

Weekly Newsletter May 20-24, 2024

PQHS NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS



Wednesday, May 22 – 10:00 – 11:00 AM

Research Meeting –Title: Risk Adjustment 101 – Part II

Presenter: Arlene S. Ash, Professor and Chief, Division of Biostatistics and Health Services Research in PQHS, UMass Chan Medical School

Bio: Since 2014, Dr. Ash is a pioneer in risk adjustment methods, and has led teams incorporating both medical and social risk into global payments and quality measures for MassHealth (Massachusetts Medicaid and Children’s Health Insurance Programs). She is keenly interested in understanding and addressing inequities associated with gender, age, race, and socioeconomics; also, quality, equity and efficiency in health care financing and delivery.

Brief Description: I will continue the discussion from two weeks’ ago about risk adjustment for managing health care delivery systems, this week focusing on some new directions in modeling. You may find slides for the 2 talks combined in the following link ([Link](#)).

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



Thursday, May 23, 2024, 11:00AM-1:00PM – ASC Cube or Zoom

The Awards Luncheon to congratulate [Elise Stevens PhD](#) on being selected this year to receive the Early Career Achievement in Science and Health Award.

Please click [here](#) to register for the event.

PQHS HAPPENINGS



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



Tuesday, May 28, 2024, 9:30-11:00am – AS9.2072 & Zoom

Presentation: “COVID-19 Related Telehealth Use Among Older Adults in the Post-Pandemic Era.”

Presented by: Gretchen Weaver

Click [here](#) to join.



Friday, June 7, 2024, 3:00-4:30pm – AS9.2072 & Zoom

Presentation: “Use and Effectiveness of Antidepressants on Behavioral and Psychological Symptoms of Dementia among U.S. Nursing Home Residents with AD/DRD”

Presented by: Shiwei (Echo) Liang

Click [here](#) to join.



UMass Chan Medical School encourages employees to “Take a Break” – Use Your Excess Vacation Leave **by June 29th**. As we get closer to fiscal year end, we want to remind you of the [UMass Chan Vacation Policy](#) and maximum accruals so you can plan accordingly.

As of the last full pay period of the fiscal year, the maximum number of vacation hours employees may carry over into the next fiscal year is 240. During the fiscal year, employees are allowed to accrue hours over 240; hours over this accrual limit are automatically re-set in the payroll system to the accrual maximum. **This year, the relevant pay period ends June 29, 2024. Accordingly, we encourage**

you to use any vacation balances over 240 that exceed the 240-hour maximum before that date.

Holiday Calendar for UMass Chan Medical School

Remaining Holiday Schedule for 2024:

- Memorial Day – Monday, May 27th
- Juneteenth National Independence Day – Thursday, June 19th
- Independence Day – Thursday, July 4th
- 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.