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

Clinical trainees' responses to parents who question evidence-based recommendations



| Health Communication Research |
Mary Politi, PhD; et al.
Published in *Patient Education and Counseling*
[PubMed](#) | [Politi Profile](#)

Increased breast tissue receptor activator of nuclear factor-kB ligand (RANKL) gene expression is associated with higher mammographic density in premenopausal women



| Epidemiology Research |
Adetunji Toriola, MD, PhD; Rosy Luo, PhD; Graham Colditz, MD, DrPH; et al.
Published in *Oncotarget*
[Oncotarget](#) | [Toriola Profile](#) | [Luo Profile](#) | [Colditz Profile](#)

A pooled analysis of 15 prospective cohort studies on the association between fruit, vegetable, and mature bean consumption and risk of prostate cancer



| Epidemiology Research |
Yikyung Park, ScD; et al.
Published in *Cancer Epidemiology, Biomarkers, & Prevention*
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Division News Briefs

- The Division of Public Health Sciences congratulates [Mary Politi, PhD](#), associate professor of surgery, on her three-year contract with Merck Pharmaceuticals to design and implement patient-centered education materials to facilitate decision making in patients with Hepatitis C infection and chronic kidney disease. Read the [news announcement](#).



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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- Congratulations to [Jessica Hudson, MD, MPHS](#), general surgery resident, on receiving the Conquer Cancer Foundation of the American Society of Clinical Oncology Merit Award. Read the [news announcement](#).
- Congratulations to postdoctoral research associates [Saira Khan, PhD](#), and [Marquita Lewis, PhD](#), who were both accepted to participate in the Navigate Your Way to a K Award workshop. This two-day workshop is hosted by the [Geographic Management of Cancer Health Disparities Program](#) in region two, and is part of the National Cancer Institute. Only 12 applicants were accepted for this highly competitive training experience.
- Congratulations to our **2017 Master of Population Health Sciences (MPHS) graduates**. These new alumni received their degrees at a [certificate ceremony](#) in May.
- **Save the date for the [4th Rural Cancer Disparities Partnership Retreat](#) on October 27, 2017**. More details will be shared at a later date.
- **Media Notes:** 1) [Joaquin Barnoya, MD, MPH](#), is featured on the WUSTL Global Health website for recent studies on [fast food restaurant chains marketing towards Guatemala children](#), and [cigarette packaging that do not meet national requirements](#). The Institute for Public Health also published a story about Dr. Barnoya's research on [e-cigarettes and e-liquids in Guatemala](#). 2) [Adetunji Toriola, MD, PhD](#), spoke with [KSDK](#) about breast cancer disparities in African-American women, and higher mortality rates. 3) May's [Gateway Region YMCA blog](#) was written by [Lynn Cornelius, MD](#), who provides sun safety tips. 4) The Obesity Society's Bio-Behavioral Research Section selected an [Obesity publication](#) from [Su-Hsin Chang, PhD](#), and [Graham Colditz, MD, DrPH](#), to be featured as a research finding spotlight. 5) [The ASCO Post](#) interviewed [Graham Colditz, MD, DrPH](#), as part of their May special edition on obesity and cancer risk. 6) [Oncology Times](#) quoted [Yikyung Park, ScD](#), and recent research relating obesity and cancer risk. 7) [Jean Wang, MD](#), spoke with [Medscape Medical News](#) and commented on a recent study that found disparities in colorectal cancer patients.

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