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

Descriptive analysis of the 2014 race-based healthcare disparities measurement literature



| Health Disparities Research |

Melody Goodman, PhD; Graham Colditz, MD, DrPH; et al.
Published in *Journal of Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities*
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What is a good medical decision? A research agenda guided by perspectives from multiple stakeholders



| Shared Decision Making Research |

Erika Waters, PhD, MPH; et al.
Published in *Journal of Behavioral Medicine*
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Meat, fish, poultry, and egg intake at diagnosis and risk of prostate cancer progression



| Epidemiology Research |

Bettina Drake, PhD, MPH; et al.
Published in *Cancer Prevention Research*
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Division News Briefs

- The Division of Public Health Sciences **welcomes Elizabeth Yanik, PhD, ScM, as she joins WUSM as an assistant professor of orthopedic surgery**. Dr. Yanik holds a secondary appointment in the Division of Public Health Sciences, and previously worked at the National Cancer Institute in the Division of Cancer Epidemiology and Genetics. Learn more about [Dr. Yanik's research](#).
- The Division of Public Health Sciences congratulates [Erin Linnenbringer, PhD](#), instructor in surgery, on her **grant award from the National Cancer Institute for a four-year, \$500,000 project** that will focus on reducing the ER- breast cancer subtype in African American women, and women from lower socioeconomic geographical areas. The project's end goal will be reducing cancer disparities in these specific populations. Read the [news announcement](#).
- The Division of Public Health Sciences also congratulates [Joaquin Barnoya, MD, MPH](#), associate professor of surgery, on recent funding as part of a **two-year, \$247,000 grant from the National Institutes of Health**. Dr. Barnoya will work as Guatemala's primary investigator along with six other institutions to establish a



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We are a team of researchers and clinicians dedicated to preventing disease, improving health outcomes, and promoting quality and access to health care.

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new center for Mesoamerica to reduce cancer and diabetes burden in the funded countries. Read the [news announcement](#).

- We also congratulate [Allison King, MD, MPH, PhD](#), associate professor of occupational therapy and pediatrics, and co-investigator [Aimee James, PhD, MPH](#), associate professor of surgery, on **receiving a six-year, \$4.5 million grant from the National Institutes of Health**. Dr. King's project will address improving the well-being of adolescents and young adults with sickle cell disease through a novel approach of cognitive assessment and educational intervention. Read the [news announcement](#).
- Join us **Thursday, October 20, at 4:30 p.m.** for the **Epidemiology and Clinical Outcomes Research Seminar Series** in the Doll & Hill Teaching Room, 2131, in the Taylor Avenue Building. [Benjamin Kozower, MD, MPH](#), professor of surgery at Washington University School of Medicine, will present *Public Reporting of Surgical Outcomes*. See upcoming [seminar series](#) presentations.
- Listen to **September's Health Beyond Barriers podcast** discussing prostate cancer screening guidelines, written by [Bettina Drake, PhD, MPH](#).
- **Media Notes:** 1) [Mary Politi, PhD](#), wrote a blog for [The Conversation](#) about her research and policy brief written in July for [The Institute for Public Health](#) outlining high insurance premiums discourage individuals from purchasing health insurance coverage. She was also interviewed by [Brigham Young University Radio](#) regarding her research findings. 2) [Siobhan Sutcliffe, PhD, ScM](#), spoke with [Reuters](#) about a new study that suggests vasectomies are not linked to an increased risk of prostate cancer.

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