



Weekly Newsletter June 24-28, 2024

PQHS NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS



Kathryn Delaney will defend her PhD Thesis Defense titled *“Ethical Frameworks in Perivable Decision Making: Patient Perspectives and Provider Patterns”* on Tuesday, June 25, 2024 at 7am via zoom. Click [here](#) to join. Password: 817425



Wednesday, June 26 – 10:00 – 11:00 AM

Research Meeting –Title: Navigating the Threshold: Applying Regression Discontinuity Design in Healthcare Research

Presenter: Justin Rucci, MD, MSCI

Advanced Fellow in Health Systems Research, VA Boston Healthcare System, Center for Healthcare Organization and Implementation Research

Assistant Professor, Boston University Avedisian & Chobanian School of Medicine, Division of Pulmonary, Allergy, Sleep & Critical Care Medicine

Bio: Dr. Rucci is a physician-scientist and recent graduate of the UMass Chan MSCI Program. His research evaluates practice pattern variation across intensive care units and how this variation impacts patient outcomes. Most recently, Dr. Rucci seeks to understand how the use of a learning health system model within intensive care units could support robust mixed methods research and enhance critical care delivery.

Brief Description: This presentation will provide an overview of the quasi-experimental method regression discontinuity design (RDD). In addition to discussing the premise of RDD and describing a stepwise approach to conducting an RDD study, the session will provide practical examples of how RDD can be applied to healthcare research.

Click [here](#) to join or call 646 876 9923 Meeting ID: 937 1668 5400 password: 492717



UMass Chan Medical School encourages employees to “Take a Break” – Use Your Excess Vacation Leave **by June 29th**. As we get closer to fiscal year end, we want to remind you of the [UMass Chan Vacation Policy](#) and maximum accruals so you can plan accordingly.

As of the last full pay period of the fiscal year, the maximum number of vacation hours employees may carry over into the next fiscal year is 240. During the fiscal year, employees are allowed to accrue hours over 240; hours over this accrual limit are automatically re-set in the payroll system to the accrual maximum. **This year, the relevant pay period ends June 29, 2024. Accordingly, we encourage**

you to use any vacation balances over 240 that exceed the 240-hour maximum before that date.

PQHS HAPPENINGS



Transdisciplinary Training Program in Cardiovascular Research (T32)

Accepting Pre- and Post-Doctoral Applications

Deadline is July 12, 2024 at 5:00 PM ET

Click [here](#) to view website for more information.



Sign up to have lunch with the Chair & Vice Chair! There are still slots available to pick from.

Lunch with the Chair and Vice Chair sign ups are first come first serve for 3 Faculty Members and 3 Staff Members each month to have to have a nice catered meal and to talk about anything, but *NO WORK TALK*. Please review the available slots below and click on the button to sign up for the date that works for you. Thank you!

Click [here](#) to sign up!

Holiday Calendar for UMass Chan Medical School**Remaining Holiday Schedule for 2024:**

- Independence Day – Thursday, July 4th
- Labor Day – Monday, September 2nd
- Indigenous Peoples' Day – Monday, October 14th
- Veterans Day – Monday, November 11th
- Thanksgiving Day – Thursday, November 28th
- Day After Thanksgiving – Friday, November 29th
- Christmas Eve – Tuesday, December 24th
- Christmas Day – Wednesday, December 25th



UMass Chan Medical School's [Office of Communications](#) is initiating regularly scheduled opportunities where faculty, staff, and students can have a professional headshot taken. Photos are taken every other Wednesday from 9 AM to 3 PM on the fifth floor of the Sherman Center by the elevators. Each session caps at 50 people. Anyone at UMass Chan can sign up using this document found on the SharePoint site. See updated link for new options: [Photo Sign-Ups \(office365.com\)](#)

PQHS Weekly will be sent to all members of PQHS on Monday mornings. The intent is to provide a snapshot of what is going on that week in PQHS and to share our faculty and staff activities with the department. We depend on you to provide the items we need to share. Please send suggestions of events, faculty invited seminars & talks, honors, student thesis presentations, and news – new babies born! – to Kellie (kellie.armstrong@umassmed.edu) & Sarah (sarah.yeboah@umassmed.edu) by Friday each week.