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# Research Digest

June 2013

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

## Urgently needed: research on decrease of ER- tumors, more sensitive screening techniques for breast cancer



### | Cancer Prevention Research |

Adetunji Toriola, MD, PhD and Graham Colditz, MD, DrPH  
Review published in *Breast Cancer Research and Treatment*  
[PubMed](#) | [Toriola Profile](#) | [Colditz Profile](#)

## What's behind "don't know" answers? Survey analysis needed for populations affected by health disparities



### | Health Communication Research |

Erika Waters, PhD, MPH and Bettina Drake, PhD, MPH  
Published in *Medical Decision Making*  
[PubMed](#) | [Waters Profile](#) | [Drake Profile](#)

## One-time density measure can be used for breast cancer risk prediction up to 10 years after screening



### | Cancer Prevention Research |

Lusine Yaghjian, MD, PhD, and Graham Colditz, MD, DrPH  
Published in *Cancer Epidemiology, Biomarkers & Prevention*  
[PubMed](#) | [Yaghjian Profile](#) | [Colditz Profile](#)

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## Division News Briefs

- [Melody Goodman, PhD](#), assistant professor of surgery, Division of Public Health Sciences, graduated last month from the 2013 intensive cohort of the **Community Health Leadership Program** at The Satcher Health Leadership Institute. This program provides leadership development training for community health leaders from academic institutions, community-based organizations and state health departments. The curriculum covered several topics: consensus building; cultural competency; community assessment tools; health disparities; and more. "It is not very often that someone with my skill set gets training in leadership, particularly as it relates to community health. The idea that they are training us because they think we have the potential to make a significant impact in communities is a great honor," Dr. Goodman said.
- On May 31, World No Tobacco Day, the Pan American Health Organization/World Health Organization (PAHO/WHO) honored [Joaquin Barnoya, MD, MPH](#), research assistant professor, Division of Public Health Sciences, for his **contributions to advancing tobacco control**. Among his many research accomplishments, Dr. Barnoya has generated multiple studies about tobacco consumption that have raised awareness and knowledge about this serious public health problem in Guatemala and Latin America in general. His studies on nicotine concentrations in public places



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We are a team of researchers and clinicians dedicated to preventing disease, improving health outcomes, and promoting quality and access to health care.

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

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were important in providing evidence for smoke-free legislation in Guatemala.

- Master of Population Health Sciences (MPHS) program 2012 graduate **Leisha Elmore, MD, MPHS**, was among the winners of the **Dr. Richard S. Brookings Medical School Prize** this year. This award recognizes her exemplary academic and personal achievements in research, including work she completed during her time as an MPHS student. She will begin a residency in surgery at Barnes-Jewish Hospital this summer.

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