

Weekly Newsletter December 2-6, 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.

To join the meeting click [here](#).

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 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



The AGING Initiative is pleased to announce the [seventh cycle of the AGING Initiative MCCs Scholars Program!](#) The program will create a cohort of emerging leaders who are committed to pursuing training and collaborative opportunities to align their research interests with issues relevant to the health and healthcare of

older adults with MCCs.

- The AGING Initiative will select **up to 16 scholars this year.**
- The scholarships provide travel and accommodations for a **training workshop** as an introduction to the new cohort.
- Throughout the year, Scholars participate in **six webinar-based career development teleconferences** based on 4 curricular elements:
 1. Significance of Multiple Chronic Conditions
 2. Resources and tools for MCCs researchers
 3. Enabling meaningful patient/caregiver engagement
 4. Professional/leadership development for investigators

To view the full MCCs Scholars Program RFA, [please click here](#). To view the recording from the Informational Webinar on November 21st, [please click here](#). Please reach out to Ollie Desrochers (Ollie.Desrochers@umassmed.edu) with any questions.

UMASS CHAN REMINDER



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:

- 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.