So How Are We Doing?
by Desmond Runyan, MD, DrPH, Director, RWJF Clinical Scholars National Program Office

As all of you know by now, the Foundation is sun-setting the current Clinical Scholars program with the last cohort of this current program going through the selection process now for a July 2015 start. It should be noted that this isn’t because of perceived failure of the current program but rather the heartfelt desire by the Foundation to do more of what they have been so successful at: training leaders in health care. The new iteration of the program is still to be designed but what is clear is that leaders from more parts of the country and from other disciplines are to be part of what follows our current program. It is really our success and impact that has demonstrated to the Foundation, and the larger health care world, what can be done. As an academically based training program, we easily move to measure the numbers of grants, publications, and promotions Scholars and alums have achieved. But our impact is much broader and one of the ways we are attempting to document this time around is asking about Scholar and alumni service on boards and commissions.

The NPO just conducted its annual survey ascertaining the successes of scholars and alumni for 2013 through an online questionnaire. Only 244 of our 1280 alumni and Scholars responded but the service documented was impressive. Alumni reported service on 154 government and community boards and 171 professional or specialty societies. Imagine what the list would have been with the other 1,100 alumni responding! Twelve current Scholars reported service on a range of boards and commissions including Yale Scholars Brita Roy (VA Scholar) and Theodore Long on the Connecticut State Medical Society Council, UCLA Scholar Keith Hermanstyne on the American Psychiatric Association’s Steering Committee on AIDS, Michigan Scholar Lauren Hughes on the American Academy of Family Physicians Commission on Governmental Advocacy, and Penn Scholar Charlene Wong as the Contributing Section Editor on Adolescent Health on the Editorial Board for AAP Grand Rounds.

On a national level, the RWJF Clinical Scholars program was represented by multiple alumni serving on commissions and boards for AHRQ (4), CMS (6), HHS (3), NIH (6), NIMH (3), NQF (5), PCORI (8), and VA (3). Alumni serve in integral positions for the improvement of health and health care service on the AARP Board of Directors, AHRQ National Advisory Committee, CMS MEDCAC, Joint Commission Board of Directors, and PCORI Board of Governors. On the state level, alumni serve on governor appointed committees including the Governor of Georgia Commission on Childhood Obesity, Governor’s Panel on Impaired Driving (WA), the Colorado Court Improvement Program, and Governor’s Task Force for a Healthier Tennessee. Other alumni serve on important local committees such as the Philadelphia Violence Prevention Collaborative Data and Evaluation group, Planned Parenthood of Pasadena and San...
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Gabriel Valley, and AIDS Project Los Angeles. Alumni serve as well as state health commissioners, state medical directors or even state Surgeon-Generals in at least 5 states.

The variety of service both in focus area and scope demonstrates the breadth of impact RWJF Clinical Scholars and alumni have on advancing health and health care across the nation. If you didn’t respond to the survey but have other local, state or federal policy development responsibility as part of your professional service, please let us know at the National Program Office.

Oh, and keep up the good work!

Des Runyan

What’s New

May Issue of Surgery Journal Features

The RWJF Clinical Scholars program supported Surgery Volume 155, No. 5. This special issue featured 17 articles and editorials by alumni in a section titled “Transforming Surgical and Interventional Care: Insights from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Clinical Scholars Program.” The Foundation press release can be seen here.

RWJF Clinical Scholars

The editors for this issue were Marcia M. Russell (UCLA CSP 04-06), Guest Editor, John L. Gore (UCLA CSP 07-09, VA Scholar), Guest Editor, David A. Axelrod (Michigan CSP 99-01), Associate Guest Editor, and Jennifer Waljee, (Michigan CSP 05-07), Associate Guest Editor.
Justin Fox (Yale CSP 10-12)
“Hospital-based, acute care after ambulatory surgery center discharge”

Elise Lawson (UCLA CSP 09-11)
“Identification of modifiable factors for reducing readmission after colectomy”

David Flum (Washington CSP 00-02)
“Identification of modifiable factors for reducing readmission after colectomy”
“Implementation of a “real world” learning healthcare system: Washington

Jennifer Waljee (Michigan CSP 05-07)
“Patient expectations and patient-reported outcomes in surgery: A systematic review”

Chuck Scales (UCLA CSP 11-13, VA Scholar)
“The impact of unplanned postprocedure visits in the management of patients with urinary stones”

Heena Santry (Chicago CSP 03-05)
“A qualitative analysis of acute care surgery in the U.S.: It’s more than just ‘a competent surgeon with a sharp knife, and a willing attitude’

David Axelrod (Michigan CSP 99-01)
“Accountability for end-stage organ care: Implications of geographic variation in access to kidney transplantation”

Arden Morris (Washington CSP 00-02)
“The quality of surgical care in safety net hospitals” A systematic review”

Stephen Downs (UNC CSP 89-91)
“Referring physicians’ decision making for pediatric anti-reflux procedures”

John Gore (UCLA CSP 07-09, VA Scholar)
“User-centered design of quality of life reports for clinical prostate cancer care”

Kevin Chung (Michigan CSP 95-97)
“Patient expectations and patient-reported outcomes in surgery: A systematic review”

RWJF CSP Program Director Des Runyan (UNC CSP 79-81) and National Advisory Committee member Carlos Pellegrini
“The surgical specialties and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Clinical Scholars Program”

Julie Ann Sosa (Johns Hopkins CSP 96-98)
“The RWJ Clinical Scholars Program: How health services research and this alumna were helped from the fringe to the mainstream in general surgery”

Cliff Ko (UCLA CSP 99-01)
“Expanding the research experience”

David Penson (Yale CSP 97-99, VA Scholar)
“Learning to see the forest through the trees”
Health Policy Podcasts

We would like to make special recognition of the Health Policy Podcasts hosted by RWJF Penn Clinical Scholars and co-produced with Penn’s Leonard Davis Institute of Health Economics. The RWJF Clinical Scholars Health Policy Podcast is a monthly series featuring interviews by current Penn Scholars with health policy experts who are visitors, alumni, or faculty of the Clinical Scholars Program.

RAND Case Studies

Ben Roman (Penn CSP 12-14), Enesha Cobb (Michigan CSP 12-14), Kori Sauser (Michigan CSP 12-14), Ashaunta Tumblin (UCLA CSP 11-13), Erica Spatz (Yale CSP 08-11), Jonathan Bergman (UCLA CSP 11-13), Charles Scales (UCLA CSP 11-13, VA Scholar), and Hiu-fai Fong (Penn CSP 12-14) authored case studies for a RAND report: “Redirecting Innovation in U.S. Health Care: Options to Decrease Spending and Increase Value.” Art Kellermann (Washington CSP 83-85) coauthored the introduction.

Visit the Clinical Scholars Job Postings board: http://rwjcsp.unc.edu/employment/
Save the Date
2014 Clinical Scholars National Meeting

We look forward to seeing our scholars, alumni, faculty, staff, and community partners at the 2014 Clinical Scholars National Meeting in New Orleans, LA.

November 3rd-6th
Loews New Orleans Hotel
300 Poydras St
New Orleans, LA 70130

2014 Clinical Scholars National Research Meeting

Thanks to all the alumni who submitted abstracts for the fall meeting November 3-6, 2014 at the Lowes Hotel in New Orleans, LA. The national program office will coordinate the selection process and notify alumni in mid-late June. We are pleased to honor alum, David Nash, MD, MBA (Penn CSP 84-86), founding dean at the Jefferson School of Population Health in Philadelphia, as this year’s Annie Lea Shuster featured alumni speaker.

In addition to hearing about research and policy work of scholars and alumni, there will also be 3 guest speakers: Sheri Fink (Journalist), Roy Rosin, MBA (Chief Innovation Officer at Penn Medicine’s Center for Innovation) and Nancy Snyderman (Chief Medical Editor, NBC News)
Updates from Current Scholars around the Country

University of California, Los Angeles

Awards and Accomplishments

Elizabeth Barnert (UCLA CSP 12-14) was awarded the Pediatric CARE (Community, Advocacy, Research, and Education) Conference – Paul Young Travel Award at the Academic Pediatric Association Joint Region IX and X meeting on January 26, 2014 for her secondary data analysis on adolescent predictors of incarceration outcomes. This award is given for exceptional trainee research project.

Hemal Kanzaria (UCLA CSP 12-14) was selected as a “Top 50 Peer Reviewers for 2013” for Annals of Emergency Medicine.

Hemal Kanzaria (UCLA CSP 12-14) was awarded the “Outstanding Faculty Research Presentation” at the Western Regional Society for Academic Emergency Medicine Meeting for his presentation “Emergency Physician Perceptions of Medically Unnecessary Advanced Diagnostic Imaging.”

Hung-Jui Tan (UCLA CSP VA 13-15) was awarded a Postdoctoral Fellowship Grant from the American Cancer Society to look at geriatric care in kidney cancer.

Presentations


Hemal Kanzaria (UCLA CSP 12-14) presented “The Association between Advanced Diagnostic Imaging and Emergency Department Length of Stay,” at the SAEM Annual Meeting, Dallas, TX: May 13-17, 2014.


Publications and Press

Elizabeth Barnert (UCLA CSP 12-14) discussed incarceration itself as a determinant of health in a recent RWJF blog post as part of the Human Capital Blog’s series for National Minority Health Month.

Elizabeth Barnert (UCLA CSP 12-14), Perry R, Wells KB. “Reforming healthcare for former prisoners.” Accepted: Journal of General Internal Medicine, 2014 (in press).


Probst MA, Mower WR, Hemal Kanzaria (UCLA CSP 12-14), Hoffman JR, Buch EF, Sun BC. “Analysis of Emergency Department Visits for Palpitations (From the National Hospital Ambulatory Medical Care Survey).” American Journal of Cardiology, 2014.

Hemal Kanzaria (UCLA CSP 12-14) discusses how R@UCSF, a student lead service learning initiative, is reducing medical waste in US hospitals in a blog post for BMJ.

Efrain Talamantes (UCLA CSP VA 12-14) “Community College Pathways: Improving the U.S. Physician Workforce Pipeline.” Accepted: Academic Medicine, 2014 (in press).

Awards and Accomplishments


Katherine Vickery (Michigan CSP 12-14) presented “Community Medicine and Population Health Teaching Practices: A National Survey” at the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine, May 2014, San Antonio, TX.

Renuka Tipirneni (Michigan CSP 13-15) presented “Does Meaningful Use Mean Greater Capacity? Electronic Resource Use and Primary Care Capacity as Insurance Coverage Expands,” at the 37th Annual Society of General Internal Medicine Meeting, San Diego, CA: April 2014. This work, completed with mentor Matt Davis (Chicago CSP 98-00; Michigan CSP Co-Director), will also be presented at the Academy Health Annual Research Meeting, San Diego, CA: June 2014.

Justin List (Michigan CSP VA 13-15) and Elizabeth Patton (Michigan CSP VA 13-15) led a workshop entitled “Critical Decisions: The Influence of Story on Health Policy” at The Examined Life Conference at the University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine, Iowa City, Iowa April 11, 2014.

Elizabeth Patton (Michigan CSP VA 13-15) had a poster presentation entitled “Surgical uterine evacuation for pregnant women with Leukemia in the first and second trimesters” at the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology Annual Meeting, April 29, Chicago Illinois.

Elizabeth Patton (Michigan CSP VA 13-15) will present a podium talk on “Women’s Religious Affiliation and Attitudes towards Employer’s Reproductive Healthcare Coverage” at the AcademyHealth Interest Group meeting on Gender and Health, June 7, 2014 in San Diego, California.

Lauren Hughes (Michigan CSP 13-15) is scheduled to give an oral presentation of “The Impact of multiple practice locations among...
family physicians on access to care in rural and underserved areas” at the AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting in San Diego, CA June 7, 2014.

**Kori Sauser (Michigan CSP VA 12-14), Levine DA, Nickles A, Reeves MJ,** is scheduled to present “Hospital Variation in Thrombolysis Times in Acute Ischemic Stroke Patients: the Contributions of Door-to-Imaging Time and Imaging-to-Needle Time.” At the American Heart Association Quality of Care and Outcomes Research Conference, June 3, 2014, Baltimore, MD.

**Publications and Press**

**Enasha Cobb (Michigan CSP VA), Singer DC, Davis MM.** “Public Interest in Medical Research Participation: Differences by Volunteer Status and Study Type.” *Clin Transl Sci.* 2014 Jan {Epub ahead of print}


**Kori Sauser (Michigan CSP VA 12-14), Enesha Cobb (Michigan CSP VA 12-14) [co-first authorship], Kellermann AL.** “An Examination of the Origins, Diffusion, and Impact of Enterprise Electronic Medical Records.” In Press. *RAND Health.*


**Andrew Schoenfeld (Michigan CSP VA 13-15), Harris MB, Davis MM.** “Clinical uncertainty at the intersection of advancing technology, evidence-based medicine and healthcare policy.” *JAMA Surg* 2014 (Accepted for publication 2/21/2014).


“Attitudes About Mandated Coverage of Birth Control Medication and Other Health Benefits in a US National Sample”

**Michelle H. Moniz (Michigan CSP 13-15), Matthew M. Davis (Michigan CSP 98-00, Co-Director), Tammy Chang (Michigan CSP Alumn 11-13) JAMA.** Published online April 22, 2014. doi:10.1001/jama.2014.4766

Renuka Tipirneni (Michigan CSP) is Neurology Section Co-Editor of the recently published “Pocket Primary Care: A Massachusetts General Hospital Handbook” (first edition, Lippincott Williams & Wilkins; 2014).

**Ben Roman (Penn CSP 12-14) Enesha Cobb (Michigan CSP 12-14), Kori Sauser (Michigan CSP 12-14), Ashaunta Tumblin (UCLA CSP 11-13), Erica Spatz (Yale CSP 08-11), Jonathan Bergman (UCLA CSP 11-13), Charles Scales (UCLA CSP 11-13, VA Scholar), and Hiu-**
Fai Fong (Penn CSP 12-14) authored case studies that were published in a RAND Research Report titled “Redirecting Innovation in U.S. Health Care: Options to Decrease Spending and Increase Value.” Art Kellerman (Washington CSP 83-85) co-authored the introduction.

Michelle Moniz (Michigan CSP 13-15), Matt Davis (Chicago CSP 98-00, Michigan CSP Co-Director), and Tammy Chang (Michigan CSP 11-13) published the results of a recent survey in JAMA that found that 69% of American respondents support mandated coverage of birth control medications in health plans. The results were featured in a LA Times article.

University of Pennsylvania

Awards and Accomplishments

Loren Robinson (Penn CSP 13-15) was the keynote speaker at the Tech Savvy STEM Conference, Delta State University, American Association of University Women (AAUW), Cleveland, MS. March 1, 2014.

Loren Robinson (Penn CSP 13-15) was awarded the Eisenberg Scholar Research Award E for her project titled: “Reversing Blight: Examining effects of building vacancy on surrounding residents’ perceptions of health and safety.”

Loren Robinson (Penn CSP 13-15) was selected for Young Involved Philadelphia’s competitive Board Prep program, a comprehensive training program for young professionals interested in serving on nonprofit boards.

Loren Robinson (Penn CSP 13-15) hosted the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health Policy Podcast Series and interviewed Maryland Health Secretary Joshua Sharfstein about a hospital’s novel school health program. A monthly video podcast interview series with leading experts in health policy. The series is co-sponsored by the University of Pennsylvania Leonard Davis Institute for Health Economics. Check it out at: http://rwjscp.unc.edu/resources/podcast. Also available on iTunes.

Pooja Mehta (Penn CSP VA 13-15) was awarded the 2014-2015 Research Fellowship in Contraceptive Access Within Resource-Poor Populations by the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists for her project “Addressing Barriers to Contraceptive Access Among South Philadelphia’s Uninsured Latinas Using a Community-based Participatory Approach.”

Presentations

Chileshe Nkonde-Price (Penn CSP VA 12-14) will present “Striking Variation in Clinical Profiles of Black and White Women with Acute Myocardial Infarction: A Propensity Score Analysis of the VIRGO Study” at the American Heart Association Quality of Care and Cardiovascular Outcomes Research Meeting, Baltimore, MD, June 1st 2014.


Hiu-fai Fong (Penn CSP 12-14), French B, Rubin D, Wood J. delivered a platform presentation entitled “Do mental health services improve behavioral outcomes for maltreated children remaining at home?” at the Ray E. Helffer Society Annual Meeting in Annapolis, Maryland, April 8, 2014.


Ashok Reddy (Penn CSP 12-14) presented a talk entitled “The Impact of Primary Care Turnover on Patient Experience of Care and Ambulatory Quality” at the Society of General Internal Medicine (SGIM) 2014 on April 26th, 2014.

Ashok Reddy (Penn CSP 12-14) will present a talk entitled “The Impact of Primary Care Turnover on Patient Experience of Care and Ambulatory Quality” at AcademyHealth Annual Research Conference (SGIM) 2014 on June 7th, 2014.

Ashok Reddy (Penn CSP 12-14) will present a poster entitled “The Impact of Patient-Centered Medical Home Transformation Within Veterans Health Administration on Patient Experience of Care” at AcademyHealth Annual Research Conference (SGIM) 2014 on June 7th, 2014.


Marcus Bachhuber (Penn CSP VA 13-15), Southern WN. “Profiting and providing less care: comprehensive services at for-profit, nonprofit, and public opioid treatment programs in the United States.” *Med Care*. 2014 May;52(5):428-34. PMID: 24638120


Elizabeth Brown (Penn CSP 13-15) interviewed Scott Armstrong, President and CEO of the Health Cooperative, about the changes health systems are forced to embrace during the new era of health reform. The interview is part of the Health Policy Podcasts series and can be viewed here.

Charlene Wong (Penn CSP 13-15) interviewed Timothy Jost, Professor of Law at the University of Pennsylvania, regarding the legal points of the Affordable Care Act as part of the Healthy Policy Podcasts series.

Lisa Rosenbaum (Penn CSP VA 12-14), Pooja Mehta (Penn CSP VA 13-15), Loren Robinson (Penn CSP 13-15), Elizabeth Brown (Penn CSP 13-15), Brandon Maughan (Penn CSP VA 13-15), Charlene Wong (Penn CSP 12-14), and alumnus Zachary Meisel (Penn CSP 08-11) wrote blog posts on the 2014 AcademyHealth National Policy Conference. The reports were featured on the Penn Leonard Davis Institute of Health Economics website.
Awards and Accomplishments

Theodore Long (Yale CSP 13-15) accepted the position of Associate Editor for Postgraduate Medical Journal.

Arjun Venkatesh (Yale CSP 12-14) received the Academic Emergency Medicine Outstanding Reviewer Award.

Arjun Venkatesh (Yale CSP 12-14) was reappointed to the Society for Academic Emergency Medicine’s External Collaborations Committee and Foundation Development Committee.

Jennifer Voorhees (Yale CSP 12-14) received the “Trainee Poster of the Year Award” from the American Academy of Home Care Medicine at the 2014 American Geriatrics Society Annual Meeting for her poster “Primary Care Home Visits: Bringing Home the Patient-Centered Medical Home.”

Jason Lott (Yale CSP VA 12-14) was interviewed for an article in Dermatology Times.

Jason Lott (Yale CSP VA 12-14) received this coverage for his presentation at the American Academy of Dermatology Annual Meeting:

Theodore Long (Yale CSP 13-15) and Carley Riley’s (Yale CSP 13-15) community-based participatory research project recently received this news coverage: Theodore Long (Yale CSP) was featured in an RWIF blog about an article he wrote.

Brita Roy (Yale CSP VA 13-15) and Carley Riley’s (Yale CSP 13-15) community-based participatory research project recently received news coverage.

Publications and Press


*First authorship shared


Jason Lott (Yale CSP VA 12-14) and Arjun Venkatesh (Yale CSP 12-14) published in the Journal of Hospital Medicine “Temporal Trends in Accessing Online Medical Information”.


Nevin CR, Cherrington A, Brita Roy (Yale CSP VA 13-15), Daly DD, Rodriguez JM, Patel M, Snyder ED, Gaffo AL, Barney J, and Willig JH. “A qualitative assessment of internal medicine resident perceptions of graduate medical education following implementation of the 2011 ACGME duty hour standards.” *BMC Medical Education*. In press.

Brita Roy (Yale CSP VA 13-15), Carley Riley (Yale CSP 13-15), and Cary Gross (Hopkins CSP 97-99) has this [blog post](http://www.kevin-md.org/blog) published on Kevin MD.

Carley Riley (Yale CSP 13-15) and Brita Roy (Yale CSP VA 13-15) were featured in an article in the *New Haven Register* about their work with Community Resilience Teams that are trying to counter violence with proactive strategies.

Academy Health National Health Policy Conference in February (pictures): clockwise from top left (Justin List (Michigan CSP VA Scholar), Renu Tipirneni (Michigan CSP), Loren Robinson (Penn CSP), Elizabeth Brown (Penn CSP), Pooja Mehta (Penn CSP VA Scholar).
Updates from Alumni

AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The Clifford W. Beers Child and Family Guidance Clinic, with support of recent grad Nicole Brown (Yale CSP 11-13), was awarded a CMMI Health Care Innovation award, totaling over $9.7 million.

Ryan Greysen (Yale CSP 09-11) was the recipient of the 2014 American Geriatrics Society Outstanding Junior Research Manuscript Award. The award was established to recognize outstanding achievement in geriatric research by a junior investigator who has been first author on an important or interesting peer-reviewed geriatrics research journal article during a given year.

Charles Scales, Jr. (UCLA CSP VA 11-13), Jonathan Bergman (UCLA CSP 11-13), and Tannaz Moin received a grant from the Society of Urologic Chairpersons and Program Directors to create and deploy a QI curriculum geared towards urology residents nationwide using the Qstream platform titled “Serious Games: Competition vs Incentives to Engage Residents in Quality-Improvement Education.”

Alumna Ann Marie Rosland (Michigan CSP VA) has received a VA Merit Award for an RCT of a family engagement intervention called CO-IMPACT (Caring Others Increasing EngageMent in PACT). PACT is the VA’s Patient Centered Medical Home program, called ‘Patient Aligned Care Teams’. This study will evaluate an intervention designed to be patient and family-centered – it gives Veterans and their supporters skills and tools to take action in managing diabetes, and to work effectively with patients’ VA primary care doctors and nurses.

John Gore (UCLA CSP 07-09) accepted the position of Associate Professor at the University of Washington, effective July 1, 2014.

The Kempe Center for the Prevention and Treatment of Child Abuse and Neglect at the University of Colorado School of Medicine run by executive director Des Runyan (UNC CSP 79-81) was selected to receive the American Public Human Services Association’s (APHSA) 2014 Academic Excellence Award.

Anthony Viera (UNC CSP 04-06) accepted the Association for Prevention Teaching and Research’s 2014 Outstanding Educational Program Award for the Doctor of Medicine-Master of Public Health (MD-MPH) program at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Viera is the director of the Health Care and Prevention degree program. The program was founded and directed for 15 years by Russ Harris (CWR CSP 73-76).

Tammy Chang (MICH CSP 11-13) and Kathy Auger (MICH CSP 11-13) were selected as AcademyHealth Presidential Scholars.

Terrence Steyer, MD (Michigan CSP 98-00), was recently appointed as Chair of the Department of Family Medicine at the Medical University of South Carolina.

PRESENTATIONS

Nicole Brown (Yale CSP 11-13) presented her study that found that ADHD and Trauma Often go Hand in Hand at this week’s Pediatric Academic Societies (PAS) annual meeting in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.
PRESS AND PUBLICATIONS

Brendan Carr (Penn CSP 06-08) discusses “Emergency Care: A Story of Extraordinary Success and Lingering Challenge” on the Human Capital Blog.


Marjorie Rosenthal (Yale CSP 03-05), Connor KA, and Fenick AM. “Pediatric Residents’ Perspectives on Professional Relationships During Well Child Care.” Journal of Interprofessional Care. In press.

Probst MA, Mower WR, Kanzaria HK, Hoffman JR, Buch EF, Benjamin Sun (UCLA CSP 04-06). “Analysis of Emergency Department Visits for Palpitations (From the National Hospital Ambulatory Medical Care Survey).” American Journal of Cardiology, 2014.

Alumni Ann Marie Rosland (Michigan CSP VA 06-09), Michele Heisler (Michigan CSP 00-02) and colleagues authored a publication on social support in diabetes care in Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences.

Raymond Perry (UCLA CSP 09-11) discussed improving care for those in correctional facilities as an approach to helping health systems effectively serve minority communities in a RWJF blog post. The piece was part of the Human Capital Blog’s series on National Minority Health Month.


Adam Sharp (Michigan CSP 11-13) predicts that preventing youth violence may cost just $17.06 in his recent publication “Cost Analysis of Youth Violence Prevention”. The article was published in Pediatrics and Sharp discusses his findings on the RWJF Human Capital blog.

The April issue of Pediatrics featured several articles written by Clinical Scholars alumni including Eliana Perrin (UNC CSP 00-02), Gary Freed (UNC CSP 90-92), Michael Silverstein (Washington CSP 01-03), Russell Rothman (UNC CSP 00-02), and Tumani Coker (Chicago CSP 04-06).

David Ransohoff (Yale CSP 75-77), former UNC Clinical Scholars program director, coauthored a study in NEJM that found a genetic, non-invasive test could improve colon cancer screening. The study was featured in a UNC Newsroom article.

Willie Underwood (Michigan CSP 00-02) was quoted in an AP that addressed limited access to nationally recognized cancer centers in new state exchanges.

Aasim Padela (Michigan CSP 08-11) studied the influence religious beliefs of American Muslims has on attitudes toward organ donation in an article published in Transplantation in March. The press release can be read here.

Lenard Lesser (UCLA CSP 09-12) published an article in the American Journal of Preventive Medicine this month addressing issues with providing monetary incentives for employee weight loss in wellness programs. He suggests targeting healthy behaviors to improve health rather than focusing on body weight.

Aasim Padela (Michigan CSP 08-11) coauthored an article on the ethics of organ donation that was published in American Emergency Medicine in January. Jeremiah Schuur (Yale CSP 05-07) published a top-five list of emergency medicine procedures that have little value and could reduce costs if providers do not order them in JAMA Internal Medicine this week. Schuur provides insight on the article in a blog post on news@JAMA.
Christoph Lee (UCLA CSP 10-12) guest edited the February special issue of the *Journal of the American College of Radiology (JCAR)* on image-based screening.

Nicole Brown (Yale CSP 11-13) and Marjorie Rosenthal (Yale CSP 03-05) found that 40% of parents who reported a need for care coordination also reported that need was unmet for children with mental health conditions. The study was published in *Pediatrics* in February.

Shreya Kangovi (Penn CSP 10-12, VA Scholar) found that patient-centered community health worker intervention improves access to primary care and controls hospital readmission in high-risk populations. The article was published in *JAMA Internal Medicine* and *Marketplace* featured an interview with Kangovi.

Maureen Phipps (Michigan CSP 98-00) was appointed to the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force by the director of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. The Task Force aims to improve clinical preventive care for all Americans.

Donna Zulman (Mich CSP VA 08-11) is featured in an *op-ed piece* in the *NY Times* “You Are Never to Old to be Studied” on the topic of ending the practice of excluding older adults from clinical trials. The piece stems from work she did as a clinical scholar (together with Rod Hayward (UCLA CSP 86-88), Jeremy Sussman (Mich CSP VA 08-11), and others).

**OTHER**

Matt O’Brien (Penn CSP 07-10), ran in the New Jersey Marathon in Oceanport, NJ on 4/27/14. Matt, was part of a group of 25 runners who were racing on behalf of Puentes de Salud. They raised over $12K to support physical activity programs at Puentes de Salud. http://www.puentesdesalud.org/history

**UPDATE CLINICAL SCHOLARS DIRECTORY**

This is a reminder to current scholars and alumni to please update your profile and use the online directory. Updated information allows alumni to connect to the program and each other, and helps scholars network with alumni. If you have misplaced your password, email Kathy Donnald at the NPO (Katherine.donnald@med.unc.edu) and she will send you a temporary password.