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

## Community-based participatory strategies to address cancer disparities: PECaD successes and challenges



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

## Human herpes virus type 8 and prostate cancer development: no association found



| **Cancer Prevention Research** |  
Siobhan Sutcliffe, PhD, MHS, et al.  
Published in *Cancer Causes & Control*  
[PubMed](#) | [Sutcliffe Profile](#)

## Clinicians see benefit in flexible ways of delivering patient decision support interventions



| **Health Communication Research** |  
Mary Politi, PhD, et al.  
Published in *Journal of Evaluation in Clinical Practice*  
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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

- The Siteman Cancer Center at Barnes-Jewish Hospital and Washington University School of Medicine and Southern Illinois University School of Medicine is pleased to announce the **2015 Collaborative Cancer Disparities Research Program (CCDRP)** to support pilot projects representing collaborations between investigators from both institutions. Previous collaboration is not a requirement; assistance in finding collaborators at the partner institutions will be available. [Read the full RFA and learn more about the opportunities in collaborative cancer disparities research here.](#) Note: Letters of intent are due November 20, 2014.
- **Division grants update:** Mary Politi, PhD, assistant professor of surgery, and Bettina Drake, PhD, MPH, assistant professor of surgery, recently received research grants.
  - Dr. Politi's new R01 is called "**Supporting Decisions about Health Insurance to Improve Care for the Uninsured.**" The goal of this project is to compare previously developed decision support strategies about health insurance options to usual care health insurance materials. The aim is to improve uninsured individuals' decision making about health insurance as they prepare to enroll in the health insurance marketplace.
  - Dr. Drake's grant is a Health Disparity Research Award from the Department of Defense Prostate Cancer Research Program. The study, "**Effects of Diabetes and Obesity on**

**Disparities in Prostate Cancer Outcomes,"** utilizes a transdisciplinary team of clinicians and researchers to explore the association between obesity, type II diabetes, and prostate cancer recurrence. Results from this study will give high-risk prostate cancer patients information they need to make lifestyle changes.

- Save this date from the Comparative Effectiveness Research Center. The **Annual CER Symposium at Washington University** will be held April 14, 2015, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Eric P. Newman Education Center on the medical campus. The symposium planning committee members are Victoria Fraser, MD, chair, Department of Medicine; Graham Colditz, MD, DrPH, chief, Division of Public Health Sciences, and Mary Politi, PhD, assistant professor of surgery, Division of Public Health Sciences. The theme for this event will be "Methods in Patient Centered Outcomes Research (PCOR) and Comparative Effectiveness Research (CER). Read more [here](#).
- Join us tomorrow, **Thursday, Nov. 13, at 4:30 p.m.** for the next **Epidemiology and Clinical Outcomes Research Seminar Series** in the Doll & Hill Teaching Room 2131 in the Taylor Avenue Building. Chanita Hughes-Halbert, PhD, Medical University of South Carolina, will present "**Community-Based Research to Address Social Determinants of Cancer Health Disparities.**" No RSVP needed; learn more about the [seminar series](#).

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