



Spring 2011

## The Oracle

### Message from the Office of the Chair

I would like to thank each of you for your continued productivity and commitment to our department mission. Your hard work is well-reflected in the many publications, awards and programs that are described in our current *Oracle*.



As we wait for the last (hopefully!) mounds of snow to melt and we begin to feel that first blush of warmer breeze, we can't help but gaze out a window or slow our steps on Crittenden to admire the final touches being placed on our new home... the CTSB. In the hallway conversations, I sense a bit of anxiety mixed with the murmur of excitement that I hear. **I share in both!** This new home, both literally (a beautiful, modern work space framed in glass) and figuratively (an academic arena designed to enhance synergy among translational investigators), allows DCPM to be *unified under one roof* after many years of separation.

I'm sure the transition will come with some bumps for all of us, but with patience during 're-entry' I am very confident that the **DCPM TEAM will join together to be better than ever** before! When the boxes are all unpacked, the storage space is allocated, and everyone knows where to find the pencils and the coffee, I anticipate that each of you will recognize and contribute to a new sense of enhanced collaboration, engaged teaching and mentoring, warm collegiality, energetic research productivity, more smiles and bigger giggles.

I am thrilled that we as a department are moving into one new home. Let's use this opportunity to **refresh, renew and re-energize** our friendships as well as our academic relationships!

Susan

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### Special points of interest:

- New CPM members
- CTSI Move

## CPM New Members



### September 2010

Jordan Kurtzman      Student Employment

### October 2010

Valentina Kyzman      Student Employment  
Whitney Williams      Student Employment  
Liz Yaeger      Administrative Assistant

### November 2010

Lu Wang      Sr. Information Analyst  
Eyob Zerayasas      Community Partner  
Rachael Noel      Lab Technician IV

### December 2010

Aaron Kelstone      Community Partner

### January 2011

Julia Aggas      Community Partner  
Colleen Evenstad      Community Partner  
Patrick Graybill      Community Partner  
Donna Gustina      Community Partner  
Christopher Mei      Student Employment  
Wanda Perez-Diaz      Student Employment  
Kathryn Schmitz      Community Partner  
John Sullivan      Community Partner  
Isabella Toban      Student Employment  
Michelle Winston      Student Employment  
Amino Alio      Assistant Professor  
Mona Mittal      Assistant Professor  
Dorothy Wilkins      Community Partner  
Tomoko Sasaki      Information Analyst II

### February 2011

Jessica Cuculick      Community Partner  
Lisa DeWindt-Sommer      Community Partner  
Matthew Disch      Community Partner  
Rebecca Horn      Health Project Enroller  
Kayla Painter      Health Project Enroller  
Carolina Freuder      Health Project Enroller  
Deborah Randle      Secretary IV  
Vidyesh Vadhavkar      Information Analyst II  
Jane Culver      Sec. IV (temp)

### March 2011

Ashley St. Onge      Health Project Enroller



## Students Announcement

**Amir Abdolahi** submitted an abstract to Movement Disorder Society for a poster presentation in June 2011 in Toronto, Canada.

**Andre Chappel** successfully defended his dissertation on February 11, 2011. He is currently working in the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, United States Department of Health and Human Services, in Washington, DC.

**Prachi Hanwatkar** accepted into the Advanced Education in General Dentistry program at Eastman Dental Center.

**Holly Russell** will be presenting a poster presentation titled "Success in Achieving Goals Among Participants of a Healthy Living Program" at the 44th Society for Teachers of Family Medicine Annual Spring Conference, April 27 - May 1 in New Orleans, LA.

**Adam Simning** received the following awards: The Gerontological Society of America (GSA) Health Sciences Section 2010 Person-in-Training Award, GSA 2010 Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA; and the American Association for Geriatric Psychiatry (AAGP) Member-in-Training Research Award, AAGP 2011 Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX

**Dr. Ying Xian** defended his dissertation "Do Healthcare Process and Outcomes Differ for Acute Ischemic Stroke Patients Admitted to Designated Stroke Centers" last summer. Findings from Ying's dissertation (Dr. Bruce Friedman, Chair and Dr. Katia Noyes, Committee Member) resulted in two publications that have been mentioned by U.S. News & World Report, Bloomberg Business Week, MSNBC, Reuters, MSN, Yahoo! News, WebMD, Science Daily, and others.



## Move to the CTSI Building

The move will commence Thursday, April 28 at 5:00 p.m. and we will be in our new home beginning start-of-business Monday, May 2.



All faculty and/or staff members who will be relocating with their existing office furniture will need to be packed and ready to be moved by Thursday, April 28, 2011 by 5:00 pm. **All furniture that is being relocated to the new building will need to be tagged with a move label by the move implementation team.**

All faculty and/or staff members who will be relocating with only their contents and equipment will need to be packed and ready to be moved by Friday, April 29, 2011 by 5:00 pm. Only the items tagged will be moved into the new building by the movers.

Move boxes and labels will be delivered the week of March 14.

You will be responsible for packing the contents of your desk, bookshelves, file cabinets, lockers and any loose items on the floor or walls of your work area. If you are relocating furniture please lock your filing cabinets and take your keys with you. Please mark your name, and new office number on each of your labels. "Floor" should be replaced with your name. Place one label on two sides of the box and on top of the box. **We also recommend placing one move label in the inside of your box.** When you are finished packing, please count the total number of boxes i.e. "12", and mark each box as follows: "1 of 12", "2 of 12".

**ALL ITEMS THAT ARE MOVING REQUIRE A MOVING LABEL.** Please make sure to verify that all the items in your office have been labeled. If you intended to have an item moved but forgot to tag that item, that item will not be moved. The mover has strict instructions to only move items that have been clearly labeled.

IT Staff will be coming around to tag and bag your computer (CPU and Monitor), keyboard and mouse. Please do not pack these items. They will also tag your surge protectors at this time.

Please ensure that all critical documents you currently use are properly saved to your designated drives and a backup plan is in place. If you have any questions related to your computer(s), please contact Dan McCarthy for support.

Helen Wood Hall Faculty and Staff existing phone numbers will be moved to your new location in the CTSB. Your voice mail account will be operational on Move Day. Corporate Woods Faculty and Staff will be assigned new phone numbers. Corporate Woods voice mail will remain active for approximately 1-2 months. Once you receive your new phone number you should leave a voice mail on your Corporate Woods phone with your new contact information. Your phones will not be moved to the new building but UIT staff will be picking up your existing handsets. **Please do not pack them.** If you currently have a headset, please bring it with you to the new building.



Please inform Pam Allen of any wall mounted items that need to be relocated to your new office. (i.e. whiteboards and corkboards). We are coordinating this effort to be taken care of prior to your move.

A room has been for dedicated PHI files will be determined pre and post move.

Please leave furniture keys with any furniture you are leaving behind. If you are relocating your existing furniture please keep those keys with you.

Please make sure that your old office is clean and that your garbage has been disposed of. Please also remember to dispose of any food and/or contents from your existing kitchen/break/common areas.

You are encouraged to move your own personal plants, pictures, plaques, fragile articles and items of sentimental /monetary value prior to the move.

Once you unpack your boxes please flatten them and place them in the centralized location within your department. We will have signs hanging to identify the exact location.

We have scheduled a **Purge Week for Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup> – Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup>.**

This is a great time while you are packing to get rid of all those old files that you no longer have a need for (provided they meet the University's records and retention policy). We are anticipating that a large volume of files will be disposed of, so for your convenience we will place several recycle totes (for non-confidential documents) throughout the office building to accommodate this need. In addition, recycle totes for confidential documents will also be provided. If you have any needs for offsite record storage please make those arrangements prior to your move.

CTSI new building address is:

Clinical and Translational Science Building  
University of Rochester Medical Center  
265 Crittenden Blvd  
Rochester, NY 14642



## Epidemiology

### Publications

Chapman BP, **van Wijngaarden E**, Seplaki CL, Talbot N, Duberstein P, Moynihan J. Openness and Conscientiousness Predict 34-Week Patterns of Interleukin-6 in Older Persons. *Brain, Behavior, and Immunity*, in press.

Olden A, Quill T, Holloway R, Ladwig S, **van Wijngaarden E**. Palliative Care Needs and Symptom Patterns of Hospitalized Elders Referred for Consultation. *Journal of Pain and Symptom Management*, in press.

**van Wijngaarden E**, Winters PC, Cory-Slechta DA. Blood Lead Levels in Relation to Cognitive Function in Older U.S. Adults. *Neurotoxicology*, in press.

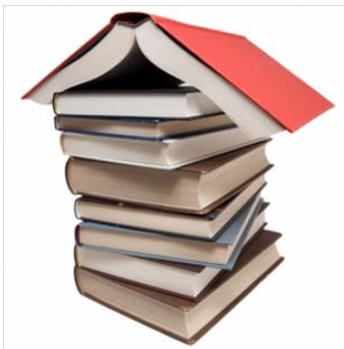
Simning A, **van Wijngaarden E**, Conwell Y. Anxiety, Mood, and Substance Use Disorders in African American Public Housing Residents. *Social Psychiatry & Psychiatric Epidemiology*, in press.

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. *Annals of the New York Academy of Sciences* 2010;1203:160-7.

Kipen HM, Gandhi S, **Rich DQ**, Ohman-Strickland P, Laumbach R, Fan ZH, Chen L, Laskin DL, Zhang J, Madura K. Acute decreases in proteasome pathway activity following inhalation of fresh diesel exhaust or secondary organic aerosol. *In press: Environmental Health Perspectives*.

Parker J, **Rich DQ**, Glinianaia SV, Leem JH, Wartenberg D, Bell ML, Bonzini M, Brauer M, Darrow L, Gehring U, Gouveia N, Grillo P, Ha E, van den Hooven E, Jalaludin B, Jesdale BM, Lepeule J, Morello-Frosch R, Morgan GG, Slama R, Pierik F, Pesatori AC, Sathyanarayana S, Seo J, Strickland M, Tamburic L, Woodruff TJ. The international collaboration on air pollution and pregnancy outcomes: initial results. *In press: Environmental Health Perspectives*.





## Presentations & Abstract

**van Wijngaarden E**, Thevenet-Morrison K, Beseler CL, Stallones L. Environmental Pesticide Levels in relation to Depression in a Population-Based Sample of Adults. American Public Health Association 138<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting and Exposition. Denver, CO, November 6-10, 2010 (oral presentation).

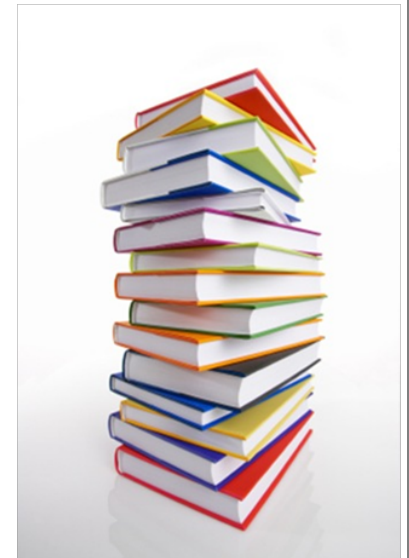
Simning A, **van Wijngaarden E**, Conwell Y. Overcoming Recruitment Challenges in Older Adult Public Housing Residents: Lessons Learned. The Gerontological Society of America's 63rd Annual Scientific Meeting. New Orleans, LA, November 19-23, 2010.

**Fernandez D**, presented at the URM Community Advisory Council Meeting a research presentation on EMoms Rochester, December 6, 2010

**Fernandez D**, was a guest speaker at the Celebration of Life Community, Inc. on February 15, 2011.

Cory-Slechta DA, Merchant-Borna K, **van Wijngaarden E**. Lead and Childhood Cognitive Deficits: Exploring the Role of Gender and Social Stress. 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society of Toxicology. Washington, DC, March 6-10, 2011.

Simning A, **van Wijngaarden E**, Conwell Y. Correlates of Mental Healthcare Need and Service Utilization in Urban Older Adults. American Association for Geriatric Psychiatry's 2011 Annual Meeting. San Antonio, TX, March 18-21, 2011.





## Social and Behavioral Medicine

### Publications

Acquisto N, Hays D, Fairbanks R, Shah M, Delehanty J, Nobay, F, **Guido J**, & Haas C. "Outcomes of Emergency Pharmacist Participation During Acute Myocardial Infarction". *The Journal of Emergency Medicine*. 2010; 1-8.

Gibson K, Szilagyi P, Swanger CM, Campbell T, McInerney T, Fiscella K, Duckett J, & **Guido J**. "Physician Perspectives on Incentives to Participate in Practice-Based Research: A Greater Rochester Practice-Based Research Network (GR-PBRN) Study". *Journal of the American Board of Family Medicine*. 2010; 23(4): 452-454.

**Mittal M**, Senn T, Carey M, "Mediators of the relation between partner violence and sexual risk behavior among women attending a sexually transmitted disease clinic". *Sexually Transmitted Disease*.



Lando HA, Hipple BJ, Muramoto M, Klein JD, Prokhorov AV, **Ossip DJ**, Winickoff JP. (2010). Tobacco control: An international perspective. *Pediatric Allergy, Immunology, and Pulmonology*, 23, 99-103.

Gajendra S, **Ossip DJ**, Panzer RJ, **McIntosh S**, Implementing a Smoke-Free Campus: A Medical Center Initiative. *Journal of Community Health*. [In Press].

Gibson K, Szilagyi P, Swanger CM, Campbell T, McInerney T, Fiscella K, **Duckett J**; & **Guido J**, "Physician Perspectives on Incentives to Participate in Practice-Based Research: A Greater Rochester Practice-Based Research Network (GR-PBRN) Study". *Journal of the American Board of Family Medicine*. 2010; 23(4): 452-454.

Godfrey EM, **Chin NP**, Fielding SL, Fiscella K, and **Dozier A**. Contraceptive Methods and Use by Women Aged 35 and Over: A Qualitative Study of Perspectives. *BMC Women's Health* [in press]

**Kopin LA**, Sheridan SL, Viera AJ, et al. "The Effect of Giving Global Coronary Risk Information to Adults: A Systematic Review". Cardiovascular Health Intervention Research and Translation Network Work Group on Global Coronary Heart Disease Risk. *Archives of Internal Medicine*. 2010 February 8;170(3):230-9.

**Kopin, LA**, Artinian N., Burke L., "Interventions to Promote Physical Activity and Dietary Lifestyle Changes for Cardiovascular Risk Factor Reduction in Adults: A Scientific Statement from the American Heart Association". American Heart Association Prevention Committee of the Council on Cardiovascular Nursing. *Circulation*. 2010 July 27;122(4):406-41. Epub 2010 July 12.

**Kopin LA**, Lowenstein C J, "In the Clinic - Dyslipidemia". *Annals of Internal Medicine*. 2010 August 3; 153(3):ITC21.

**Chin NP**. (2010). Environmental Toxins: Physical, Social, and Emotional. *Breast-feeding Medicine*, October:223-224.





Godfrey EM, **Chin NP**, Fielding SL, Fiscella K, and **Dozier A**. Contraceptive Methods and Use by Women Aged 35 and Over: A Qualitative Study of Perspectives. *BMC Women's Health* [in press]

DiFranza JR, Wellman RJ, Mermelstein R, Pbert L, Klein JD, Sargent JD, Ahluwalia JS, Lando HA, **Ossip DJ**, Wilson KM, Balk SJ, Hipple B, Tanski SE, Prokhorov AV, Best D, Winickoff JP, for the American Academy of Pediatrics Tobacco Consortium. The Natural History and Diagnosis of Nicotine Addiction. *Current Reviews in Pediatrics*, 2011 [in press]

Hamisu M, Salihu, Euna M, August, Delores Jeffers, Alfred K. Mbah, **Amina P Alio**, Estrellita Lo Berry. Effectiveness of a Federal Healthy Start program in reducing primary and repeat teen pregnancies: Our experience over the decade. *Journal of Pediatric and Adolescent Gynecology*. January 12, 2011.

Alfred Mbah, **Amina P Alio**, Phillip J Marty, Karen Bruder, Ronee Wilson, Hamisu M Salihu. Recurrent versus isolated pre-eclampsia and risk of fetal-infant morbidity outcomes: racial/ethnic disparity. *European Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology*. January 17, 2011.

Hursh D & **Martina CA** (2011). *Teaching environmental health to children: An interdisciplinary approach*. Springer International Press. Netherlands. Late Spring 2011.



## Presentations & Abstracts

**Ann Dozier** presented at the 138th APHA Annual Meeting, November 2010, Denver, Colorado - "Smoke-free homes: Effect of a community based health promotion program in the Dominican Republic" **Ann M. Dozier**, RN, PhD, **Deborah J. Ossip**, PhD, Sergio Diaz, MD, **Joseph J. Guido**, MS, Essie Sierra-Torres, MPH, Zahira Quiñones, MD, MPH, **Scott McIntosh**, PhD and **Susan Fisher**, PhD.

**Joseph Guido** was the co-chair of the Foundations and Fundamentals section at the NorthEast SAS Users Group (NESUG) Meeting in Baltimore, Maryland held on Nov 14 – Nov 17, 2010. This educational conference is for SAS Programmers/Analysts and Statisticians and provides a great resource for developing technologies in the applied statistics arena.

**Debbie Ossip** was interviewed Nov 18, 2010 with the D&C about new FDA ruling for graphic warning labels on cigarette packs

**Debbie Ossip** was guest on Bob Smith's talk show on 1370 WXXI radio Nov. 30, 2010, regarding the new FDA ruling on graphic warning labels for cigarette packs.

**Ann Dozier** presented at CDC Sponsored MCH Epidemiology Conference, December 2010, San Antonio Tx Epidural Anesthesia, Obstetric Factors and Breastfeeding Cessation: Who or What is the Culprit? **Ann M. Dozier**, Cynthia Howard, **Elizabeth Brownell**, Richard Wissler, Chris Glantz, Sharon Ternullo, **Kelly Thevenet-Morrison**, **Cynthia Childs**, **Barbara Suter**, **Holly Widanka**, **Anna Solomonik**, **Joseph Duckett**, **Alice Nelson**, Ruth Lawrence.

**Ann M. Dozier**, RN, PhD, Mary Lou McCloud and Jean Carroll poster: Achieving Results with Pregnant and Parenting Teens: Success of a School Based Program

**Ann Dozier** Attended US Breastfeeding Committee January 2011, Washington, DC, as APHA delegate

**Barbara Suter** Presented a talk, Survey Research, to the Pediatric Fellows in Jan 2011

**Scott R. Smith** Helped to sponsor the first Deaf Teen Club event for Monroe BOCES students who are deaf/hard-of-hearing on Feb. 6, 2011.

Presented poster at annual conference for the Society for Research on Nicotine & Tobacco, "The Landscape of Tobacco Use in 8 Economically Disadvantaged Dominican Republic Communities" Authors: **Chin N., Dozier A., Quiñones Z., Almonte H., Díaz S., Bautista A., Weber E., McIntosh S., Ossip D.** Feb 16-19, 2011, Toronto, Canada.

Presented poster at annual conference for the Society for Research on Nicotine & Tobacco, "Health Plan Initiative for Tobacco Cessation" Authors: **Janet Koslow, Debbie Ossip, and Scott McIntosh** Feb 16-19, 2011, Toronto, Canada

**Ann Dozier and Barbara Suter** will be Trainer for 2 AIDS Institute Program Evaluation seminars in NYC in March 2011

**Nancy Chin, Michael McKee** and Robert Pollard attended the second meeting of the National Task Force on Health Care Careers for the Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Community. The Task Force's overall aim is to expand opportunities for deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals within health care professions through increased accessibility strategies and options, the coordination and development of educational programs, and enabling policy.

## Field Work

A team from the NCI Dominican Republic (DR) tobacco control project (**Deborah Ossip**, PI) went to the DR in December to assist in training 40 local data collectors and site managers in preparation for conducting household surveys in 8 communities. The training team included **Joseph Guido, Emily Weber** and **Scott McIntosh**, along with the DR-based team of co-investigators and staff. The Office of the First Lady of the DR sent a representative who gave welcoming remarks at the opening session of the training.





## Health Policy and Outcomes Research

### Publications

**James Dolan** had a summary of the talk that was subsequently published in the January issue of “ACP Internist” magazine, published by the American College of Physicians (Vol. 31, Issue No.1)

Association Between Stroke Center Hospitalization for Acute Ischemic Stroke and Mortality, JAMA : the journal of the American Medical Association. 2011;305(4):373-380, **Xian Y**; Holloway RG; Chan PS; **Noyes K**; Shah MN; Ting HH; Chappel AR; Peterson ED; **Friedman B**

Racial differences in mortality among patients with acute ischemic stroke: an observational study, Annals of internal medicine. 2011;154(3):152-9., **Xian Y**; Holloway RG; **Noyes K**; Shah MN; **Friedman B**

Hospitalizations in nursing homes: Does Payer Source matter? Evidence from New York State” by Cai, S., Katz, P., Mukamel, D., **Veazie, P.** and **Temkin-Greener, H.**, Accepted for publication in Medical Care Research and Review

### Presentations & Abstracts

James Dolan presented “The importance of form, content, and context in the design and effectiveness of risk communication methods” at the “Frontiers in Cancer Prevention Research Meeting” sponsored by the American Association for Cancer Research in November 2010.



### Friday Seminars

Jan. 14 Yanen Li - “The Effects of a Home Visiting Nurse Intervention on Individual Activities of Daily Living (ADLs) and Instrumental Activities of Daily Living (IADLs)”

Jan. 28 Nan Qiao - “Homecare for Elderly People in Shanghai, China”

Feb. 25 Qinghua Li - “Mental Illness and Nursing Home Care”

Mar. 25 Kevin Makino, Title TBA

## Public Health Grand Rounds

- Jan. 21 George P. Richardson, Visiting Professor, O'Leary Professor of Public Administration and Policy, and Informatics Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy, University at Albany, SUNY "Experiences with Group Model Building for Strategic Planning in Health"
- Feb. 4 Reverend Edwin C. Sanders II, Metropolitan Interdenominational Church, Nashville, TN, "Spirituality as an Essential Component of Effective HIV Prevention, Education, Treatment and Research Initiatives"
- Feb. 18 David Rich, PhD, Assistant Professor, Department of Community and Preventive Medicine, University of Rochester "Ambient air pollution and adverse health effects: What have we learned from the 2008 Beijing Summer Olympics?"
- Mar. 4 Moira Szilagyi, MD, PhD, Associate Professor, Pediatrics, Medical Director, Starlight Pediatrics, Monroe County Health Department "Fostering Healthy Futures for Children and Teens in Foster Care"
- Mar. 18 Dr. Sekhobo, New York State Department of Health, "NY Fit WIC evaluation results"
- Apr. 1 Jennifer K. Carroll, MD, MPH, Assistant Professor, Family Medicine and Center for Community Health, "Communication Intervention to Promote Physical Activity in Underserved Populations"
- Apr. 15 Carlos Weiss, MD, MHS, Assistant Professor, Division of Geriatric Medicine and Gerontology, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine
- Apr. 29 Yan-Fang Ren, DDS, PhD





## Publications

### Presentations

**Barnett S.** Healthcare Experiences of Deaf Sign Language Users: Experiences Adapting a Written English Survey. Presented at the North American Primary Care Research Group, Seattle WA; 2010 November 13-17. Abstract

**Barnett S, Sutter E, Kushalnagar P.** Adapting Patient Outcome Measures (PROMs) for use with Diverse Populations: Experiences with American Sign Language. Presented at the International Society of Quality of Life Research, London, England; 2010 October 27-30. Abstract

**McKee M.** Deaf Health Talks: A Grassroots Community Driven Health Educational Program. Presented at the APHA 138th Annual Meeting, Denver CO, 2010 November 8.

**McKee M, Cuculick J, Schlehofer D, Smith S, Starr M, and Chin N, .** Perceptions of Cardiovascular Health in an Underserved Community: A Qualitative Study of Deaf Adults through CHIRTN. Presented at the APHA 138th Annual Meeting, Denver, CO; 2010 November 7. Abstract

**McKee M, Barnett S, Block N, and Pearson T.** Impact of Communication on Emergency Department and Preventive Services Use Among Deaf American Sign Language Users. Presented at the Health Literacy Annual Research Conference, Bethesda, MD; 2010 October 26. Poster Abstract (p. 12)

**Kushalnagar P, Schick B, Skalicky A, Topolski TD, Edwards TC, Patrick DL. (2011).** Quality of Life – Deaf and Hard of Hearing Youth (YQoL – DHH) instrument. Invited presentation at the National Association of School Psychologist, one-day conference for specialists working with deaf and hard of hearing students.

**Kushalnagar P, Schick B, Skalicky A, Topolski TD, Edwards TC, Patrick DL. (2011).** Quality of Life, Mode of Communication and School Placement among youth who are deaf or hard of hearing. Presentation at the Society of Research on Child Development preconference, Montreal, Canada.

Skalicky AM, **Kushalnagar P, Topolski TD, Schick B, Edwards TC, Sie K, Patrick DL. (2010).** Perception of Quality of Life among Youth who are deaf or hard of hearing. Poster presented at ISOQOL conference, London, England.

NCDHR Online Deaf & Hard-of-Hearing Resource Directory is now available at the NCDHR website. [www.urmc.edu/ncdhr](http://www.urmc.edu/ncdhr) .

## Events

**NCDHR and DHCC Retreat 2010.** On Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010, NCDHR and their partners, including the Deaf Health Community Committee (DHCC), held an all day retreat focused on enhancing their partnership, which follows the principles of Community Based Participatory Research (CBPR). This retreat focused on promoting partnership, transparency, communication, trust, and respect among everyone connected with the NCDHR. Twenty NCDHR faculty and staff and thirteen community partners participated. The event was facilitated by Robb Adams and Scot Atkins from the National Technical Institute for the Deaf (NTID) at Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT). Action plans for the coming year were developed, and NCDHR and DHCC look forward to continuing to strengthen their partnership and work together to enhance research at NCDHR. The meeting notes and the VLog for this event will be posted on the NCDHR website soon. [www.urmc.rochester.edu/ncdhr/](http://www.urmc.rochester.edu/ncdhr/)



**NCDHR to host the National Community Committee Meeting in October 2011.** The National Community Committee (NCC) is a national network of community representatives engaged in equitable partnerships with researchers to define local health priorities, drive prevention research agendas, and develop solutions to improve the overall health and quality of life of all communities. The NCC is one of 7 committees that help guide the Prevention Research Center (PRC) administered by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). NCDHR is one of 37 PRCs in the United States, and was chosen to host this year's NCC annual meeting through a competitive application process. Two representatives from each PRC will attend the NCC Meeting, representing communities that work with the 37 PRCs to do community-based participatory research (CBPR) in chronic disease prevention and control.

## Announcements

**ASL Video produced for CDC's Preventing Chronic Disease Website.** A publication by NCDHR, "Deaf sign language users, health inequities and public health: Opportunity for social justice," has been accepted by the editors of the CDC's *Preventing Chronic Disease* peer-reviewed electronic journal. The editors have requested an ASL video version of this article be filmed for their website. There has never been an ASL version of a professional journal article made before! Nine Deaf individuals were recruited by the Deaf Wellness Center (DWC) and NCDHR and acted during the filming of this ASL adaptation of the article. Look for the article and ASL film online at [www.cdc.gov/pcd](http://www.cdc.gov/pcd).

**Video blogs (VLogs) Created for Research Concepts in ASL.** Multiple videos have been created by Matt Starr and Tiffany Panko to educate the Deaf Community about different research concepts. These VLogs are descriptions and explanations of the research concepts in American Sign Language (ASL). If anyone has Deaf participants in other studies, please feel free to direct them to [www.urmc.rochester.edu/ncdhr/](http://www.urmc.rochester.edu/ncdhr/).



**The National Task Force on Health Care Careers for the Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing** was created in September 2010 and is comprised of members from the National Technical Institute for the Deaf at Rochester Institute of Technology, Gallaudet University in Washington, the Rochester General Health Systems, and the University of Rochester through the National Center for Deaf Health Research. This Task Force is the first of its kind, and aims to expand opportunities for deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals by increasing accessibility, developing educational programs, and enabling policies. Nancy Chin, MPH, PhD, Robert Pollard, PhD, Michael McKee, MD, MPH, and Vivian Lewis, MD (Vice Provost for Faculty Development & Diversity, Deputy to the President, and Professor of Obstetrics & Gynecology) were appointed to this Task Force to represent NCDHR and the University of Rochester. Visit the Task Force's website at: <http://www.rit.edu/ntid/hccd/home>.

## NCDHR Center and Faculty Awards

NCDHR Faculty awards:

- Dr. Thomas Pearson, MD, MPH, PhD, NCDHR Program Director, received the following awards:
  - Lifetime Mentoring Award from the School of Medicine & Dentistry at the University of Rochester.
  - Appointed by Secretaries of Agriculture and Human Services to the 2010 U.S. Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee.
  - Elected Chairman of the Board of Directors, National Forum for Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention.
  - Appointed to the Steering Committee for the Group on Research Advancement and Development (GRAND) of the Association of American Medical Colleges.
- Steven Barnett, MD, NCDHR Associate Director, received the Excellence Award in recognition of outstanding mentoring and support of medical students interested in family medicine, University of Rochester, Department of Family Medicine (May 2010).



NCDHR received the "Certificate of Appreciation for Outstanding Contributions to the Rochester Deaf Community" during the Rochester Deaf Awareness Week (September 19, 2010).

NCDHR received the Community Partnership Engagement Award from the CDC's Prevention Research Center National Community Committee (October 11, 2010).



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.

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- » 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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