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

## Inflammation-related genes mediate Celecoxib-induced toxicity in patients with colorectal adenomas



| **Cancer Prevention and Treatment Research** |  
Adetunji Toriola, MD, PhD, et al.  
Published in *Pharmacogenetics and Genomics*  
[PubMed](#) | [Toriola Profile](#)

## Interactive video program uses African-American breast cancer survivor stories to reduce disparities



| **Health Disparities Research** |  
Graham Colditz, MD, DrPH, et al.  
Published in *Journal of Cancer Survivorship*  
[PubMed](#) | [Colditz Profile](#)

## Community report shares findings, outlines cancer screening disparities for South Asians in Ontario



| **Cancer Prevention Research** |  
Rebecca Lobb, ScD, MPH  
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### ABOUT US

This newsletter provides a select summary of research news from the Division of Public Health Sciences.

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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## Division News Briefs

- The [Epidemiology and Clinical Outcomes Research Seminar Series](#) continues on Thursday, Oct. 10, at 4:30 p.m. in The Doll & Hill Teaching Room (second floor of the Taylor Avenue Building). **Jorge E. Chavarro, MD, ScD**, assistant professor of nutrition and epidemiology, Harvard School of Public Health and assistant professor of medicine, Harvard Medical School, will give a presentation titled "**Studying the Transgenerational and Developmental Origins of Chronic Disease.**" Once again, all are invited to stay for a reception immediately following the seminar from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Refreshments and hors d'oeuvres will be served.
- [Su-Hsin Chang, PhD](#), instructor in the Division of Public Health Sciences, received a **Mentored Research Scientist Research Career Development Award (K01)** from the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ). This award, \$441,963 over four years, will fund Dr. Chang's project titled "Obesity, Comorbidities, and Economic Evaluations of Surgical Treatments of Obesity." The goal of this project is to systematically investigate the interplay of obesity, comorbidities, and mortality, focusing on how surgical treatments can alter this relationship. Dr. Chang will evaluate different types of bariatric surgery from a population perspective with the goals of identifying the best type of surgery for each subgroup of the obese population and assessing the current guidelines on the eligibility of bariatric surgery.

- The Master of Population Health Sciences (MPHS) program has several **spring courses (January 13 to May 7, 2014) available to clinicians and clinical doctorates**. Click to contact [MPHS Program Coordinator Joyce Linn](#) for more information on the following courses: *Comparative Effectiveness Research; Principles of Shared Decision Making and Health Literacy in the Clinical Setting; Development, Validation and Application of Risk Prediction Models; Patient Safety, Quality Management and Quality Improvement; Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analysis; Addictions and Addictive Behaviors; and Intro to Dissemination and Implementation Science (February 4 to March 4, 2014 only)*.

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