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Inadequate cancer screening: Lack of provider continuity is a greater obstacle than medical mistrust

Realizing the role of cancer prevention: The critical role of implementation

Racial disparity in life expectancies and life years lost associated with multiple-obesity related chronic conditions

Division News Briefs

- The Division of Public Health Sciences congratulates Mary Politi, PhD, associate professor of surgery, on her three-year American Cancer Society grant for $706,000. The grant will support the research and modification of decision making tools for cancer survivors. Aimee James, PhD; Esther Lu, PhD; Kenneth Carson, MD; and Timothy McBride, PhD, are all co-investigators. Read the news announcement.

- Registration closes today, April 3, for the Patient Centered Outcomes Research (PCOR) Symposium to be held April 26 at EPNEC on the Medical Campus. Register today to save your seat.
The Program for the Elimination of Cancer Disparities (PECaD) and the Kathryn M. Buder Center for American Indian Studies will co-host an **Intercultural Awareness seminar about the American Indian and Alaska Native populations** on April 13 at 11:00 a.m. in the Doll & Hill room at the TAB. All are welcome to attend this free seminar.

Join us Thursday, April 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. Ellen Velie, PhD, professor of epidemiology at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, will speak. See the [upcoming seminar series presentations](#).

Listen to March’s **Health Beyond Barriers podcast** outlining the CLAS Standards. The podcast is written by Vetta Sanders Thompson, PhD, professor at the Brown School.

Jean Hunleth, PhD, research scientist, will **host a book signing for her first book, Children as Caregivers: The Global Fight against Tuberculosis and HIV in Zambia**, on April 25 at 12 p.m. at the new WUSM Campus Store in the Mid Campus Center.

**Media Notes:** 1) Graham Colditz, MD, DrPH, commented in a [Reuters' article](#) for his and Yi Kyung Park's [editorial](#) in *The BMJ* about the link between obesity and cancer risk. 2) Jean Wang, MD, PhD, was interviewed in a [Fox 2 News](#) segment on why being screened for colon cancer is important. 3) Yi Kyung Park, ScD, was March's expert for *The St. Louis Post-Dispatch's* section, *In Good Taste*. Dr. Park explained the health benefits of cabbage. 4) Graham Colditz, MD, DrPH, was quoted in a [Life Science Daily](#) article about the risk of cancer's link to obesity from his New England Journal of Medicine publication (above). He was also mentioned on [All Things Considered (NPR)](#) about the complexity of cancer and risk factors. 5) Adetunji Toriola, MD, PhD, is April's expert for the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch's*, *In Good Taste*, and describes how healthy eggs can be for you.

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