Torah * International Pronouns Day	16	17	18
	19	20 * Installation of the Sri Guru Granth Sahib * Revolution Day	21 Diwali (10/21-25)	22 Birth of Báb	23	24	25
	26	27	28	29	30	31 * Halloween * Reformation Day * Samhain	1

October is the **Global Diversity Awareness Month!** During this month, we celebrate how our workplace benefits from people of different ethnicities, cultures, experiences, and abilities all working together. [Learn about different resources here!](#)

Friday, October 10, 2025 – World Mental Health Day



Observed annually since 1992, this day shines a light on mental health challenges and the collective action needed to address them. The overall objective is to raise awareness of mental health issues around the world and to mobilize efforts in support of mental health.

Each year highlights a theme, and this year's theme is "Access to Services – Mental Health in Catastrophes and Emergencies." This reminds us of the urgent need to ensure mental health care is available, especially in times of crisis.

World Mental Health Day provides an opportunity for all of us to share our work, reflect progress, and commit to making mental health care a reality for everyone. Let's start conversations, reduce stigma, and help improve mental health.

LGBTQ History Month

LGBTQ History Month is an annual observance that provides role models, builds community, and represents a civil rights statement about the invaluable contributions of the LGBTQ community. In 1994, Rodney Wilson, a Missouri high school teacher, and other community leaders decided the month of October should be dedicated to the celebration and teaching of gay and lesbian history. Check out the 31 people being honored for 2025 here: <https://lgbthistorymonth.com/>

FYI

Every Tuesday thru November 4, 10 AM – 2 PM

Farmers' Market, CSA, and Food Trucks at UMass Chan



Sponsored by Office of Well-Being and Office of Sustainability

Location: Outdoors, Medical School Building Terrace (Rain location: Old School Lobby or Albert Sherman Cafeteria)

In an effort to enhance campus sustainability, foster **engagement**, and promote well-being, we are proud to provide fresh, locally sourced food and products to our UMass Chan community and support small, local businesses in the region.

A variety of food trucks will be available each week offering food for purchase.

Questions? Email OWB@umassmed.edu.

UMASS CHAN REMINDERS

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Remaining Holiday Schedule for 2025:

- Indigenous Peoples' Day – Monday, October 13th
- Veterans Day – Tuesday, November 11th
- Thanksgiving Day – Thursday, November 27th
- Day After Thanksgiving – Friday, November 28th
- Christmas Eve – Wednesday, December 24th
- Christmas Day – Thursday, December 25th

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 Judi (judi.saber@umassmed.edu) & Sarah (sarah.yeboah@umassmed.edu) by Friday each week.