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From the Division of Public Health Sciences, Department of Surgery  
Graham A. Colditz, MD, DrPH, *Chief*

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## Childhood diet and growth in boys in relation to timing of puberty and adult height: The Longitudinal Studies of Child Health and Development



### | Epidemiology Research |

Siobhan Sutcliffe, PhD; Yikyung Park, ScD; Graham Colditz, MD, DrPH; et al.

Published in *Cancer Causes and Control*

[PubMed](#) | [Sutcliffe Profile](#)

## Understanding the cognitive and affective mechanisms that underlie proxy risk perceptions among caregivers of asthmatic children



### | Risk Communication Research |

Erika Waters, PhD, MPH; et al.

Published in *Medical Decision Making*

[PubMed](#) | [Waters Profile](#)

## Impacts of neighborhood characteristics on treatment and outcomes in women with ductal carcinoma in situ of the breast



### | Epidemiology Research |

Ying Liu, MD, PhD; Graham Colditz, MD, DrPH; et al.

Published in *Cancer Epidemiology Biomarkers & Prevention*

[PubMed](#) | [Liu Profile](#)

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## Division News Briefs

- The Division of Public Health Sciences congratulates [Bettina Drake, PhD, MPH](#), associate professor of surgery, on her appointment to Siteman's new [Associate Director of Cancer Health Equity](#).
- We also congratulate [Jean Hunleth, PhD, MPH](#), instructor in surgery, on two recent appointments. 1) Dr. Hunleth now holds a **courtesy affiliation as an instructor of**



### ABOUT US

This newsletter provides a select summary of research news from the Division of Public Health Sciences.

We are a team of researchers and clinicians dedicated to preventing disease, improving health outcomes, and promoting quality and access to health care.

The Division of Public Health Sciences is part of the [Department of Surgery](#).

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anthropology. 2) She was also appointed to fellow in the Society for Applied Anthropology.

- The Division also congratulates [Mary Politi, PhD](#), associate professor of surgery, on her new position as the **Vice President-Elect of the Society for Medical Decision Making**.
- Join the **Program for the Elimination of Cancer Disparities (PECaD) for our last [community town hall](#)** on Sept. 8 for community members to provide feedback about the new Siteman Cancer Center at Christian Hospital.
- September's [Epidemiology and Clinical Research Outcomes Seminar Series](#) will be held on Sept. 19 at 12:00 p.m. [Ana Baumann Walker, PhD](#), research associate professor, will present in the Doll & Hill Room at the Taylor Avenue Building.
- Join the Division on **Oct. 5 at 12:00 p.m. as [Ashley Housten, OTD, OTR, MSCI](#)**, instructor at the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, presents. Dr. Housten's presentation will be held in the Richmond Room of the Taylor Avenue Building.
- Join **PECaD Oct. 13 from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. for the [East St. Louis Smart Health event](#)** at the Jackie Joyner Kersee Foundation.
- The Division is excited to share our **updated and responsive [website](#)**. Additions to the website include a listing of faculty projects and community engagement initiatives. Please remember to bookmark our new web address.
- **Media Notes:** 1) [Aimee James, PhD, MPH](#), wrote a blog on colorectal cancer screening recommendations for this month's [Gateway Region YMCA](#) blog contribution. 2) [Erika Waters, PhD, MPH](#), was interviewed by multiple media outlets including [HealthDay](#), [Healio](#), and [Live Science](#) regarding her recent [study](#) analyzing an individual's understanding of obesity and cancer risk. 3) [Yikyung Park, ScD](#), is featured for September's [In Good Taste segment](#) on leafy greens and their health benefits. 4) [Physician's Weekly](#) featured [Graham Colditz, MD, DrPH](#), in their blog addressing diabetes and cancer risk. 5) [The St. Louis American](#) mentioned PECaD faculty members [Bettina Drake, PhD, MPH](#); [Aimee James, PhD, MPH](#); Vetta Thompson, PhD; and [Graham Colditz, MD, DrPH](#); in their article on the groundbreaking of Siteman Cancer Center at Christian Hospital. 6) [Mary Politi, PhD](#), published in [The New England Journal of Medicine Catalyst](#) on innovative decision support for healthcare enrollment. Read the [WUSM news release](#).