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

"I don't believe it." Acceptance and skepticism of genetic health information among African-American and White smokers



| Health Communication Research |
Erika Waters, PhD, MPH; et al.
Published in *Social Science and Medicine*
[PubMed](#) | [Waters Profile](#)

The role of patient engagement in addressing parents' beliefs about immunizations



| Shared Decision Making Research |
Mary Politi, PhD; et al.
Published in *Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA)*
[PubMed](#) | [Politi Profile](#)

Wound complication rates after staples or suture for midline vertical skin closure in obese women: A randomized controlled trial



| Biostatistics Research |
Esther Lu, PhD; et al.
Published in *Obstetrics and Gynecology*
[PubMed](#) | [Lu Profile](#)

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Division News Briefs

- The Division of Public Health Sciences congratulates [Saira Khan, PhD](#), postdoctoral research associate, and [Muvibat Adelani, MD](#), assistant professor of orthopaedic surgery, for their acceptance as Health Disparities Research Institute Scholars through the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities. Read the [news announcement](#).
- Congratulations to [Joaquin Barnoya, MD, MPH](#), associate professor of surgery, on receiving funds from the Institute for Public Health at Washington University to



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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research heart disease risk in HIV patients, and tobacco use in Guatemala. Read the [news announcement](#).

- The Division and P20 SIU partnership leadership **congratulate Lindsay Kuroki, MD, (WUSTL PI) and Assaad Semaan, MD, (SIU PI), as the recipients of the [2017 Collaborative Cancer Disparities Research Program](#)**. Their project, *addressing unmet basic needs to improve adherence among women with an abnormal pap*, was approved for funding.
- The **Master of Population Health Sciences (MPHS) degree program welcomes and congratulates Ana Silvia Salazar, MD, as a fall 2017 trainee**. Dr. Salazar received a scholarship that will help her earn her MPHS degree. Read the [news announcement](#).
- Join the Division on **July 12 at 12:00 p.m. to hear Jennifer Hay, PhD**, attending psychologist at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, **present "Can Health Decision Making Research Inform Precision Prevention for Cancer?"** Her presentation will take place in the Doll & Hill Room 2131 in the Taylor Avenue Building.
- **Two new [Health Beyond Barriers podcasts](#) are now available** through MindsEye Radio. [Erika Waters, PhD, MPH](#), associate professor of surgery, describes ways to incorporate **physical activity** into daily life. [Jean Wang, MD](#), associate professor of medicine, outlines **colon cancer screening recommendations**.
- **Media Notes:** 1) June's [Gateway Region YMCA blog](#) was written by [Bettina Drake, PhD, MPH](#), who discusses prostate cancer screening recommendations, and what populations may benefit from screening. 2) [Graham Colditz, MD, DrPH](#), was featured for June's [In Good Taste section through the St. Louis Post-Dispatch](#). Dr. Colditz explained how nontraditional burgers may benefit your health. 3) [Yikyung Park, ScD](#), explains the health benefits of tomatoes in July's [St. Louis Post-Dispatch In Good Taste](#) section. 4) WUSM medical student Nicholas Karlow (2019 graduate) recounts his experience with the MD/MPHS degree program in the most recent [MPHS alumni spotlight](#).

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