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From the Division of Public Health Sciences, Department of Surgery
Graham A. Colditz, MD, DrPH, *Chief*

Feelings are an important part of understanding people's healthy behaviors



| Health Behavior Research |
Erika Waters, PhD, MPH
Published in *Journal of Behavioral Medicine*
[PubMed](#) | [Waters Profile](#)

RCT: weight loss by exercise+diet may help prevent chronic diseases via effects of adipokine levels



| Chronic Disease Prevention Research |
Adetunji Toriola, MD, PhD
Published in *Journal of Internal Medicine*
[PubMed](#) | [Toriola Profile](#)

Studying early-life exposures may open doors for identifying modifiable risk factors for prostate cancer



| Cancer Prevention Research |
Siobhan Sutcliffe, PhD, ScM, MHS, and Graham A. Colditz, MD, DrPH
Opinion published in *Nature Reviews Cancer*
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Division News Briefs

- Division faculty member [Mary Politi, PhD](#), and a team at the Comparative Effectiveness Research (CER) Center at Washington University School of Medicine will host their third annual symposium, titled "Comparative Effectiveness Research: From Study Design to Implementation," on April 16 and 17. Keynote speakers will include Joe Selby, MD, MPH, executive director of the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI). This free event will be held at the Eric P. Newman Education Center. Online registration can be completed [online here](#) by April 1.
- **Jennifer Ivanovich, MS, MBA**, has joined the division as a research assistant professor of surgery (primary appointment). Jennifer is a clinical cancer genetic counselor who provides genetic counseling, assessment and education to families with any cancer type. Jennifer is the co-founder and director of the Young Women's Breast Cancer Program, a community support and education program for women diagnosed prior to 45 years of age. She has been a co-investigator on several cancer genetic studies, including the research team responsible for the discovery of the DICER1 gene as the basis for the pleuropulmonary blastoma cancer syndrome. Currently, Jennifer serves as co-investigator for two studies focused on the identification of novel genetic risk factors for breast cancer development among young breast cancer survivors and a health communication



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The Division of Public Health Sciences is part of the [Department of Surgery](#).

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study designed to understand communication preferences regarding information obtained from whole genome sequencing.

- Nicola J. Camp, PhD, professor of genetic epidemiology and human genetics at the University of Utah School of Medicine, will be on the medical campus to take part in our **Population Health Speakers Series**. Dr. Camp will speak on the "Genetic Epidemiology of Multiple Myeloma in Utah" on Thursday, April 25, from 10 to 11 a.m. in the Holden Case Study Room in the Farrell Learning and Teaching Center. RSVP to leightonc@wustl.edu.

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