

Department of Population and Quantitative Health Sciences

Weekly Newsletter

SEPTEMBER 8 - 12, 2025



UMass Chan
MEDICAL SCHOOL

UPCOMING EVENTS

Teatime – Tuesday, September 9, 2 – 3 PM

The Division of Biostatistics and Health Services Research will be hosting teatime. We invite you to stop by for a cup of tea or coffee, enjoy a snack, and take the opportunity to connect with your colleagues.



Every Tuesday thru November 4, 10 AM – 2 PM

(No market or food trucks on Sept 9)

Farmers' Market, CSA, and Food Trucks at UMass Chan



Sponsored by Office of Well-Being and Office of Sustainability

Location: Outdoors, Medical School Building Terrace (Rain location: Old School Lobby or Albert Sherman Cafeteria)

In an effort to enhance campus sustainability, foster **engagement**, and promote well-being, we are proud to provide fresh, locally sourced food and products to our UMass Chan community and support small, local businesses in the region.

A variety of food trucks will be available each week offering food for purchase.

Questions? Email OWB@umassmed.edu.

THE NEW ENGLAND ATTC TEAM WEBINARS

We welcome you to check out our upcoming events! Mark your calendars and register now!

[Understanding Emerging Evidence on Cannabis Use and Cannabis use Disorder \(CUD\) among Perinatal Populations: What Clinicians Need to Know](#) – 3-part series

September 11th | 12-1 PM EST – Session 1 – Current Trends and New Insights

September 18th | 12-1 PM EST – Session 2 – They Why and What Happens

September 25th | 12-1 PM EST – Session 3 – From Awareness to Action: Understanding Your Role

This three-part training series explores the latest evidence on cannabis use and CUD among pregnant and prenatal individuals, covering prevalence, health impacts, and clinical considerations. Participants will gain insight into patient motives, maternal and child health outcomes, mandated reporting requirements, and emerging intervention strategies to better support perinatal populations

[Contingency Management in Practice: Evidence, Ethics, and Implementation](#) – 3-part series

September 19th | 12-1 PM EST – Session 1 – Foundations of Contingency Management: What It Is and Why It Works - An introduction to CM

September 24th | 12-1 PM EST – Session 2 – Ethical, Policy, and Funding Considerations for CM: Applying It Responsibly

September 29th | 12-1 PM EST – Session 3 – Data-Driven CM: Research, Outcomes, and Lessons from the Field

This three-part virtual series introduces Contingency Management (CM), an evidence-based approach proven to enhance outcomes in substance use treatment. Participants will progress from foundational concepts and research to exploring ethical considerations and practical strategies for real-world implementation.

The New England ATTC Team

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[New England ATTC - Addiction Technology Transfer Center \(ATTC\) Network](#)

UMass Cancer Walk, Sunday, September 28th

Started in 1999, the UMass Cancer Walk has become the largest one-day, single-location fundraising event in Central Massachusetts, bringing together thousands of individuals to celebrate their fundraising success. The event supports adult and pediatric cancer research and care, and clinical trials of new, potentially lifesaving therapies taking place at UMass Chan Medical School.



Mara Epstein and Raj Sadasivam are leading the “Cancer Population Health Sciences” team. Click [here](#) to register and join the walk, or to donate.

DIVERSITY CALENDAR

2025 SEPTEMBER Monthly observances: * Hispanic Heritage Month * Intergenerational Month Weekly observance: National Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week (2nd week of Sept.)	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	Brazilian Independence Day				Ethiopian New Year		
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	Elevation of the Life-Giving Cross	*Guatemala Independence Day *Respect for the Aged Day	Mexican Independence Day		*Chilean Independence Day * International Equal Pay Day	Army Day	
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	Mabon	*Rosh Hashanah (sundown through sundown 9/24) *Sharad Navratri (through Oct. 1)	*Autumnal Equinox Day *International Day of Sign Languages *Saudi National Day			Native American Day	*Meskel * The Day of the Walloon Region *French Community Holiday
	28	29	30	1	2	3	4
		Michaelmas	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation				

September 23: International Day of Sign Languages

International Day of Sign Languages is a way to support and protect the linguistic identity and cultural diversity of all Deaf people and other sign language users. Our colleague Melissa L. Anderson, PhD, MSCI is leading the first evidence-based therapy clinical trial of its size to test evidence-based therapy for Deaf people with trauma symptoms and alcohol use disorder, called Signs of Safety. Two community-based organizations supporting this study are National Deaf Therapy (<https://nationaldeaftherapy.com/about/>), which houses all of the study therapists, and DeafHealth (<https://deafhealthaccess.org/>), which will be supporting the recruitment efforts in the coming grant year.

UMASS CHAN REMINDERS

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Remaining Holiday Schedule for 2025:

- Indigenous Peoples' Day – Monday, October 13th
- Veterans Day – Tuesday, November 11th
- Thanksgiving Day – Thursday, November 27th
- Day After Thanksgiving – Friday, November 28th
- Christmas Eve – Wednesday, December 24th
- Christmas Day – Thursday, December 25th

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 Judi (judi.saber@umassmed.edu) & Sarah (sarah.yeboah@umassmed.edu) by Friday each week.