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Barriers and strategies to participation in tissue research among African-American men

| Health Disparities Research |
Bettina Drake, PhD, MPH; Sarah Gehlert, PhD; et al.
Published in Journal of Cancer Education
PubMed | Drake Profile

Bivariate correlation coefficients in family-type clustered studies

| Biostatistics Research |
Jingqin (Rosy) Luo, PhD; Feng Gao, MD, PhD, MPH; et al.
Published in Biometrical Journal
PubMed | Luo Profile

Postmenopausal mammographic breast density and subsequent breast cancer risk according to selected tissue markers

| Cancer Prevention Research |
Graham Colditz, MD, DrPH; et al.
Published in British Journal of Cancer
Article | Colditz Profile

Division News Briefs

- The Division of Public Health Sciences congratulates Siobhan Sutcliffe, PhD, ScM, MHS, associate professor of surgery, and Graham A. Colditz, MD, DrPH, the Niess-Gain Professor of Surgery, Chief, Division of Public Health Sciences, associate director of prevention and control, Siteman Cancer Center, on receiving a $2.5 million dollar grant from the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases. This five year project, Lower Urinary Tract Symptoms Prevention in Adolescent Girls and Women Across the Lifespan, will work to inform effective prevention strategies for lower urinary tract symptoms in adolescent girls and women throughout generations.

- The Division of Public Health Sciences congratulates Aimee James, PhD, MPH, associate professor of surgery, on receiving a grant continuation through the Administrative Supplement to Expand NCI-Supported Community Outreach Capacity through Community Health Educators of the National Outreach Network. This grant is a supplement to the Siteman Cancer Center grant with an additional three years of funding for $372,010. The Program for the Elimination of Cancer Disparities (PECaD) will utilize the funds for maintaining current community partnerships, delivering evidence-based outreach and education in the community and disseminating information to the public.
The Division of Public Health Sciences congratulates Aimee James, PhD, MPH, associate professor of surgery, and Graham A. Colditz, MD, DrPH, the Niess-Gain Professor of Surgery, Chief, Division of Public Health Sciences, associate director of prevention and control, Siteman Cancer Center, on receiving a three year, $492,900 P20 grant from the National Cancer Institute to collaborate with The Southern Illinois University School of Medicine (SIUSM) and its Simmon Cancer Institute in conjunction with Washington University School of Medicine and Siteman Cancer Center in order to address the needs of rural, underserved populations experiencing cancer disparities in Southern Illinois. The grant, *Addressing Rural Cancer Health Disparities: A SCC-SIUSM Partnership*, has established goals to build and support cancer research initiatives at Simmon Cancer Institute, learn more about rural cancer disparities while co-collaborating with SIUSM, and to help train emerging scholars at both institutions to continue rural cancer disparities research.

Join us Thursday, Oct. 8, at 4:30 p.m. for this month’s Epidemiology and Clinical Outcomes Research Seminar Series in the Doll & Hill Teaching Room 2131 in the Taylor Avenue Building. Nancy Potischman, PhD, nutritional epidemiologist in the Division of Cancer Epidemiology and Genetics at the National Cancer Institute, will present "Early Life Risk Factors for Adult Cancers." See upcoming seminar series presentations.

Reminder: Free flu vaccinations for Washington University School of Medicine employees for the 2015-2016 flu season has begun. Click here for location and date information.

Media notes: 1) Graham Colditz, MD, DrPH, was featured on the American Association for Cancer Research’s blog highlighting his research and new ebook, *Together - Every Woman’s Guide to Preventing Breast Cancer*. 2) The Division of Public Health Sciences now has a Twitter Page. Follow us @WUSTLphs for updates from the Division, cancer research and prevention, and public health updates.

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