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Physical activity from menarche to first pregnancy and risk of breast cancer

Ying Liu, MD, PhD; Graham Colditz, MD, DrPH; et al.
Published in International Journal of Cancer
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The preventability of cancer: Stacking the deck

Siobhan Sutcliffe, PhD, MHS; Graham Colditz, MD, DrPH; et al.
Published in JAMA Oncology (editorial)
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Shared decision making and effective risk communication in the high-risk patient with operable stage I non-small cell lung cancer

Pamela Samson, MD; Erika Waters, PhD, MPH; Mary Politi, PhD; et al.
Published in The Annals of Thoracic Surgery
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Division News Briefs

- The Division of Public Health Sciences congratulates Ying Liu, MD, PhD, MPH on her promotion to assistant professor of surgery. Dr. Liu has been with the division as an instructor of surgery since 2011. Read more about her promotion and research interests.

- The Division of Public Health Sciences congratulates Graham Colditz, MD, DrPH, the Niess-Gain professor of surgery, deputy director for the Institute of Public Health and associate director of prevention and control at Siteman Cancer Center, on being named to the federal Cancer Moonshot Implementation Sciences working group. Read the news release.

- The Division of Public Health Sciences congratulates Adetunji Toriola, MD, PhD, assistant professor of surgery, and Rosy Luo, PhD, assistant professor of surgery, on receiving a one year, $15,000 Public Health Cubed Seed Funding award from the Institute for Public Health at Washington University. Drs. Toriola and Luo will examine ancestral and geographic cancer disparities in Trinidad and Tobago.
The Division of Public Health Sciences congratulates Sarah Gehlert, PhD, professor of surgery and professor in the Brown School, on her appointment to the California Breast Cancer Research Program steering committee. Her appointment will begin in July and run through 2021.

• Media Notes: 1) Graham Colditz, MD, DrPH, was quoted in The Washington Post about the future of lab-grown meat and the possible health benefits regarding colon cancer risk reduction. 2) Adetunji Toriola, MD, PhD, was interviewed for an Associated Press article about the second Johnson & Johnson lawsuit ruling in which a woman died due to ovarian cancer possibly caused by using talcum powder. The St. Louis Post-Dispatch covered the lawsuit and also wrote about talcum powder and cancer risk. Dr. Toriola was also part of a live podcast discussion at the University of Pennsylvania regarding the association between talcum powder, ovarian cancer risk, and the pending lawsuits. 3) Ying Liu, MD, PhD, was featured in Oncology Nurse Advisor about her recent findings linking delayed radiation therapy in DCIS to higher recurrence rates in some women. 4) Ross Brownson, PhD, was featured in a recent PBS NewsHour story reporting each state's top cause of death. PBS created an interactive map showcasing that data. 5) Adetunji Toriola, MD, PhD, was also interviewed by the St. Louis Post-Dispatch about possible cancer clusters in the Coldwater Creek area in St. Louis. 6) Graham Colditz, MD, DrPH and Siobhan Sutcliffe, PhD, were highlighted in May's JAMA Oncology editorial (featured above), which discussed the continuing prevention message that cancer is preventable. Read some of the news coverage: JAMA release, Reuters, Washington Post, Vox, CBS News, and NBC News. 7) Graham Colditz, MD, DrPH, also published an editorial in The Lancet that discussed the role of universal health coverage and its impact on reducing cancer disparities. Read some of the international news coverage: The Independent, HealthDay, CBS News, and Australian Broadcasting Corporation.