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| Melody Goodman, PhD; Graham Colditz, MD, DrPH; et al. Published in *Journal of Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities* |

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| Shared Decision Making Research |
| Erika Waters, PhD, MPH; et al. Published in *Journal of Behavioral Medicine* |

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| Epidemiology Research |
| Bettina Drake, PhD, MPH; et al. Published in *Cancer Prevention Research* |

Division News Briefs

- The Division of Public Health Sciences welcomes Elizabeth Yanik, PhD, ScM, as she joins WUSM as an assistant professor of orthopedic surgery. Dr. Yanik holds a secondary appointment in the Division of Public Health Sciences, and previously worked at the National Cancer Institute in the Division of Cancer Epidemiology and Genetics. Learn more about [Dr. Yanik's research](#).
- The Division of Public Health Sciences congratulates Erin Linnenbringer, PhD, instructor in surgery, on her grant award from the National Cancer Institute for a four-year, $500,000 project that will focus on reducing the ER-breast cancer subtype in African American women, and women from lower socioeconomic geographical areas. The project's end goal will be reducing cancer disparities in these specific populations. Read the [news announcement](#).
- The Division of Public Health Sciences also congratulates Joaquin Barnoya, MD, MPH, associate professor of surgery, on recent funding as part of a two-year, $247,000 grant from the National Institutes of Health. Dr. Barnoya will work as Guatemala's primary investigator along with six other institutions to establish a...
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new center for Mesoamerica to reduce cancer and diabetes burden in the funded countries. Read the news announcement.

• We also congratulate Allison King, MD, MPH, PhD, associate professor of occupational therapy and pediatrics, and co-investigator Aimee James, PhD, MPH, associate professor of surgery, on receiving a six-year, $4.5 million grant from the National Institutes of Health. Dr. King’s project will address improving the well-being of adolescents and young adults with sickle cell disease through a novel approach of cognitive assessment and educational intervention. Read the news announcement.

• Join us Thursday, October 20, at 4:30 p.m. for the Epidemiology and Clinical Outcomes Research Seminar Series in the Doll & Hill Teaching Room, 2131, in the Taylor Avenue Building. Benjamin Kozower, MD, MPH, professor of surgery at Washington University School of Medicine, will present Public Reporting of Surgical Outcomes. See upcoming seminar series presentations.

• Listen to September's Health Beyond Barriers podcast discussing prostate cancer screening guidelines, written by Bettina Drake, PhD, MPH.

• Media Notes: 1) Mary Politi, PhD, wrote a blog for The Conversation about her research and policy brief written in July for The Institute for Public Health outlining high insurance premiums discourage individuals from purchasing health insurance coverage. She was also interviewed by Brigham Young University Radio regarding her research findings. 2) Siobhan Sutcliffe, PhD, ScM, spoke with Reuters about a new study that suggests vasectomies are not linked to an increased risk of prostate cancer.

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