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Childhood diet and growth in boys in relation to timing of puberty and adult height: The Longitudinal Studies of Child Health and Development

Siobhan Sutcliffe, PhD; Yikyung Park, ScD; Graham Colditz, MD, DrPH; et al.
Published in Cancer Causes and Control
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Understanding the cognitive and affective mechanisms that underlie proxy risk perceptions among caregivers of asthmatic children

Erika Waters, PhD, MPH; et al.
Published in Medical Decision Making
PubMed | Waters Profile

Impacts of neighborhood characteristics on treatment and outcomes in women with ductal carcinoma in situ of the breast

Ying Liu, MD, PhD; Graham Colditz, MD, DrPH; et al.
Published in Cancer Epidemiology Biomarkers & Prevention
PubMed | Liu Profile

Division News Briefs

- The Division of Public Health Sciences congratulates Bettina Drake, PhD, MPH, associate professor of surgery, on her appointment to Siteman’s new Associate Director of Cancer Health Equity.
- We also congratulate Jean Hunleth, PhD, MPH, instructor in surgery, on two recent appointments. 1) Dr. Hunleth now holds a courtesy affiliation as an instructor of
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anthropology. 2) She was also appointed to fellow in the Society for Applied Anthropology.

- The Division also congratulates Mary Politi, PhD, associate professor of surgery, on her new position as the Vice President-Elect of the Society for Medical Decision Making.
- Join the Program for the Elimination of Cancer Disparities (PECaD) for our last community town hall on Sept. 8 for community members to provide feedback about the new Siteman Cancer Center at Christian Hospital.
- September's Epidemiology and Clinical Research Outcomes Seminar Series will be held on Sept. 19 at 12:00 p.m. Ana Baumann Walker, PhD, research associate professor, will present in the Doll & Hill Room at the Taylor Avenue Building.
- Join the Division on Oct. 5 at 12:00 p.m. as Ashley Housten, OTD, OTR, MSCI, instructor at the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, presents. Dr. Housten's presentation will be held in the Richmond Room of the Taylor Avenue Building.
- Join PECaD Oct. 13 from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. for the East St. Louis Smart Health event at the Jackie Joyner Kersee Foundation.
- The Division is excited to share our updated and responsive website. Additions to the website include a listing of faculty projects and community engagement initiatives. Please remember to bookmark our new web address.
- Media Notes: 1) Aimee James, PhD, MPH, wrote a blog on colorectal cancer screening recommendations for this month's Gateway Region YMCA blog contribution. 2) Erika Waters, PhD, MPH, was interviewed by multiple media outlets including HealthDay, Healio, and Live Science regarding her recent study analyzing an individual's understanding of obesity and cancer risk. 3) Yikyung Park, ScD, is featured for September's In Good Taste segment on leafy greens and their health benefits. 4) Physician's Weekly featured Graham Colditz, MD, DrPH, in their blog addressing diabetes and cancer risk. 5) The St. Louis American mentioned PECaD faculty members Bettina Drake, PhD, MPH; Aimee James, PhD, MPH; Vetta Thompson, PhD; and Graham Colditz, MD, DrPH; in their article on the groundbreaking of Siteman Cancer Center at Christian Hospital. 6) Mary Politi, PhD, published in The New England Journal of Medicine Catalyst on innovative decision support for healthcare enrollment. Read the WUSM news release.