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Research Digest

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

Older ED patients with cognitive dysfunction have the greatest need for health literacy interventions



| **Health Literacy Research** |
Kimberly Kaphingst, ScD, et al.
Published in *Patient Education and Counseling*
[PubMed](#) | [Kaphingst Profile](#)

Study examines effect of daily hassles on health seeking behavior in a low-income population



| **Health Disparities Research** |
Aimee James, PhD, MPH, et al.
Published in the *American Journal of Health Behavior*
[PubMed](#) | [James Profile](#)

Time for action: What we already know could prevent thousands of breast cancer cases each year



| **Cancer Prevention Research** |
Graham Colditz, MD, DrPH, et al.
Published in *CA: A Cancer Journal for Clinicians*
[PubMed](#) | [News](#) | [Colditz Profile](#)

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Division News Briefs

- Join us Thursday, May 8, at 4:30 p.m. for the next talk in the **Epidemiology and Clinical Outcomes Research Seminar Series** in the Doll & Hill Teaching Room in the Taylor Avenue Building. Steven Woolf, MD, MPH, Virginia Commonwealth University Medical Center, will present. Looking ahead, the seminar series will break for the summer and resume on Thursday, Sept. 11, 2014. [View the 2014-2015 seminar dates here.](#)
- The Division of Public Health Sciences welcomed a new faculty member, [Cassandra Arroyo Johnson, PhD](#), assistant professor of surgery. Dr. Johnson's expertise is in biostatistics, epidemiology, health disparities and community-based participatory research. Her research is primarily focused on the built environment for physical activity, disparities in physical activity resources, and social determinants of physical activity, with an emphasis on fitness and obesity across the life course.
- Division Chief Graham Colditz, MD, DrPH, will be the guest speaker at this year's Annual Alpha Omega Alpha Spring Lecture. His talk, "**Harnessing Evidence to Prevent Breast Cancer Now: A Global Health Priority**," will be held Tuesday, April 22, at 12:15 p.m. in the Conner Auditorium, Farrell Learning and Teaching Center.



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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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