



Weekly Newsletter July 8-12, 2024

PQHS NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS



Wednesday, July 10 – 10:00 – 11:00 AM

Research Meeting –Title: Informed Presence Bias, The Bias Inherent to Electronic Health Record Review

Presenter: Zachary Ballinger, MD

General Surgery Resident, UMass Chan Medical School

Pediatric Surgery Research Fellow, UMass Memorial Medical Center Children's Hospital, MSCI Candidate

Bio: Dr. Ballinger is a resident physician in the general surgery program here at UMass. He is currently on two years of dedicated research time with the Pediatric Surgery department, where his work focuses on clinical outcomes research using both single institution and large national databases. Recently, his work has focused on disparities in metabolic and bariatric surgery in the pediatric population, and management of blunt kidney injury in pediatric patients.

Brief Description: This presentation will provide an overview of selection bias in Electronic Medical Record data and research, with a focus on the concept of informed presence bias. In addition to discussing the principles of this bias, strategies for bias mitigation and control will be discussed.

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

WELCOME TO PQHS



Please Welcome to PQHS Benedicta Treku! I am excited to join the PQHS team as an Administrative Assistant III, bringing a strong background in office management, administrative support and dedication to organizational excellence. My background includes coordinating complex schedules, streamlining office operations, and providing exceptional customer service. I look forward to contributing to the success of our medical school and supporting our faculty and students. Benedicta has over 17 years of experience in various positions, with the most recent as an Administrative Coordinator at University of Texas Rio Grande Valley in Texas. Her start date is July 15th, 2024 and she'll be in Kelley Baron's former office on the 6th floor. *Please give her a warm PQHS Welcome!*

PQHS HAPPENINGS



Transdisciplinary Training Program in Cardiovascular Research (T32)

Accepting Pre- and Post-Doctoral Applications

Deadline is July 12, 2024 at 5:00 PM ET

Click [here](#) to view website for more information.



Sign up to have lunch with the Chair & Vice Chair! There are still slots available to pick from.

Lunch with the Chair and Vice Chair sign ups are first come first serve for 3 Faculty Members

and 3 Staff Members each month to have to have a nice catered meal and to talk about

anything, but *NO WORK TALK*. Please review the available slots below and click on the button

to sign up for the date that works for you. Thank you!

Click [here](#) to sign up!

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Thursday, August 1, 2024, 9:30-10:00AM in AS9-2072

PHS Comprehensive Project Presentation: *"The Prevalence of Central Nervous System-Active Polypharmacy in Nursing Home Residents in the U.S. During the COVID-19 Pandemic."*

Presented by: Heeyoon Jung, BSN, MS

Click [here](#) to join.



Thursday, August 1, 2024, 11:00-11:30AM in AS9-2072

PHS Comprehensive Project Presentation: *“Evaluating the impact of opioid misuse on depression prevalence in a large national cohort.”*

Presented by: Nathaniel Glassy, ALM, CCRC

Click [here](#) to join.



Friday, August 2, 2024, 8:30-9:00AM in AS9-2072

PHS Comprehensive Project Presentation: *“Associations between parent-perceived neighborhood support and healthy lifestyles and food security among children.”*

Presented by: Claire Branley, BS

Click [here](#) to join.



Friday, August 2, 2024, 11:00-11:30AM in AS9-2072

PHS Comprehensive Project Presentation: *“Dietary Patterns and Metabolic Syndrome Prevalence Among US Young Adults: NHANES 2011-2018 Analysis.”*

Presented by: Mary Lee, BS, MPH

Click [here](#) to join.



Thursday, August 8, 2024, 10:00-10:30AM in AS9-2072

PHS Comprehensive Project Presentation: *“Assessing the relationship between ethnic minority language barrier and depression among Spanish speaking Latinos living in US nursing homes.”*

Presented by: Natalia Nielsen, MPH

Click [here](#) to join.



Tuesday, August 13, 2024, 8:30-9:00AM in AS9-2072

PHS Comprehensive Project Presentation: *“Association of everyday discrimination and sleep quality: data from the All of Us Research Program.”*

Presented by: HyeIn Lee, BS

Click [here](#) to join.

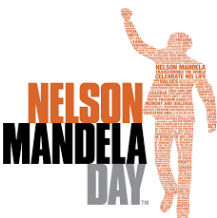
DIVERSITY DIGEST



Disability Pride Month

Disability Pride Month occurs in July each year since 1990; this year marks the 34th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), a landmark law that shattered barriers to inclusion for people with disabilities. In honor of this milestone, we celebrate Disability Pride Month, a time to recognize diversity, honor achievements, and amplify the resilience of the disability community. Disability,

visible or invisible, can happen at any point in a person's lifetime. As individuals, we experience disability differently. Celebrating Disability Pride includes expanding your consciousness of those living with disabilities and reflecting upon their contributions. Increased awareness invites opportunities to change how disability is perceived, end stigmas and promote expanded appreciation as a natural part of human diversity.



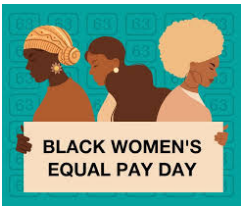
Nelson Mandela Day

Nelson Mandela Day, observed on July 18th, celebrates the legacy of Nelson Mandela by encouraging individuals to dedicate time to community service. It honors his 67 years of fighting for social justice and human rights, inspiring people worldwide to contribute to their communities and promote equality and kindness.

This year, the 64 Hours for Mandela initiative encourages individuals to dedicate 64 hours throughout the year to acts of kindness and service, reflecting Mandela's lifelong dedication to improving the lives of others.

Visit the Nelson Mandela Day website to learn more:

<https://www.mandeladay.com/>



Black Women's Equal Pay Day

Black Women's Equal Pay Day is Thursday, July 9, 2024. Although the Equal Pay Act passed in 1963 to establish the law of equal pay for equal work, Black women typically make 69 cents for every dollar that white, non-Hispanic men make. Black Women's Equal Pay Day is a day to focus on education and advocacy for pay equity among genders and races. For more information, visit [Equal Pay Today](#).



July 30 - International Day of Friendship

The International Day of Friendship was proclaimed in 2011 by the UN General Assembly with the idea that friendship between peoples, countries, cultures and individuals can inspire peace efforts and build bridges between communities. The resolution emphasizes involving young people, as future leaders, in community activities that include different cultures and promoting international understanding and respect for diversity.

UMASS CHAN REMINDER

Holiday Calendar for UMass Chan Medical School

Remaining Holiday Schedule for 2024:

- Labor Day – Monday, September 2nd
- Indigenous Peoples' Day – Monday, October 14th
- Veterans Day – Monday, November 11th
- Thanksgiving Day – Thursday, November 28th
- Day After Thanksgiving – Friday, November 29th
- Christmas Eve – Tuesday, December 24th
- Christmas Day – Wednesday, December 25th



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.