

## A Word from our Directors

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Welcome to the second CAPES quarterly newsletter! We are excited to share news and announcements from the NIMH-funded Center for Accelerating Practices to End Suicide (CAPES) at UMass Chan Medical School. It's been a busy quarter, with our Signature Project Jaspr kicking off recruitment and our faculty being featured as a research highlight by NIMH. We wish you a happy 2024 and look forward to seeing what the new year brings for our growing Center!

Sincerely,

*Ed Boudreaux, PhD and Catarina Kiefe, PhD MD  
Directors, Center for Accelerating Practices to End Suicide*



## News

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The soft launch of the **CAPES signature project** is happening this month! We will be testing clinical and implementation outcomes of Jaspr, a suicide prevention software that can be accessed on a tablet by emergency department patients, which makes therapeutic use of downtime before a psychiatric evaluation. Patients can download the Jaspr@home app to their smartphone and use their safety plan and tools after the visit.



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**NIMH highlighted CAPES faculty**, who recently published the results of the large Emergency Department Safety Assessment and Follow-Up Evaluation 2 (ED-SAFE 2) trial in JAMA Psychiatry

[Read more](#)

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**Voices of UMass Chan** hosted Drs. Boudreaux and Larkin to discuss CAPES, highlighting the importance of compassionate healthcare in preventing suicide

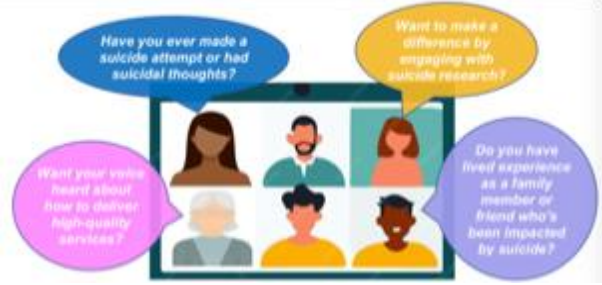


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We are now recruiting for the **CAPES Lived Experience Advisory Board!** If you are an adult living in MA, with lived experience of suicidality or of supporting a loved one in crisis, consider joining us

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## Upcoming events and announcements

**We are hiring!** The CAPES Center is seeking outstanding applicants for a clinical research coordinator II.

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On February 7, **Massachusetts Department of Public Health** is hosting a half-day virtual training "Understanding and Treating the Complex Puzzle of Non-Suicidal Self-Injury"



[Learn more](#)

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## Meet the team

Each newsletter, we will feature a CAPES team member. This time, meet **Ben Gerber, MD, MPH**. Dr. Gerber is an internist at UMass Chan with research expertise in designing and implementing technology to promote health in vulnerable patient populations. He is a member of the CAPES Executive Committee and an investigator in our person-centered design unit. In Ben's spare time, he loves to run. Coming from relatively flat Chicago, he's been finding the hills around Central Massachusetts to be challenging!



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