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

Obesity and the transformation of monoclonal gammopathy of undetermined significance to multiple myeloma: A population-based cohort study



| Chronic Disease Prevention Research |
Su-Hsin Chang, PhD; Kenneth Carson, MD; et al.
Published in *Journal of the National Cancer Institute*
[PubMed](#) | [Chang Profile](#) | [Carson Profile](#) | [WUSM News Release](#)

An mRNA gene expression-based signature to identify FGFR1-amplified estrogen receptor-positive breast tumors



| Cancer Genetics Research |
Rosy (Jingqin) Luo, PhD; et al.
Published in *The Journal of Molecular Diagnostics*
[PubMed](#) | [Luo Profile](#)

Body size from birth through adolescence in relation to risk of benign breast disease in young women



| Epidemiology Research |
Adetunji Toriola, MD, PhD; Graham Colditz, MD, DrPH; et al.
Published in *Breast Cancer Research and Treatment*
[PubMed](#) | [Colditz Profile](#) | [Toriola Profile](#)

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Division News Briefs

- The Division of Public Health Sciences congratulates [Joaquin Barnoya, MD, MPH](#), on acquiring **funding as a collaborator through the Wellcome Trust to study urban public health implementation in Latin America**. Dr. Barnoya will be the representative for Guatemala and co-representative for Washington University on this **five-year, \$12 million grant addressing health sustainability**. [Read the news announcement](#).
- Join us Thursday, Feb. 23, 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. [Graham Colditz, MD, DrPH](#), the Niess-Gain Professor of Surgery, associate director of prevention and control at Siteman Cancer Center, and Chief of the Division of Public Health Sciences, will present *Precision Prevention: Let's Avoid Exacerbating Cancer Disparities*. See the [upcoming seminar series presentations](#).



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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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Research Digest

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- [Jean Hunleth, PhD](#), research scientist, will **publish her first book**, [Children as Caregivers: The Global Fight against Tuberculosis and HIV in Zambia](#), on March 3. Pre-order your copy [online](#) and view her [Flickr](#) art gallery of the children's drawings.
- **Media Notes:** 1) [Joaquin Barnoya, MD, MPH](#), was interviewed by [CNN Español](#) discussing the health differences of regular soda versus diet soda. *Note: This interview is only available in Spanish.* 2) [Value in Health](#) selected a November publication from authors [Su-Hsin Chang, PhD](#), and [Graham Colditz, MD, DrPH](#), for the journal's January spotlight. Drs. Chang and Colditz examined the economic burden of diabetes on the healthcare system in the United States. 3) [Graham Colditz, MD, DrPH](#), kicked off a new partnership with the [Gateway Region YMCA](#), providing prevention content for their blog. Dr. Colditz wrote about the [8 Ways to Prevent Cancer and Stay Healthy](#) for February's blog contribution.

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