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

Fresh evidence links adiposity with multiple cancers



| Epidemiology Editorial |

Yikyung Park, ScD; Graham Colditz, MD, DrPH; et al.
Published in *The BMJ*

[PubMed](#) | [Park Profile](#) | [Colditz Profile](#)

Plasma carotenoids and the risk of premalignant breast disease in women aged 50 and younger: A nested case-control study



| Cancer Genetics Research |

Ying Liu, MD, PhD; Rosy (Jingqin) Luo, PhD; Graham Colditz, MD, DrPH; et al.

Published in *Breast Cancer Research and Treatment*

[PubMed](#) | [Liu Profile](#) | [Luo Profile](#) | [Colditz Profile](#)

Mutational landscape and response are conserved in peripheral blood of AML and MDS patients during decitabine therapy



| Biostatistics Research |

Feng Gao, MD, PhD, MPH; et al.
Published in *Blood*

[PubMed](#) | [Gao Profile](#)

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Division News Briefs

- Join **P20 WUSTL-Siteman - Southern Illinois University School of Medicine partnership** faculty and staff for the **rescheduled 3rd Rural Cancer Disparities Retreat on March 17th**, in Springfield, IL. More information is [available online](#).
- Join us Thursday, March 30, 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. [E.A. Quinn, PhD, MPH](#), assistant professor of anthropology at Washington University in St. Louis, will present *Milk with Altitude: Early Life Exposures in Tibetan Human Milk*. See the [upcoming seminar series presentations](#).
- [Mary Politi, PhD](#), associate professor of surgery, will be **presenting twice at the 38th Annual Meeting and Scientific Sessions of the Society of Behavioral Medicine** March 29-April 1 in San Diego. **Dr. Politi presents March 30 and 31**, with both presentations addressing her decision-aids research.
- Listen to February's [Health Beyond Barriers podcast](#) in which [Erin Linnenbringer, PhD](#), instructor in surgery, wrote about the importance of **knowing family health history**.



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.

The Division of Public Health Sciences is part of the [Department of Surgery](#).

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Research Digest

March 2017

- [Jean Hunleth, PhD](#), research scientist, publishes her first book, *Children as Caregivers: The Global Fight against Tuberculosis and HIV in Zambia*, on March 3. View more in the [news announcement](#).
- [Marvin Langston, PhD](#), a postdoctoral fellow, traveled to Washington D.C. with the **American Association for Cancer Research to participate in their Early Career Hill Day**. Marvin met with Missouri Senator Roy Blunt to discuss NIH funding, and cancer research happening with the division. Read the [news announcement](#).
- **Media Notes:** 1) [Su-Hsin Chang, PhD](#), was referenced in [Knowridge Science Report](#) for her research findings that link obesity to multiple myeloma. 2) [Mary Politi, PhD](#), was featured as a WashU expert in the WUSTL political series, [First 100 Days](#). [Dr Politi's letter](#) gave advice to the president and his cabinet members about health insurance and the future of Obamacare. 3) [Graham Colditz, MD, DrPH](#), was quoted in a [Breast Cancer Research Foundation blog](#) that focused on cancer prevention during childhood and young adult years. 4) [Graham Colditz, MD, DrPH](#), was interviewed by [HealthDay](#) for his and [Yikyung Park's](#) editorial in The BMJ (above) about the link between obesity and cancer risk. 5) [Jean Wang, MD, PhD](#), contributed content for March's [Gateway Region YMCA blog post](#). Dr. Wang outlined colon cancer screening guidelines and recommendations.

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