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

## Rosner-Colditz breast cancer risk prediction model outperforms Gail model in independent cohort



| **Cancer Prevention Research** |  
Graham Colditz, MD, DrPH, et al.  
Published in *Breast Cancer Research and Treatment*  
[PubMed](#) | [Colditz Profile](#) | [Press Release](#)

## Obese women lose more life years from breast cancer than non-obese women



| **Obesity Research** |  
Su-Hsin Chang, PhD, et al.  
Published in *Preventing Chronic Disease*  
[PubMed](#) | [Chang Profile](#)

## Goodman leads report detailing the health effects of segregation on African Americans in St. Louis



| **Public Health Research** |  
Melody Goodman, PhD, MS, et al.  
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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

- [Mary Politi, PhD](#), assistant professor in the Division of Public Health Sciences, received funding from Merck through their Health Literacy, Diversity, and Adherence Investigator Initiated Submission program. The project will implement a previously developed decision aid designed to help patients learn about cancer clinical trials, reduce misconceptions they might have about trials, and consider whether or not they would like to participate in a trial. The decision aid was developed specifically for minority participants and will be adapted for implementation at the Siteman Cancer Center at Barnes-Jewish Hospital and the Washington University School of Medicine.
- The St. Louis Post-Dispatch newspaper recently featured the Community Research Fellows Training Program led by [Melody Goodman, PhD, MS](#), assistant professor in the Division of Public Health Sciences. [Read the article here: "Community Researchers Seek Help to End Racial Health Disparities in St. Louis Area."](#)
- Mark your calendar! The next seminar in the [Epidemiology and Clinical Outcomes Research Seminar Series](#) is Thursday, Feb. 13, at 4:30 p.m. in the Doll & Hill Teaching Room in the Taylor

Avenue Building. Michael Avidan, MBBCh, professor of anesthesiology and surgery, Washington University School of Medicine, will present "My Travails in the Lands of Negative Trials."

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