

Weekly Newsletter October 16-20, 2023

PQHS NEWS

UPCOMING EVENT

Wednesday, October 18 – 10:00 – 11:00 AM

Research Meeting – Presenters: Eric Mick, ScD, Associate Professor, PQHS, UMass Chan Medical School

Title: Medicare for All - Implications for UMass Memorial and Acute Care Hospitals across Massachusetts

Brief Description: This presentation will provide an overview and detailed findings of our joint research program with UMMH. In this project we developed model through qualitative methods to estimate the impact (loss of revenue, administrative savings, etc) at UMMH. We then apply this model to Mass Hospitals to estimate statewide effects and identify key features that determine where Medicare for All would be most beneficial.

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



Thursday, October 19 – 2:00-3:00PM

Tea Time will be hosted by Finance Team. Please stop by, say hello and have a cup of tea.

PQHS FAREWELL



Mandy O'Reilly has resigned from her position effective October 20th, 2023, and will be leaving the University. Mandy has been with PQHS for 10 years and has been consistent in delivering effective results. She contributed immensely to our current Administrative success and her departure leaves a big gap on our Administrative team Please bear with us as we work on transition and future communication on her portfolio assignments. We wish Mandy every success in her future endeavors. She will be greatly missed. Please stop by Teatime on October 19th say goodbye to Mandy and wish her well.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**UMass Boston Department of Gerontology & Gerontology Institute
Present Proseminar Speaker Series Fall 2023**

Monday, October 23, 2023

1:00 – 2:15 p.m.

via [Zoom](#)

Maira A. Castañeda-Avila, MS, PhD

Assistant Professor, Division of Epidemiology, Department of Population & Quantitative Health Sciences,
UMass Chan Medical School

“Career Journey in Cancer Epidemiology: Focusing on the Colorectal Cancer Care Continuum Among Older Hispanic Adults”

Monday, November 20, 2023

1:00 – 2:15 p.m.

via [Zoom](#)

Jaqueline Contrera Avila, PhD

Assistant Professor, Department of Gerontology,
University of Massachusetts Boston

“Tobacco Use Among Older Adults: Health Impact and Opportunities for Interventions”

Monday, November 27, 2023

1:00 – 2:15 p.m.

via [Zoom](#)

Debby Dodds, MS

Gerontologist and Head of Caregiver Engagement,
Generation Connect

“From Capstone to Commercialization: A Journey in Gerontology, Dementia, and Tech Innovation”

via Zoom: <https://umassboston.zoom.us/j/94175483404> Password: Boston

For more information contact Jaqueline Contrera Avila: Jaqueline.Avila@umb.edu



Wednesday, October 18, 2023, 10:00-11:30AM

Leveraging Community Engagement To Address Behavioral Health Disparities In The Deaf Community

Featured Speakers – [Melissa Anderson, PhD, MSCI](#) and [Alexander Wilkins, PhD](#)

Click [here](#) to register.



**CENTER FOR CLINICAL AND
TRANSLATIONAL SCIENCE**



Monday, October 23, 2023, 12:00-1:00PM

Realizing the Promise of HPV Vaccination: Using Implementation Science to Prevent Cancer

Featured Speakers – Heather Brandy, PhD from St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital
Director, HPV Cancer Prevention Program, Co-associate Director for Outreach, St. Jude Comprehensive
Cancer Center, Member, Department of Epidemiology and Cancer Control

Click [here](#) to join.



Friday, November 3, 2023, 12:00-1:00PM in Albert Sherman Building, AS9-2072

“Emulating the Chronic Hypertension and Pregnancy Trial: What Can We Really Learn from Real World Evidence?”

Presented by: Mollie Wood, PhD, MPH Assistant Professor, Department of Epidemiology, Gillings School
of Global Public Health, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Click [here](#) to join via zoom. Password: 409560

UMASS CHAN REMINDER



Annual Privacy and Information Security Training

Cybersecurity threats targeted against UMass Chan networks and data have become commonplace and the tactics that criminals employ are increasingly more sophisticated. UMass Chan’s annual Privacy and Information Security Training is a proven and effective deterrent against social engineering, phishing schemes and malware such as ransomware. The online training is informative and focuses on important steps that you can take to ensure you are safe from cybercriminals.

This year’s training begins Monday, Oct. 16, with an email from UMassChanInformationSecurity@umassmed.edu.

The training consists of six short interactive modules:

- You Are the Shield
- Email and Phishing
- Targeted Attacks
- Data Security
- Personally Identifiable Information (PII)
- Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)

You will have 60 days to complete the training, but we strongly recommend that you prioritize this critical tool for protecting your data both at work and at home.



NIDDK has issued two RFAs seeking to solicit projects that will form a consortium aimed at using diverse data types to improve subclassification of T2D. These RFAs solicit projects that will make use of large and diverse U.S.-based cohorts with large number of individuals with T2D. More information can be found in the published RFAs here:

RFA-DK-23-019: Integration of Novel Measures for Improved Classification of Type 2 Diabetes

<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-DK-23-019.html>

RFA-DK-23-020: Integration of Novel Measures for Improved Classification of Type 2 Diabetes – Biostatistics Research Center

<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-DK-23-020.html>

The receipt date for these will be October 26, 2023.



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.