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Obesity and the transformation of monoclonal gammopathy of undetermined significance to multiple myeloma: A population-based cohort study

Su-Hsin Chang, PhD; Kenneth Carson, MD; et al. Published in *Journal of the National Cancer Institute* [PubMed | Chang Profile | Carson Profile | WUSM News Release]

An mRNA gene expression-based signature to identify FGFR1-amplified estrogen receptor-positive breast tumors

Rosy (Jingqin) Luo, PhD; et al. Published in *The Journal of Molecular Diagnostics* [PubMed | Luo Profile]

Body size from birth through adolescence in relation to risk of benign breast disease in young women

Adetunji Toriola, MD, PhD; Graham Colditz, MD, DrPH; et al. Published in *Breast Cancer Research and Treatment* [PubMed | Colditz Profile | Toriola Profile]

**Division News Briefs**

- The Division of Public Health Sciences congratulates Joaquin Barnoya, MD, MPH, on acquiring funding as a collaborator through the Wellcome Trust to study urban public health implementation in Latin America. Dr. Barnoya will be the representative for Guatemala and co-representative for Washington University on this five-year, $12 million grant addressing health sustainability. [Read the news announcement.]
- Join us Thursday, Feb. 23, 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. Graham Colditz, MD, DrPH, the Niess-Gain Professor of Surgery, associate director of prevention and control at Siteman Cancer Center, and Chief of the Division of Public Health Sciences, will present *Precision Prevention: Let's Avoid Exacerbating Cancer Disparities*. See the [upcoming seminar series presentations].
Jean Hunleth, PhD, research scientist, will publish her first book, *Children as Caregivers: The Global Fight against Tuberculosis and HIV in Zambia*, on March 3. Pre-order your copy online and view her Flickr art gallery of the children's drawings.

Media Notes: 1) Joaquin Barnoya, MD, MPH, was interviewed by CNN Español discussing the health differences of regular soda versus diet soda. Note: This interview is only available in Spanish. 2) *Value in Health* selected a November publication from authors Su-Hsin Chang, PhD, and Graham Colditz, MD, DrPH, for the journal's January spotlight. Drs. Chang and Colditz examined the economic burden of diabetes on the healthcare system in the United States. 3) Graham Colditz, MD, DrPH, kicked off a new partnership with the Gateway Region YMCA, providing prevention content for their blog. Dr. Colditz wrote about the 8 Ways to Prevent Cancer and Stay Healthy for February's blog contribution.