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

Physical activity from menarche to first pregnancy and risk of breast cancer



| Epidemiology Research |

Ying Liu, MD, PhD; Graham Colditz, MD, DrPH; et al.
Published in *International Journal of Cancer*
[PubMed](#) | [Liu Profile](#) | [Colditz Profile](#)

The preventability of cancer: Stacking the deck



| Cancer Prevention Research |

Siobhan Sutcliffe, PhD, MHS; Graham Colditz, MD, DrPH; et al.
Published in *JAMA Oncology (editorial)*
[JAMA Oncology](#) | [Colditz Profile](#) | [Sutcliffe Profile](#)

Shared decision making and effective risk communication in the high-risk patient with operable stage I non-small cell lung cancer



| Shared Decision Making Research |

Pamela Samson, MD; Erika Waters, PhD, MPH; Mary Politi, PhD; et al.
Published in *The Annals of Thoracic Surgery*
[PubMed](#) | [Samson Profile](#) | [Waters Profile](#) | [Politi Profile](#)

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Division News Briefs

- The Division of Public Health Sciences congratulates [Ying Liu, MD, PhD, MPH](#) on her **promotion to assistant professor of surgery**. Dr. Liu has been with the division as an instructor of surgery since 2011. [Read more](#) about her promotion and research interests.
- The Division of Public Health Sciences congratulates [Graham Colditz, MD, DrPH](#), the Niess-Gain professor of surgery, deputy director for the Institute of Public Health and associate director of prevention and control at Siteman Cancer Center, on being **named to the federal Cancer Moonshot Implementation Sciences working group**. Read the [news release](#).
- The Division of Public Health Sciences congratulates [Adetunji Toriola, MD, PhD](#), assistant professor of surgery, and [Rosy Luo, PhD](#), assistant professor of surgery, on **receiving a one year, \$15,000 Public Health Cubed Seed Funding** award from the [Institute for Public Health at Washington University](#). Drs. Toriola and Luo will examine ancestral and geographic cancer disparities in Trinidad and Tobago.



ABOUT US

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.

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- The Division of Public Health Sciences congratulates [Sarah Gehlert, PhD](#), professor of surgery and professor in the Brown School, on her **appointment to the [California Breast Cancer Research Program steering committee](#)**. Her appointment will begin in July and run through 2021.
- **Media Notes:** 1) [Graham Colditz, MD, DrPH](#), was quoted in [The Washington Post](#) about the future of lab-grown meat and the possible health benefits regarding colon cancer risk reduction. 2) [Adetunji Toriola, MD, PhD](#), was interviewed for an [Associated Press article](#) about the second Johnson & Johnson lawsuit ruling in which a woman died due to ovarian cancer possibly caused by using talcum powder. The [St. Louis Post-Dispatch](#) covered the lawsuit and also wrote about talcum powder and cancer risk. Dr. Toriola was also part of a live [podcast discussion at the University of Pennsylvania](#) regarding the association between talcum powder, ovarian cancer risk, and the pending lawsuits. 3) [Ying Liu, MD, PhD](#), was featured in [Oncology Nurse Advisor](#) about her recent findings linking delayed radiation therapy in DCIS to higher recurrence rates in some women. 4) [Ross Brownson, PhD](#), was featured in a recent [PBS NewsHour](#) story reporting each state's top cause of death. PBS created an interactive map showcasing that data. 5) [Adetunji Toriola, MD, PhD](#), was also interviewed by the [St. Louis Post-Dispatch](#) about possible cancer clusters in the Coldwater Creek area in St. Louis. 6) [Graham Colditz, MD, DrPH](#) and [Siobhan Sutcliffe, PhD](#), were highlighted in May's JAMA Oncology editorial (featured above), which discussed the continuing prevention message that cancer is preventable. Read some of the news coverage: [JAMA release](#), [Reuters](#), [Washington Post](#), [Vox](#), [CBS News](#), and [NBC News](#). 7) [Graham Colditz, MD, DrPH](#), also published an [editorial in The Lancet](#) that discussed the role of universal health coverage and its impact on reducing cancer disparities. Read some of the international news coverage: [The Independent](#), [HealthDay](#), [CBS News](#), and [Australian Broadcasting Corporation](#).

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