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First quantitative study of contralateral prophylactic mastectomy urges caution for many patient groups

| Cancer Treatment Research |
Lola Fayanju, MD, MPH; Graham Colditz, MD, DrPH, et al.
Published in Annals of Surgery
PubMed | Colditz Profile | Fayanju Profile

Smoke-free legislation results in a 14% reduction in hospitalizations for acute coronary events

| Disease Prevention Research |
Joaquin Barnoya, MD, MPH, et al.
Published in Current Environmental Health Reports
Full Text | Barnoya Profile

Study calls for shared decision making training and support for physicians at all levels

| Health Communication Research |
Rachel Zeuner and Mary Politi, PhD, et al.
Published in Health Expectations
PubMed | Politi Profile

Division News Briefs

• Rebecca Lobb, ScD, MPH, assistant professor of surgery, received a grant from the National Cancer Institute to study Strategies to Improve Colonoscopy (STIC study). Dr. Lobb and Jean Wang, MD, PhD (co-investigator), associate professor of medicine, Division of Gastroenterology, will compare the effectiveness of split-dose bowel preparation to split-dose bowel preparation plus low-literacy education and teach-back for bowel preparation on adequacy of bowel preparation and adenoma detection. The study will also examine characteristics of physician teams that facilitate adoption of these interventions. The study is working closely with the BJC Center for Clinical Excellence and will be implemented in six BJC hospitals in the fall of 2014.

• The Transdisciplinary Research on Energetics and Cancer (TREC) Center at Washington University in St. Louis has announced its 2014-2015 developmental project awards. Several faculty in the Division of Public Health Sciences were among the award recipients: "Promoting physical activity in post-radical prostatectomy African-American men," Lin Yang, PhD, and Bettina Drake, PhD, MPH; "Residential segregation as a driver of obesity's role in cancer survivorship and treatment outcomes," Melody Goodman, PhD; "Using economic health indicators to communicate colorectal cancer consequences and risk factors," Erika Waters, PhD, MPH; and "Physical activity to reduce breast cancer risk associated with delayed parity," Ying Liu, MD, PhD.
The Division of Public Health Sciences welcomes Deborah Curtis, administrative coordinator for Dr. Colditz. Deborah joins the division most recently from the Danforth campus, where she spent over four years as an administrative assistant in the Washington University School of Law Clinical Department. She is a St. Louis native.

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