

Weekly Newsletter November 25-27, 2024

PQHS NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS



Research Methods Meeting

Wednesday, December 4th, 10:00 – 11:00 AM

Title: Shifting the Culture of Health Care: Promoting Whole Health and Caregiver Inclusion Using Ethnographic and Implementation Science Approaches

Presenter: Eileen M. Dryden, PhD, Center for Health Optimization and Implementation Research (CHOIR), VA Bedford Healthcare System

Bio: Eileen Dryden, PhD is an applied anthropologist and investigator at the Center for Health Optimization and Implementation Research (CHOIR) at the Veterans Health Administration in

Bedford, MA. Her current work focuses on patient-centered care, caregivers, virtual geriatrics, and Whole Health. She specializes in qualitative and participatory research and evaluation methods.

Brief Description: Over the past decade, the Veterans Health Administration (VA) has been striving to change their culture of care to be more patient-centered and inclusive. As a reflection of this, they have partnered with the Elizabeth Dole Foundation to develop and promote the Campaign for Inclusive Care focused on integrating caregivers into Veterans' healthcare teams. Separately, the VA has put considerable resources and effort towards creating a Whole Health System of Care with the aim of supporting Veterans' health and well-being centered around what matters most to the Veteran. The question of how to best implement these changes in the VA, the largest integrated healthcare system in the United States, remains an ongoing challenge. Dr. Dryden will discuss her training as an applied anthropologist and how that experience has informed her research and allowed her to make valuable contributions to this transformational shift at the VA.

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 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 if you'd like to learn more.
- We look forward to seeing you there and engaging in valuable discussions!



Thursday, December 5th, 12:00PM – 1:00PM

Tea Time - On Thursday, December 5th, the Epidemiology Division invites you to a holiday tea at noon! Join us to celebrate the season with traditional teatime favorites and an array of other delicious treats. Take this opportunity to connect with colleagues and enjoy the festive atmosphere. We look forward to seeing you!

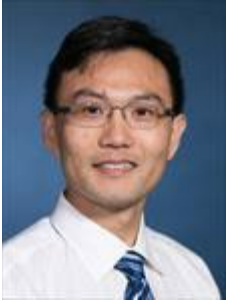
PQHS SHOUT OUT



Congratulations to [Hoa Nguyen, MD, MS, PhD](#) on her promotion to Professor. Dr. Nguyen proved to have an established record of scholarly activity, provided outstanding service to the department, the TH Chan School of Medicine and the community. Furthermore, she contributed considerably to the Medical School's education mission. We congratulate Dr. Nguyen and express our sincere appreciation for her support of the Medical School



Congratulations!! [Dan Amante](#), Tammy Nguyen (Medicine), [Elena Byhoff](#) (Medicine/PQHS), and [Adrian Zai](#) were awarded the UMass Memorial Medical Group and UMCCTS Prize for Academic Collaboration and Excellence (PACE) Award for our project titled 'SDoH-MMC: addressing Social Determinants of Health with Mobile Multi-disciplinary Clinics'.
More information about the PACE award click [here](#).



Feifan Liu will be appointed by the editor-in-chief as a Data Science Associated Editor role for the Nature Mental Health journal (an npj journal). It is a relatively new journal and is expected to have its impact factor soon.

Feifan Liu is honored to be nominated as a standing member for the Clinical Informatics and Digital Health (CIDH) study section (pending approval). Only a small portion of ad hoc reviewers were selected for this role. It may take 6-7 months to go through multi-level approvals.

The UMass Chan article dissemination link is: <https://arcsapps.umassmed.edu/redcap/surveys/?s=JC8NPE9MA9>.

PQHS ANNOUNCEMENTS

December NIH Submission Deadlines

Find listed your OSP Review Deadlines for the December NIH submission deadlines. As always, we are asking for your diligence and cooperation in ensuring that your action items (proposals and/or RPPRs) are submitted to OSP as early as possible with a minimum of **5 business days before the NIH submission deadlines**.

Proposals:

NIH Submission Deadline	Mechanism	OSP Review Deadline
December 8	F Series Fellowships (F05, F30, F31, F32, F33, F37, F38, FI2, F99, FM1) - <i>new, renewal, resubmission</i>	December 2, 2024
December 12	R13, U13 - <i>All - new, renewal, resubmission, revision</i>	December 5, 2024

RPPRs:

Your OSP Specialist will contact you directly if you have a RPPR due this month.

NIH Submission Deadline	OSP Review Deadline
December 1	November 25, 2024
December 15	December 9, 2024

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 REMINDER



Personal Time

Volume VI Human Resources

Policy Number: 06.01.08

Effective Date: Wednesday, September 01, 1999

Last Reviewed: Thursday, June 28, 2017

Last Reviewed: Tuesday, September 21, 2021

Responsible Office:

• Policy Administrator Deputy Executive Vice Chancellor, People Strategy

• Human Resources

• Contact: (508) 556-6200

Policy Statement

Personal time is paid time off for personal reasons to be used during the calendar year.

If an employee is scheduled to work during a religious holiday that is not an observed University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School holiday, preference will be given for requests for personal time.

Reason for Policy

To provide guidelines for the accrual, use and reporting of personal time during the calendar year.

Entities Affected by this Policy

All nonunion employees with the exception of Residents. To clarify if portions of this policy are covered by a collective bargaining agreement, contact your Human Resources Employee Relations Consultant.

Related Documents

Leaving the University Policy 06.04.10

Transfer of Service to/from UMass Medical School Policy 06.01.12

Residents Personnel Policies

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 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.