



**Weekly Newsletter November 18-22, 2024**

**PQHS NEWS**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**



**Research Methods Meeting**

**Wednesday, November 20th, 10:00 – 11:00 AM**

**Title:** Cost-effectiveness analysis of a mobile health intervention for type 2 diabetes management delivered by clinical pharmacists and community health workers

**Presenter:** Mrinmayee Joshi

**Bio:** Mrinmayee Joshi is a PhD Candidate in the Department of Pharmacy Systems, Outcomes and Policy at the University of Illinois Chicago (UIC) College of Pharmacy. She has completed fellowships at AbbVie Inc, in their Health Economics and Outcomes Research - Oncology team, and at the FDA Center for Drug Evaluation and Research – Office of New Drugs. Her primary research interests include evaluating the safety, effectiveness and value of health care interventions, including pharmaceuticals and clinical pharmacy services.

**Description:** Type 2 diabetes imposes a significant economic burden on healthcare systems. Interdisciplinary healthcare teams can offer patient-centered care by integrating medical, behavioral, and social support services. This research evaluated the cost-effectiveness of a clinical pharmacist and community health worker team-based mobile health intervention for diabetes adherence support (mDAS) among African American and Latinx individuals with elevated hemoglobin A1c (HbA1c). Cost-effectiveness was assessed in terms of cost per quality-adjusted life year gained, compared to usual care, using a cohort transition Markov model from a health system perspective. To join the meeting click [here](#).

**Research Methods Meetings** - 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at 10 AM until June 18, 2025

- The goal is to share innovative research methods, explore current challenges like reducing inequities, highlight method-focused publications, seek feedback on research problems for grants, and identify collaborators for new or ongoing projects.
- If you would like to receive a reminder prior to each seminar, please email [judi.saber@umassmed.edu](mailto:judi.saber@umassmed.edu) to be added to the distribution list. If you are on this list, you will also receive an Outlook invitation to your calendar.
- We also invite you to consider presenting your work at one of our meetings. Please contact [arlene.ash@umassmed.edu](mailto:arlene.ash@umassmed.edu) if you'd like to learn more.
- We look forward to seeing you there and engaging in valuable discussions!

**PQHS HAPPENINGS**



**UMass Chan Medical School's annual employee giving campaign kicks off! Over \$220,000+ was raised last year!**

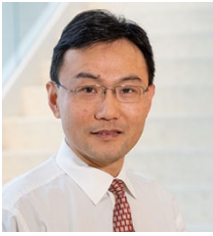
You may donate by payroll deduction, credit card, check or cash using the online donation form or the printable PDF donation form.

**North Quadrant Support Services (NQSS)** initiative, which is our partnership with the Worcester Public Schools providing support to address socioeconomic barriers to academic success faced by students in our community.

**UMass Chan Medical School Foundation** support important strides being made in training future physicians and advanced nurse practitioners, developing and nurturing nurse educators, assisting students in need, and maximizing biomedical research to find treatments, and ideally cures, for chronic and rare diseases.

**United Way of Central Ma and Independent Non-Profit Organizations** work to improve the community and break the cycle of poverty. Donors and supporters contribute millions of dollars each year, which gets invested into programs and initiatives with a proven track record of results.

Click [here](#) for the Giving Page.



## UMass Chan researchers leading efforts to drive health equity with AI

UMass Chan Medical School researcher Feifan Liu, PhD, associate professor of population & quantitative health sciences, is part of a national effort to spearhead another important application of AI: to advance health equity.

Click [here](#) for full article.

### UMASS CHAN REMINDER



#### Deadline to Use Your Personal Time

The last day for all employees to use their 2024 Personal Time will be on January 11, 2025.

Employees will be awarded their 2025 Personal Time on Wednesday, January 14, 2025, which will be available in their timesheet. The 2025 personal time will be reflected on the January 17, 2025 Pay Advice.

To avoid the potential loss of any Personal Time, we suggest you check your Personal Time by using [HR Direct](#). If you have Personal Time that has not been used, work with your manager to plan for the use of the time. Your manager must approve your planned Personal Time in advance. Also, please review and update any home address information in [HR Direct](#) in anticipation for the tax season.

To view the UMass Chan Personal Time policy, click [here](#) or the policy image to the right. You will need to be logged into the intranet system to view the page.

#### Holiday Calendar for UMass Chan Medical School

##### Remaining Holiday Schedule for 2024:

- Thanksgiving Day – Thursday, November 28<sup>th</sup>
- Day After Thanksgiving – Friday, November 29<sup>th</sup>
- Christmas Eve – Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>
- Christmas Day – Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>



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](mailto:kellie.armstrong@umassmed.edu)) & Sarah ([sarah.yeboah@umassmed.edu](mailto:sarah.yeboah@umassmed.edu)) by Friday each week.*