



The Oracle

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Welcome to the Department of Community and Preventive Medicine!

Our Department represents a dynamic, committed cadre of faculty, staff, and students devoted toward one mission: "The improvement of health and health care among diverse populations through research, learning, and community partnerships." Our Department consists of four divisions, each representing a component of the public health sciences. These include:

- Epidemiology which focuses on chronic disease prevention through population research;
- Health Policy and Outcomes Research which increases our understanding of health care through interdisciplinary research;
- Social and Behavioral Medicine which excels in community-based health promotion research related to social, behavioral, and environmental change, and lastly;
- Healthcare Management consisting of healthcare professionals responsible for institutional quality, safety, and patient outcomes.

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CPM New Members



Sandra Hilton	Data Control Clerk I	4/26/10
Hannah Bazarian	Office. Research Asst.	5/10/10
Maura Hamilton	Office. Research Asst.	5/13/10
Alyssa Bennett	Health Project Coordinator	7/1/10
David Rich	Assistant Professor	7/1/10
Tracie Norman	Secretary IV	7/19/10
Edwin Smith	Administrative Assistant	8/16/10
Joel Thompson	Sr. Information Analyst	8/16/10
Jamie Marsden	Secretary IV	8/29/10
Kristen Ross	Student Assistant	9/13/10
Carlene Mowl	Health Project Coordinator	9/20/10
Laing Wei	Information Analyst II	9/20/10
Sara Wieseneck	Health Project Coordinator	10/18/10

New Students

Please join in welcoming our newest grads.



Epidemiology PhD

Amir Abdolahi
Dana Olzenak

Prev. Cardiology Post Docs

Alicia Augustine
Poorna Kushalnagar
Militza Moreno
Denise Thew

Prev. Med. Residents Post Docs

Jacob Adams, MD
Sharon Lee, MD
Aharon Wolf, MD

Health Services Research & Policy PhD

Nicholas Goldstein
Viji Kannan
Zhiqi Le

Brian McGarry

Chintan Pandya

Caroline Thirukurmaran

HSR Post Docs

Sonika Agarwal
Yanan Li

Students Announcement

Skye Peebles MPH student won a mentoring fellowship from the Maternal and Child Health Section of the APHA.

Grants News: Awarded

Investigator	Sponsor	Title
David Rich	NIH/NIEHS	Impact of air pollution reductions during the Beijing Olympics on pre-term birth and birth weight
David Rich / Mark Frampton	Health Effects Institute (HEI)	Cardiovascular Effects of Exposure to Low Levels of Ozone in the Presence or Absence of Other Ambient Pollutants
Mike McKee	NIH/NHLBI	Health Literacy Among Deaf ASL Users and Cardiovascular Health Risk
Scott Smith	NIH/NHLBI	Assessing Cardiovascular Risks in Deaf Adolescents who use Sign Language
Katia Noyes / Tom Pearson	ARRA/NIH	Strengthening Professionals In Comparative Effectiveness (SPICE): Workforce Development.
Matthew Wojtosta	AHRQ	A General Mechanism for Explaining Physicians' Responses to Patients' Requests



Grant News: Proposals

Investigator	Sponsor	Title
David Rich	UMDNJ/Thrasher Foundation	Toxicity of phthalates and bisphenol A in neonates
Camille Martina	NIEHS	Identification of sources of BPA, DEHP and DBP in Pregnant Women

Special Recognition

Dr. Thomas A. Pearson MD, MPH, PhD received the 2010 Special Lifetime Mentorship Award (a Faculty Mentoring Award).

NCDHR received the Certificate of Appreciation from the Rochester Deaf Awareness Week for Outstanding Contributions to the Rochester Deaf Community on September 19, 2010. The Deaf Community is honoring the NCDHR as an organization that is trying to alleviate barriers and increase opportunities for Deaf people.



Epidemiology

Publications

Adams MJ, Dozier A, Shore RE, Lipshultz SE, Schwartz RG, Constine LS, Pearson TA, Stovall M, Winters P, Fisher SG. Breast Cancer Risk 55+ Years after Irradiation for an Enlarged Thymus and Its Implications for Early Childhood Medical Irradiation Today. *Cancer Epidemiol Biomarkers Prev.* January 2010;19(1):48-58
NIHMSID: NIHMS155994

Ombrello C, **Block RC**, Morrell C. Our expanding view of platelet functions and its clinical implications. *Journal of Cardiovascular Translational Research.* 2010 Jul 27

Miller TL, Lipsitz SR, Lopez-Mitnik G, Hinkle AS, Constine LS, **Adams MJ**, French C, Proukou C, Rovitelli A, Lipshultz SE. Characteristics and Determinants of Adiposity in Pediatric Cancer Survivors. *Cancer Epidemiol Biomarkers Prev.* August 2010;19(8):2013-2022.

Rich DQ, Kipen HM, Zhang J, Kamat L, Wilson AC, Kostis JB. Triggering of transmural infarctions, but not non-transmural infarctions, by ambient fine particles. *Environmental Health Perspectives* 2010;118:1229-1234.

Laumbach R, **Rich DQ**, Gandhi S, Amorosa L, Schneider S, Zhang J, Ohman-Strickland P, Gong J, Lelyanov O, Kipen HM. Acute changes in heart rate variability in Type II diabetic following a highway traffic exposure. *Journal of Occupational and Environmental Medicine* 2010;52(3):324-331.

Katz M, Delnevo C, Gundersen D, **Rich DQ**. Examining methodological artifacts in adult sun protection habit trends. *In press: American Journal of Preventive Medicine.*

Kipen HM, **Rich D**, Huang W, Zhu T, Wang G, Hu M, Lu S, Ohman-Strickland P, Zhu P, Wang Y, Zhang J. 2010. Measurement of inflammation and oxidative stress following drastic changes in air pollution during the Beijing Olympics: A panel study approach. *Ann NY Acad Sci* 1203:1607-7, 2010

Sherazi S, Zareba W, Daubert JP, McNitt S, Shah AH, Aktas M, **Block R**. Physicians' Knowledge and Attitudes Regarding Implantable Cardiac Defibrillators (ICDs). *Cardiology Journal.* In press.

Kobrosly RW, van Wijngaarden E. Revisiting the association between metabolic syndrome and depressive symptoms. *Ann Epidemiol.* 2010 Nov;20(11):852-5. No abstract available. PMID: 20933192 [PubMed - in process]

Simning A, van Wijngaarden E, Conwell Y. Anxiety, mood, and substance use disorders in United States African-American public housing residents. *Soc Psychiatry Psychiatr Epidemiol.* 2010 Jul 9. [Epub ahead of print] PMID: 20617430 [PubMed - as supplied by publisher]

Davidson PW, Leste A, Benstrong E, Burns CM, Valentin J, Sloane-Reeves J, Huang LS, Miller WA, Gunzler D, **van Wijngaarden E**, Watson GE, Zareba G, Shamlaye CF, Myers GJ. Fish consumption, mercury exposure, and their associations with scholastic achievement in the Seychelles Child Development Study. *Neurotoxicology.* 2010 Sep;31(5):439-47. Epub 2010 May 31. PMID: 20576509 [PubMed - in process]



Presentations & Abstract

Adams HR, **Adams MJ**, Newhouse N, Levy EA, deBlieck EA, Vierhile A, Marshall FJ, Kwon JM, Mink JW. Neurocognitive decline in Juvenile-onset Batten Disease as a function of cognitive domain. 11th International Child Neurology Congress 2010. Cairo, Egypt, May 2-7, 2010.

Adams MJ, Fisher SG, Lipshultz SE, Shore RE, Constine LS, Stovall M, **Dozier A**, Schwartz RG, **Block R, Pearson TA**. Coronary heart disease 55+ years after lower dose thoracic irradiation preliminary results. Annual Meeting of the American Society of Clinical Oncology. June 2010, Chicago, IL (e-abstract).

Landy DC, Miller TL, Lopez-Mitnik G, Lipsitz SR, Hinkle AS, Constine LS MD, French CA, Rovitelli AMK, **Adams MJ**, Lipshultz SE. Risk of Coronary Artery Lesions in Childhood Cancer Survivors. Annual Meeting of the American Society of Clinical Oncology. June 2010, Chicago, IL (e-abstract).

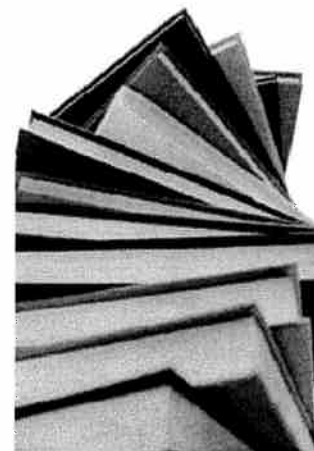
Miller TL, Landy DC, Lopez-Mitnik G, Lipsitz SR, Hinkle AS, Constine LS MD, French CA, Rovitelli AMK, **Adams MJ**, Lipshultz SE. 30-Year Risk of Atherosclerotic Disease in Childhood Cancer Survivors. Annual Meeting of the American Society of Clinical Oncology. June 2010, Chicago, IL.

Block RC, Kakinami L, Jonovich M, Antonetti I, CalderonArtero, P, Meednu, N, Mousa S, Georas. Eicosapentaenoic Acid Plus Docosahexaenoic Acid Enhances Aspirin's Effect on Platelet Function. Podium presentation at the Biannual International Meeting of the International Society for the Study of Fatty Acids and Lipids (ISSFAL), Maastricht, The Netherlands, June 1, 2010.

Adams MJ; Fisher SG; Lipshultz, SE; Shore, RE; Constine, LS; Stovall, M; **Dozier, A** ; **Thevenet-Morrison, K**; Schwartz, RG; **Block, RC; Pearson, TA**. Coronary heart disease events 50+ years after lower dose thoracic irradiation: preliminary results. Published on the American Society of Clinical Oncology website and accepted for oral presentation at the 11th International Conference on Late Complications after Childhood and Adolescent Cancer Therapy Submitted for the 2010 ASCO Annual Meeting (June 4-8, 2010).

Landy DC, Miller TL, Lopez-Mitnik G, Lipsitz SR, Hinkle AS, Constine LS MD, French CA, Rovitelli AMK, Proukou C, **Adams MJ**, Lipshultz SE. Atherosclerotic disease burden and future risk in childhood cancer survivors. 11th International Conference on Long-Term Complications of Treatment of Children and Adolescents for Cancer June 11, 2010; Williamsburg, VA.

Adams MJ, Fisher SG, Lipshultz SE, Shore RE, Constine LS, Stovall M, **Dozier A**, Schwartz RG, **Block R, Pearson TA**. Coronary heart disease 50+ years after lower dose thoracic irradiation preliminary results. 11th International Conference on Long-Term Complications of Treatment of Children and Adolescents for Cancer June 12, 2010; Williamsburg, VA. Oral Presentation.



Presentations & Abstract

Kakinami L, Block RC, Adams MJ, Maliakkal B, Cohn SC, Fisher SG. HIV/HCV coinfection increases cardiovascular disease risks. (e-poster) 17th International AIDS conference, July 18-23, 2010, Vienna.

Kakinami L, Adams MJ, Block RC, Cohn SC, Maliakkal B, Fisher SG. Risk of elevated TC/HDL-C ratio among HIV, and HIV/HCV patient. (e-poster) 17th International AIDS conference, July 18-23, 2010, Vienna.

Rich DQ "Refined exposure surrogates for ambient PM in epidemiology: Accounting for temporal/spatial variations in infiltration" Symposium presentation International Societies of Exposure Science & Environmental Epidemiology Conference August 2010, Seoul, Korea

Block RC, Risk assessment: Introduction to Basic Epidemiologic Principles—Case Study JUPITER Trial. Presented at the Northeast/Southeast Lipid Association Joint Annual Meeting, August 27, 2010, Washington, DC

Landy DC, Miller TL, Lopez-Mitnik G, Lipsitz SR, Hinkle AS, Constine LS MD, French CA, Rovitelli AMK, **Adams MJ,** Lipshultz SE. Cranial Irradiation: A Novel Risk Factor For Anthracycline Cardiotoxicity in Childhood Cancer Survivors American Heart Association 210 Scientific Sessions. Accepted for Oral Presentation: November 17, 2010

Stevens V , Dumyati G, Fisher SG, Fine L, van Wijngaarden E. Time-Varying Antibiotic Exposure and Risk of Clostridium difficile Infection (CDI). 26th International Conference on Pharmacoepidemiology & Therapeutic Risk Management. August 19-22, 2010, Brighton, UK.



Faculty Announcement

Robert Block as of July 1, 2010, became the Managing Co-Director, Upstate New York Translational Research Network (UNYTRN). UNYTRN is a research consortium composed of 16 academic institutions in Upstate New York and northern Pennsylvania and sponsored by the University of Rochester's Clinical and Translational Science Institute. His role is also the University of Rochester Clinical and Translational Science Institute's UNTRYN Key Function Director.

Edwin van Wijngaarden has been invited to the Associate Editor Board of the journal NeuroToxicology.

Announcements and Congratulations

Lauren Parlett was accepted into NICHD-IHDCYH's 6th annual Summer Institute in Reproductive and Perinatal Epidemiology to be held in St. Michael's, MD July 11-17, 2010.

Presentations & Abstract

Chin NP, Dozier AM, Childs CK, Widanka H. (2009). Low income women: How they do, or do not, sustain breastfeeding. Poster presentation at the annual conference of the American Public Health Association, November 7-11, Philadelphia, PA.

McIntosh S, Zale E & Ossip DJ (2009). Smoking Cessation Training and Implementation in Various Clinical Settings. Paper presented at the 43rd Annual Convention of the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies, November 19-22, 2009. New York, NY USA.

Jones, CMC, **Ossip, D, McIntosh, S, Chin, N,** Doniger, AS, Klein, JD, Banerjee, P, Surace, A, Johnson, K, Riley, J (2009). Patterns of use and descriptive characteristics of adolescents who used GottaQuit.com: A real world one-on-one web-chat service for adolescent smoking cessation. Oral Presentation, American Public Health Association National Meeting and Exposition; Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs Section: Philadelphia, PA.

Zale E, Fournier R, Omar F, **Ossip DJ, McIntosh S** (2010). Physician Use Of Social Networking Sites As Web Assisted Tobacco Intervention (WATI). Presented at the 16th Annual conference of the Society for Research on Nicotine & Tobacco, February 24-27, 2010, Baltimore, MD.

Chin NP & Dozier AM, Structural Violence and Infant Feeding: Risk Management Strategies of Low-Income Women. Oral presentation at the 5th Annual Meeting for Feminism and Breastfeeding, March 19-21, 2010, Greensburg, NC,

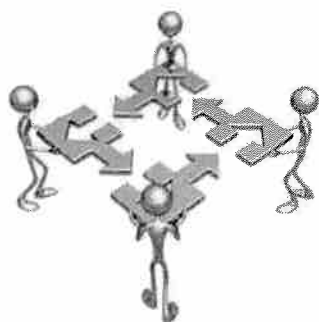
Cuculick J, **Chin NP,** Starr M, & **Dozier A.** Deaf Mothers and Breastfeeding: Assessing Their Knowledge and Practices Through Focus Group Discussions. Poster presentation at Society for Public Health Education (SOPHE) and CDC Prevention Research Mid-Year Conference. April 7-9, 2010, Atlanta, GA.

Chin NP. Environments Toxins: Physical, Social and Emotional. Second Annual Summit on Breastfeeding, Ruth Lawrence and Cynthia Howard, organizers. Invited speaker, June 17-18, 2010, Washington, DC.

Baumhauer JF, Rehtine GR, **McIntosh S** (2010). Age and Gender Differences Between Patient and Physician Derived Outcome Measures in the Foot and Ankle. Presented at the 26th Annual Summer Meeting of the American Orthopaedic Foot and Ankle Society, July 7-10, 2010, National Harbor, Maryland.

Brownell EA, Howard CR, Lawrence, RA and **Dozier AM,** Invited Oral Presentation for the International Society of Human Milk and Lactation Research Conference : "Does Delayed Onset Lactogenesis II Predict Breastfeeding Duration?" October 8-14, 2010, Peru

Dozier AM, Howard CR, **Brownell EA,** Wissler RN, Glantz, JC, Ternullo SR, **Thevenet-Morrison KN, Widanka HF, Solomonik A, Duckett JW, Nelson AA** and Lawrence, RA poster presentation for the for the International Society for Research on Human Milk and Lactation Conference, "Epidural Anesthesia, Obstetric Factors and Breastfeeding Cessation: Who or What Is The Culprit" October 8-14, 2010, Peru



Bax P, **McIntosh S, Koslow J**, et al. (2010). NYS Partnership for Tobacco Cessation, Poster accepted at the annual Multi-State Collaborative Conference, Cessation Policy and Health Systems Change: New Opportunities in a Changing Healthcare Landscape, October 28-29, 2010. Atlanta, GA, USA.

Dozier AM, Ossip DJ, Diaz S, **Guido JJ**, Sierra-Torres E, Quiñones Z, **McIntosh S**, and **Fisher SG**, "Smoke-free homes: Effect of a community based health promotion program in the Dominican Republic" presentation at the Annual meeting of the American Public Health Association, November 2010 Denver, CO

Dozier AM, McCloud ML, Carroll J, poster presentation "Achieving Results with Pregnant and Parenting Teens: Success of a School Based Program" at the Annual meeting of the American Public Health Association, November 2010 Denver, CO

Dozier AM, Howard CR, **Brownell EA**, Wissler RN, Glantz, JC, Ternullo SR, **Thevenet-Morrison KN, Widanka HF, Solomonik A, Duckett JW, Nelson AA** and Lawrence, RA presentation and abstract accepted for the Maternal Child Health Epidemiology Conference "Epidural Anesthesia, Obstetric Factors and Breastfeeding Cessation: Who or What Is The Culprit" December 15-18, Texas

Dozier AM, Howard CR, **Thevenet-Morrison KN, Brownell EA**, Wissler RN, Glantz, JC, Ternullo SR, **Widanka HF, Solomonik A, Duckett JW, Nelson AA** and Lawrence, RA . The Relationship Between Labor Epidurals and Breastfeeding Cessation Within 30 Days: Evaluating the Time-Varying Effect of Pitocin

Field Work

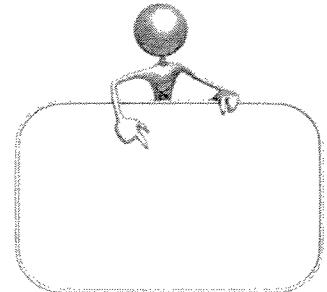
Ann Dozier, Nancy Chin, and MPH alumna Zahira Quinones led a multi-disciplinary team of qualitative researchers in outlining the landscape of tobacco use in 8 communities in the Dominican Republic, Aug 6-12, 2010 This was part of **Debbie Ossip's** NCI grant on tobacco control in the Dominican Republic. Health Project Coordinator **Emily Weber** provided outstanding logistical support.

Summer Students

SBM hosted two student interns this summer.

Kristen Walker came to us through the UR medical schools' Early Acceptance Program. She worked with **Nancy Chin** and **Diana Fernandez** to better understand the phenomena of Positive Deviance among Head Start Families who maintain a health BMI in an obesogenic environment.

Brittney Wilson, an undergraduate student from Howard University, worked with **Ann Dozier's** breastfeeding group through the Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship (**SURF**) Program. Brittney ran focus groups of young, low-income mothers on their reactions to breastfeeding promotional materials from radio and TV.



Faculty Announcement

Scott Richard Smith, MD, MPH

Scott is a new Assistant Professor in the Department of Community and Preventive Medicine, Division of Social and Behavioral Medicine. He is also a mentor for college student interns in NCDHR. He received a BS in Biochemistry, East Carolina Univ., an MD in Medicine, Brody School of Medicine at East Carolina Univ. and a MPH at Harvard School of Public Health in Clinical Effectiveness. Funding for Scott's NIH K01 titled "Assessing Cardiovascular Risks in Deaf Adolescents who Use Sign Language" was awarded this past August.

Announcements and Congratulations

Diana Fernandez, MD, MPH, PhD and Nancy Chin, MPH, PhD received an award from the Head Start Health Services Advisory Committee for their work with the Head Start childhood obesity prevention research program. June 2010



Scott McIntosh, PhD quoted in a series of online articles available on WebMD: Ten Ways to Reduce Stress While You Quit Smoking; Diet Tips When You Quit Smoking; Quit-Smoking Drugs and Nicotine Patches and Gum; Find Your Smoking Triggers; and Quit-Smoking Diet: Veggies, Milk

Deborah J. Ossip, PhD received a Distinguished Service Award from the Society for Research on Nicotine and Tobacco.

Ralph Spezio and his colleagues at the Coalition to Prevent Lead Poisoning, received 2 awards recently: 1) the EPA Environmental Justice Achievement Award in May, and 2) the Non-profit Organization of the Year award from the Rochester Area Community Foundation in September

Health Policy and Outcomes Research

Publications

Yoo BK; Holland ML; Bhattacharya J; Phelps CE; Szilagyi PG "Effects of Mass Media Coverage on Timing and Annual Receipt of Influenza Vaccination among Medicare Elderly." *Health services research*. 2010; Epub 2010 Jun 22.

Zhang, N., Liu, F., Chen, K., Wang, H. "Reduced Smoking and Rising Obesity: Does Smoking Restriction in Workplace Matter?" *Economics Letters* (2010), 108(3):249-252.

Zhang, N. "Alcohol Taxes and Birth Outcomes", *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health* (2010), 7: 1901-1912.

Dolan JG. Multi-Criteria Clinical Decision Support: A Primer on the Use of Multiple-Criteria Decision-Making Methods to Promote Evidence-Based, Patient-Centered Healthcare. *The Patient: Patient-Centered Outcomes Research*. 2010;3(4):229-48.

Robinson LM, Davidson PW, Henderson CM, Janicki MP, Merrick J, Morad M, Wang KY, Hsieh K, Heller T, Bishop KM, and Wexler O. Health trends from an international sample of older adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. *Int J Disabil Hum Dev* 2010;9(4)

Veazie PJ, Qian F. (2010) "A Role for Regulatory Focus in Explaining and Combating Clinical Inertia" *Journal of Evaluation in Clinical Practice*. In press (available online Early View).



Presentations & Abstract

Matthew Wojtosta & Natalie Klein – Invited Symposium – "Toward a Mechanistic Explanation for Physicians' Responses to Patients' Requests." Department of Medical Psychology, Amsterdam Medical Center, University of Amsterdam, Netherlands, March 22, 2010.

Matthew Wojtosta – Podium Presentation – "Assessing the Impact of Increasing Physician Use of Patient-Centered Communication on Patient Satisfaction." AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting, Boston, MA, June 28, 2010.

Lin Fan "Cancer screening among elderly Medicare Beneficiaries: a rural urban comparison" at 2010 APHA conference, and I won the APHA award for "rural and aging" section for it.

Lin Fan "Urban Disparity in Cancer Screening among elder Medicare Beneficiaries: Does Rurality?" for ASCO.

Lin Fan "Urban Disparity in Colon Cancer Screening among elder Medicare Beneficiaries: Does Rurality?" for ASCO.

Zheng N, Mukamel DB, Cai S, **Temkin-Greener H.** Hospice use and In-Hospital Death Among Nursing Home Residents: Evidence of Racial Disparities? APHA Annual Meeting and Exposition, Denver, CO. November 2010.

Zheng N, Mukamel DB, Caprio T, Temkin-Greener H. The Impact of Organizational Factors on Hospice Use among Nursing Home Decedents. APHA Annual Meeting and Exposition, Denver, CO. November 2010

Announcements and Congratulations

Katia Noyes, MPH, PhD submitted an abstract to the Gerontological Health Section's Program for the 138th Annual Meeting of the APHA to be held November 6-10, 2010 in Denver CO. The abstract has been nominated to be considered for the 2010 Excellence in Aging and Rural Health Research Award.

Zheng N, Mukamel DB, Cai S, **Temkin-Greener H.** *Racial Disparities in In-Hospital Death and Hospice use Among Nursing Home Residents* Betty J. Cleckley Minority Issues Research Award, American Public Health Association November 2010

Public Health Grand Rounds

Mark Your
Calendars!



- September 3 Thomas A. Pearson, MD, MPH, PhD, Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: Opportunities for Public Health Research and Practice in 2010 Healthcare Reform Legislation
- September 17 Paul S. Speranza, Jr. and Wade Norwood, Transforming Rochester Through Community collaboration to Become the Healthiest Community in America
- October 1 Susan G. Fisher, MS, PhD, Public Health 2020: Lessons, Opportunities, Paradigms
- October 15 Catherine Cerulli, JD, PhD, Using CBPR Principles in Violence Research
- November 12 Jennifer Carroll MD, MPH, Physical Activity (exact title TBA)
- November 19 Kevin Fiscella, MD, HIV-cancer CBPR
- December 3 Kenneth McConnochie, MD, Pediatric Telemedicine Project (exact title TBA)
- December 17 Stephen Cook, MD MPH, Childhood Obesity (exact title TBA)

HSR Friday Seminars

- September 24 Laura Robinson "How do Health Care Expenditures for Adults with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Vary Based on Diagnosis, Age and Co-Morbidities?"
- October 8 Tracy Zheng "Racial Disparities in In-Hospital Death and Hospice use Among Nursing Home Residents"
- October 22 Kevin Makino, Title TBA
- November 12 Lin Fan, Title TBA
- December 10 Andre Chappel, Title TBA

All interested individuals at various levels at training/experience are encourage to contact the CTSA office for more information



Publications

Graybill P, Aggas J, Dean RK, Demers S, Finigan E, Pollard RQ. A community participatory approach to adapting survey items for Deaf individuals and American Sign Language. *Field Methods* 2010;22(4); 429-448. Available in OnlineFirst: <http://fm.sagepub.com/content/early/2010/08/05/1525822X10379201.full.pdf+html>

Barnett S, **McKee M, Smith S, Pearson TA**. Deaf sign language users, health inequities and public health: Opportunity for social justice. *Preventing Chronic Disease* (in press; scheduled for publication March 2011).

Presentations

Starr M, Ludwig C. Eliminating Health Disparities in Deaf Populations through Community-Based Participatory Research [keynote address]. Presented at National Symposium on Healthcare Interpreting; National Association of the Deaf, Philadelphia, PA, July 2010.

Events

On August 27, 2010, NCDHR hosted Deaf Strong Hospital (DSH). DSH is an interactive role-play exercise for first year medical students from the University of Rochester's School of Medicine and Dentistry. There were 40 Deaf Community members and 104 medical students who participated.

On September 1- 2, 2010, members of the NCDHR National External Advisory Committee (EAC) visited NCDHR for their annual meeting. During the EAC meeting, there was a moment of silence to remember a former EAC member, Marcia Dugan, who passed away after a courageous battle with leukemia. After a full-day of productive discussions, EAC concluded acknowledging NCDHR's accomplishments during the first 6 years and suggested challenges for the NCDHR for the future.

NCDHR's site visit from the CDC prevention Research Centers Program occurred September 1- 3, 2010. The site visit was scheduled so that the CDC site visitors could attend the EAC meeting. The visitors had the opportunity to observe the interactions of the EAC, the NCDHR Deaf Health Community Committee (DHCC), and the NCDHR. The CDC PRC program will send a formal site visit report to NCDHR.

The "Task Force on Health Care Careers for the Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Communities", announced by US Representative Louise Slaughter, held its first meeting hosted by Gallaudet University. Rochester institutions represented on the Task Force included University of Rochester, National Technical Institute for the Deaf at Rochester Institute of Technology, and Rochester General Health System. Dr. Tom A. Pearson MD, MPH, PhD, has been instrumental in the formation of the Task Force, and Nancy Chin and Mike McKee, MD, MPH are two of the UR Representatives to the Task Force

The new NCDHR Online Deaf & Hard-of-Hearing Resource Directory is now available at the NCDHR website.
www.urmc.edu/ncdhr .

Check out CPM's
new website!

Our Department represents a dynamic, committed cadre of faculty, staff, and students devoted toward one mission: "The improvement of health and health care among diverse populations through research, learning, and community partnerships." Our Department consists of four divisions, each representing a component of the public health sciences.

The screenshot shows the website for the Department of Community and Preventive Medicine at the University of Rochester Medical Center. The header includes the university logo, the motto "Medicine of the Highest Order", and navigation links for Libraries, Alumni, and Giving. A search bar for URMIC is also present. The main navigation menu lists Patient Care, Education, Research, Community, Referring Physicians, Find a Physician, Departments & Centers, and About URMIC. The page title is "Community and Preventive Medicine". A sidebar on the left contains links for "About the Department", "Divisions", "Educational Programs", "Research", and "Departmental Seminars". The main content area features a "Welcome to the Department of Community and Preventive Medicine!" heading, followed by a paragraph describing the department's mission and a list of four research divisions: Epidemiology, Health Policy and Outcomes Research, Social and Behavioral Medicine, and Healthcare Management. A "Learn more about the department of Community and Preventive Medicine" link is provided. Below this is a portrait of Susan G. Fisher, M.S., Ph.D., Professor and Chair of the department, and her title as Director of the Doctoral Program in Epidemiology. A "Newsletter" button is also visible.

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