

# HEALTH SERVICES RESEARCH CENTER

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## A Message from the HSR Center Director



The Emory Health Services Research Center and the Georgia Clinical & Translational Science Alliance (GCTSA) are pleased to present the 8th Annual Health Services Research Day on May 4th in-person at the Emory School of Medicine. Our planning committee is very excited to be back in person for this event, which will provide a great networking opportunity for health services researchers across the CTSA. One of my favorite parts of this event is the poster session and networking lunch. It's great to see our faculty, fellows, and trainees across campus engaged in quality, effectiveness, and value-based research activities across the state of Georgia and nationally. I am thrilled that we have internationally renowned keynote

speaker Elizabeth McGlynn, PhD as the keynote talk for this event (11:15 AM). Dr. McGlynn is an expert on methods for evaluating the appropriateness and quality of healthcare delivery. She has led major initiatives to evaluate national health reform at the federal and state levels. Her current work focuses on answering questions from Kaiser Permanente leaders on a variety of topics including the safety of new medications for Hepatitis C, adherence to guideline-recommended care for thyroid nodules and diabetes medications, identifying opportunities to improve efficiency in care, and the effects of changes in alert systems on physician prescribing patterns. We are thrilled to have her as our keynote speaker and look forward to hearing her presentation on the implications of quality measurement. There will be presentations from some of our own health services researchers in the Department of Surgery (Dr. Jesse Codner, MSCR candidate) and Department of Medicine (Dr. Alanna Morris, Associate Professor, Division of Cardiology) as well as other speakers across the GACTSA.

We hope you can join us for this event and look forward to seeing you in-person.

### **Rachel Patzer, PhD, MPH**

Director, Health Services Research Center  
 Department of Medicine, Department of Surgery  
 Emory University School of Medicine



Health Services Research Center  
 Department of Medicine  
 and Department of Surgery

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## 8th Annual Health Services Research Day

The Georgia CTSA and Emory Health Services Research Center

Wed | 05/04/2022 | Emory School of Medicine Building, Auditorium 110

Join us for this symposium and networking opportunity where researchers learn about ongoing quality, effectiveness, and value-based research activities across the state of Georgia.

For more information including the agenda, visit the Georgia CTSA website [here](#). Register for this event [here](#).

### Keynote Speaker



#### **Elizabeth McGlynn, PhD**

Senior Vice President of Research and Quality Measurement Interim Executive Director, Kaiser Permanente Research Bank Executive Director, Center for Effectiveness & Safety Research

### Featured Speakers

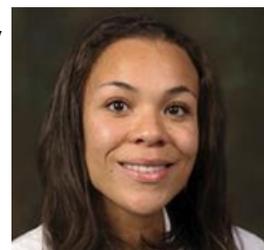
#### **Sheree Boulet, DrPH**

Assistant Professor  
Division of Research, Department of Gynecology and Obstetrics



#### **Alanna Morris, MD, MsC, FHFA, FACC, FAHA**

Director of Heart Failure Research  
Associate Professor of Medicine,  
Division of Cardiology  
Emory University Clinical  
Cardiovascular Research Institute



#### **Janani Rajbhandari-Thapa, PhD**

Associate Professor of Health Policy and Management  
Director of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion  
Director of Economic Evaluation  
Research Group  
University of Georgia



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## AWARD ANNOUNCEMENT

The HSR Center is pleased to announce that the recipient of the 2022 HSR Center Pilot Award is Dr. Jessica Harding. Dr. Harding is an Assistant Professor and early-stage investigator in the Department of Surgery. Her pilot research grant proposal will focus on identifying factors associated with gender disparities in access to transplantation among patients with end-stage kidney disease.



**Jessica Harding, PhD**

Dr. Harding is an epidemiologist with expertise in conducting chronic disease research at population and system levels in both academic and government settings. She received her PhD in medical research (epidemiology) from Baker Heart and Diabetes Institute, Melbourne, Australia, in 2016, and was a research fellow at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention from 2017-2019. In her current role, Dr. Harding is working to improve data collection and quality of care to improve access and equity in transplantation.

Preliminary data suggest that gender disparities are occurring in early transplant steps - in the Southeastern US, women are 14% and 6% less likely to be referred by a medical provider to a transplant center and to have started the transplant evaluation process, respectively, compared with men. Lower transplant referral rates are likely to lead to lower overall transplant, thus identifying factors driving low referral rates in women is critical to eliminating gender disparities in transplant. For the proposed research, Dr. Harding will conduct analyses that describe gender differences in access to transplantation across both dialysis facilities and transplant centers and will conduct critical epidemiologic investigations of the multi-level barriers and facilitators that contribute to gender disparities in transplant access. The results of this research will help to identify the magnitude of gender disparities in access to early transplant steps, the location of the health systems with substantial gender disparities across the population, and region-specific barriers in early transplant access for women. Dr. Harding's overarching, long-term goal of this project is to eliminate inequities and improve healthcare delivery for ESKD patients at every step of the kidney transplant process.

The HSR Center pilot grant program supports early-stage investigators in the Department of Surgery in gathering preliminary data in support of applications for larger external funding. We anticipate that this program will continue to grow and lead to new opportunities and larger extramurally funded projects.

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## CALL FOR INTEREST

### HSR Center Call for Interest in MarketScan Data

The HSR Center is requesting feedback on the possibility of joining the Emory MarketScan collaborators.

MarketScan Databases <https://www.ibm.com/products/marketscan-research-databases/databases> (current up to 2020) provides access to de-identified commercial claims (inpatient, outpatient, emergency and outpatient pharmacy) databases across the US. The data are contributed by managed care organizations and large, self-insured employers, and can be used for a wide array of population health research.

Data Sources: **Commercial healthcare claims** (2009-2020) from employers, health plans and hospitals; **Medicare supplemental claims** (2009-2020) (i.e., payments reimbursed by commercial plans after Medicare payments; no CMS claims included) for patients enrolled in traditional FFS Medicare who have a secondary employer-sponsored plan.

Includes: demographic data (age, gender, employment status), geographic location, inpatient and outpatient medical information, financial/payment information, drug information.

Does NOT include: submitted charges, other demographic information (race, income, language, or other social determinants), over 65 population only includes those who receive commercial insurance in addition to Medicare.

Would your group find this data helpful for your work? Not sure, but would like more information? Please let us know by filling out the survey here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XJTD8G3>

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## HIRING NOW - HEALTH SERVICES RESEARCH

### **Executive Director**

Kaiser Permanente Georgia Center for Research and Evaluation

The Center's Executive Director is responsible for providing strategic vision and leadership, and for operational and administrative oversight, of the research activities conducted by KP Georgia. Growing and diversifying the Center's research agenda, as well as its external partnerships and funding streams, are important job accountabilities. The Executive Director partners with the KP Georgia market's leadership team. They will cultivate and maintain collaborative relationships and set direction with high standards of scientific rigor and integrity to help solve critical quality of care delivery issues. They should be an accomplished researcher with a proven track record of obtaining and leading federally funded or equivalent research grants. This leader will also have a track record of leading multi-disciplinary research teams.

For more information and to apply, view the posting [here](#).

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### NIMHD Director's Seminar Series

Early Life Factors Underlying the Dementia Epidemic Among Older Black Americans

Wed | 05/04/2022 | 2:00PM - 3:30PM ET

**Speaker:**

**Mark Hayward, PhD**

Professor of Sociology  
Centennial Commission Professor in the Liberal  
Arts  
Faculty Research Associate of the Population  
Research Center  
University of Texas at Austin



Mark D. Hayward, Ph.D. is a professor of sociology and Centennial Commission Professor in the Liberal Arts at the University of Texas at Austin. Hayward is a health demographer and population health scientist whose work focuses on two issues: 1) "upstream institutional levers" of U.S. adult mortality trends and disparities, and 2) early life developmental origins of cognitive aging in the older population.

All presentation can be viewed live or later through the [NIH videocast](#).



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Inaugural Annual NIH AA and NHPI Health Research Conference

National Cancer Institute

**Wed | 05/04/2022 - 5/05/2022 | Virtual**

The NIH Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Health Scientific Interest Group (NIH AANHPI-HSIG) will host this two-day event to celebrate AANHPI heritage month, highlight AANHPI research achievements, and assess research needs. The main theme of the 2022 conference is "Mechanism and Translational Research to Improve Health and Therapeutic Outcomes for AA and NHPI Populations." NIMHD Director Eliseo J. Pérez-Stable, M.D., will provide opening remarks.

Registration for the Annual NIH AA and NHPI Health Research Conference on May 4-5, 2022 is free. It is open to the public. The two day event will be held virtually on WebEx and separate registration is required for each day. Please use the WebEx event links below to register for each day:

- May 4, Day 1: <https://cbiit.webex.com/cbiit/onstage/g.php?MTID=e00bc9481f1e2933d7e01330d92a92157>
- May 5, Day 2: <https://cbiit.webex.com/cbiit/onstage/g.php?MTID=ecffbb3bc5b08a06700a5ff51a26ca1ce>



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Addressing systemic racism, mental health stigma, and  
community resilience to achieve health equity**

A Virtual Conversation with Surgeon General Vivek H. Murthy and Boston  
Mayor Michelle Wu

**Wed | 05/11/2022 | 1PM - 2PM ET**

Join NIMHD and the NIH Federal Asian Pacific American Council for this lecture in celebration of Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) Heritage Month. This is the second in a series of fireside chats and lectures in honor of Vice Admiral Vivek H. Murthy, M.D., M.B.A., who is the 19th and 21st Surgeon General of the United States. The goal of the series is to recognize a public health leader whose enduring efforts have made a significant impact on advancing public health. At this meeting, Dr. Murthy will recognize Michelle Wu, Mayor of Boston, for her leadership in addressing racism and mental health stigma among the AANHPI community.

NIMHD Director Eliseo Pérez-Stable, M.D., will provide introductory remarks, and NIMHD Deputy Director Monica Webb Hooper, Ph.D., will moderate the conversation between Dr. Murthy and Mayor Wu.

Please send your questions for the speakers by April 29 or requests for reasonable accommodations to Dr. Christina Liu at [liuch2@mail.nih.gov](mailto:liuch2@mail.nih.gov).

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### 2022 UNC Institute on Implementation Practice Virtual Series

Supporting the Implementation Support Practitioner: Identifying and Mitigating Role Related Challenges

Thurs | 05/12/2022 | 11AM - 1PM ET

The University of North Carolina School of Social Work and the Collaborative on Implementation Practice has partnered with [The Center for Implementation](#) and the [Jordan Institute for Families](#) to bring this free 2-hour virtual event that focuses on the challenges that implementation support practitioners face and what we can do to help. They aim to center the human experience in implementation by looking at how we can support those who are supporting change and provide strategies on how we can take better care of ourselves and mitigate burnout when providing implementation support.

#### Topic Overview

- Part 1: Who is the implementation support practitioner?
- Part 2: What are some of the common challenges faced by implementation support practitioners?
- Part 3: How have implementation support practitioners mitigated burnout in their own work, and fostered the resilience of those they support? Actions you can take to address challenges
- Part 4: How can organizations and systems be better designed to support implementation support practitioners?
- Part 5: Setting intentions and having a plan

Additional details are available on the event page [here](#). Register in advance for this event [here](#).

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Health Equity Day

Emory Department of Medicine

**Tues | 5/17/2022 | 9AM - 2PM | Virtual**

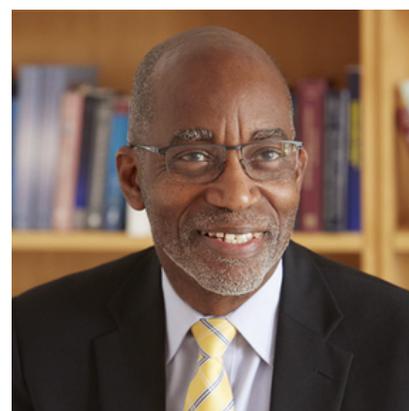
This half-day conference aims to raise awareness and encourage action around the systemic health disparities that exist across racial, ethnic, cultural, and social groups, while also recognizing interventions and research across the department centered on health equity and advanced by our community members who have been historically underrepresented in medicine.

The conference includes poster presentations, a case competition, a keynote address, and an innovation award. **All members of the Emory DOM and SOM community are welcome to attend.**

#### Keynote Speaker:

#### David R. Williams, PhD

Florence Sprague Norman and Laura Smart  
Norman Professor of Public Health  
Chair of the Department of Social and  
Behavioral Sciences  
Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health



For more information about this half-day conference and registration details, click [here](#).

For questions about Health Equity Day, please [contact the RYSE team](#).

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Duke University School of Medicine Summer Institute 2022**

Build your foundational knowledge in population health sciences; approach your research from different perspectives; better understand your context; and be more innovative in your proposals, design, and analysis. The Department of Population Health Services faculty will teach these skills and more at the Department of Population Health Sciences Virtual Summer Institute, **June 13-17 and June 20-24**. The Virtual Summer Institute offers twelve workshops that will support your research goals. You'll strengthen your foundational knowledge in population health sciences; approach your research from different perspectives; better understand your context; and be more innovative in your grant proposals, research designs, and data analyses.

The Summer Institute is for early- to mid-career researchers, professionals working in health care and health services research, trainees and students who want to learn new research methods and topics that will broaden their expertise.

**Registration closes Tuesday, May 17, 2022.**

Register and learn more information [here](#).

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Social and Behavioral Sciences Research Methods to Improve Access and Quality of Care for People with Chronic Kidney Disease and Transplant**

HSR Center Faculty Candidate Talk

**Tues | 5/31/2022 | 2PM - 3PM | Virtual**



**Megan Urbanski, PhD,  
MSW**  
Postdoctoral Fellow

We are pleased to present Dr. Megan Urbanski, PhD MSW as a faculty candidate for the Health Services Research Center. Dr. Urbanski began her work in this field as a clinical social worker in kidney transplant at the largest safety-net hospital in Pennsylvania. In that role, she helped patients navigate the complex kidney transplant process in both the transplant and dialysis center settings. Observing firsthand the challenges and inequities confronting patients with chronic kidney disease (CKD), particularly those from low-resource populations inspired her approach to research which has led her to Emory University and the Health Services Research Center. Since joining the Center as post-doctoral fellow, Dr. Urbanski's research is on the integration of mixed methods research into clinical care settings to improve patient decision-making.

**Register in advance for this talk [here](#).**

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### 11th Annual Southeastern Pediatric Research Conference

Development and Disease: Translating Insights from Genes and Environment to Transform Outcomes

Friday | 6/03/2022 | 8AM - 5PM | Georgia Aquarium + Virtual

The conference will highlight the scope of pediatric research conducted across the southeastern US, with emphasis on research from Emory, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, Georgia Tech, and Morehouse School of Medicine. This conference brings together basic and clinical researchers with pediatricians and healthcare providers to promote the integration of cutting-edge research into clinical practice. All areas of child health research will be presented. Get ready for an exciting day of presentations, poster sessions, networking and knowledge-sharing!

Advanced Registration: Deadline: May 20, 2022 at 1:00pm

- In-person: \$50 general & \$15 for trainees
- Virtual (keynotes only): \$20 general & no cost for trainees

Day of Event Registration:

- In-person: \$60 per person
- Virtual (keynotes only): \$20 per person

More information can be found [here](#). Register [here](#).



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Society for Epidemiological Research Annual Meeting

Wednesday, June 15 - Friday, June 17, 2022 | Chicago, Illinois

Join the Society for Epidemiologic Research (SER) for the Annual Meeting June 15-17, 2022, in Chicago, Illinois.

Discounted conference registration rates are available through May 13, 2022. This includes discounts for SER members and an additional discount, from normal SER meetings, for Student and Early Career attendees. All attendees are encouraged to register early to ensure they receive the discounted rates!

Activities include:

- professional development sessions
- symposium sessions

Visit the conference website [here](#) for conference details.

#### Keynote Speakers:



**Zeynep Tufekci, PhD**  
University of North  
Carolina



**Joseph L. Graves, Jr., PhD**  
North Carolina A&T State  
University

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### 2022 AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting

**Saturday, June 4 - Tuesday, June 7, 2022 | Walter E. Washington Convention Center | Washington, DC**

Meet us at the Intersection of Health, Health Care, and Policy. Join us at the AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting to experience what thousands of attendees have come to expect and anticipate annually – new research, innovative methods, and robust discussions about the impact of health services research on health policy and practice. The in-person 2022 ARM will convene the foremost experts at the intersection of health, health care, and policy to share important findings and showcase the latest research on how the health system works, what it costs, and how to improve it. This will be a vaccine-required event.

#### 2022 Annual Research Meeting (Virtual Component June 4-7)

Though the Annual Research Meeting will be primarily held in-person this year, we are offering a subset of content virtually. Registrants for the virtual component of the meeting will gain streaming access to all conference plenaries and 1/3 of our breakout sessions. Virtual content will be available for 30 days post event.

- Standard Registration Deadline: **Friday, June 3, 2022**

For event and registration details, click [here](#).



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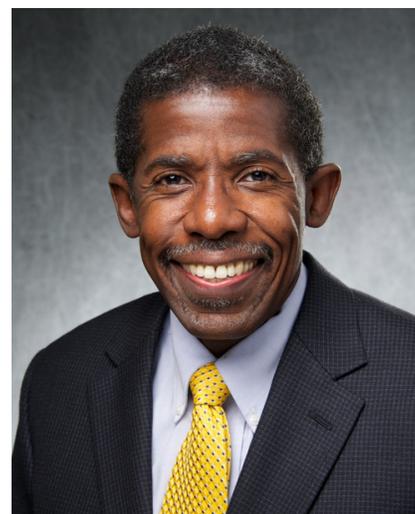
## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Save the Date: Emory Department of Medicine Annual Research Day

Thurs | 10/27/2022 | 8AM - 5PM ET | Emory Student Center

The annual Department of Medicine Research Day has celebrated research efforts across the department since 2008. The event brings together researchers from all divisions and provides an opportunity to share exciting new findings, facilitate scientific exchange, and identify potential new collaborations.

This year's event will include featured research talks from Emory faculty, both oral and poster presentations, as well as a keynote address from E. Dale Abel, MD, PhD, William S. Adams Distinguished Professor of Medicine, and chair and executive medical director of the Department of Medicine at the David Geffen School of Medicine and UCLA Health. Dr. Abel has had a distinguished career in endocrine and metabolism research. His pioneering work on glucose transport and mitochondrial metabolism in the heart guides his current



research interests: molecular mechanisms responsible for cardiovascular complications of diabetes. Recent work has focused on mitochondrial mechanisms that mediate inter-organ crosstalk that may influence the pathophysiology of insulin resistance and mitochondrial pathways linking metabolism with increased risk for atherothrombosis.

**Abstract submission and event registration will open shortly.** For questions about Research Day, please contact Sarah McClellan.

Visit the Emory DOM website [here](#) for updates.

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## WEBINARS

### Emory School of Medicine Grand Rounds

**School of Medicine Grand Rounds occur every Tuesday from 12PM - 1PM.**

Grand Rounds are offered in the Emory University Hospital Auditorium (2E) from September through June. We encourage faculty from all divisions, residents, fellows, and medical students to attend. Each presentation is followed by a brief Q&A session.

Medicine Grand Rounds presentations are broadcast to several Emory sites around Atlanta.

- Decatur Clinic
- Emory Clinic at 1525 Clifton Road, 4th Floor Conference Room #477
- Emory Johns Creek Hospital, Administration Boardroom
- Emory Saint Joseph's Hospital, Saint Joseph's Hospital Auditorium
- Emory University Hospital Midtown, Davis-Fischer Classroom 3
- Grady, Faculty Office Building, 101
- Grady, Ponce De Leon Center Room #354
- Veterans Affairs Medical Center, 6th floor Corner Conference Room

Subscribe to the Grand Round mailing list here:

<https://med.emory.edu/departments/medicine/education/cme-grand-rounds.html>

Archived session can be viewed [here](#).

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## WEBINARS

### Department of Surgery Grand Rounds

**Surgical Grand Rounds occur every Thursday from 7AM - 8AM.**

Surgical Grand Rounds are held on Thursday mornings in the Emory University Hospital Auditorium, with the option to attend and participate virtually via Zoom. The EUH Auditorium is located on the 2nd floor of the hospital, E-Wing, Room E205.

To be added to the email list for the monthly grand rounds schedules, contact Sean Moore, Communications Manager for the Department of Surgery, at [srmoore@emory.edu](mailto:srmoore@emory.edu). CME credits are given for documented attendance.

**May 5, 2022**

**Surgical Grand Rounds Canceled:  
EUH Perioperative Services Performance Day**

**May 12, 2022**

**16th Annual Harlan Stone Lecture In Trauma:  
The Ever Present and Ever Vexing Problem of VTE in Trauma**  
Presented by Nicholas Namias, MD, MBA

**May 19, 2022**

**Joseph M. Craver Visiting Teacher Lectureship:  
My Little Red Book**  
Presented by John H. Calhoon, MD

**May 26, 2022**

**Joseph B. Whitehead Lectureship:  
Recent Advances in Clinical Xenotransplantation**  
Presented by Robert A. Montgomery, MD, DPhil

Information on upcoming Surgical Grand Rounds can be found [here](#).

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## CALL FOR PROPOSALS

### Robert Wood Johnson Foundation - Research in Transforming Health and Healthcare Systems

The purpose of the 2022 RTHS call for proposals is to support policy-relevant, community-engaged research that helps improve the affordability of care for communities most impacted by structural racism, inequities, and discrimination. We seek proposals for research and policy analysis projects that examine the design, implementation, and/or impact of local, state, and/or national policies related to the affordability of high-quality, equitable care. Studies may include people's ability to: afford health insurance; pay for healthcare services (even with insurance); pay for transportation; child care; and other services that in turn affect access to medical care. The projects' goals are to generate timely and useful information for use by policymakers and other decision-makers.

Proposals should focus on a historically marginalized racial or ethnic group; people with disabilities; immigrants; people from the LGBTQ+ community; or another community that has historically faced systemic and persistent barriers to good health. We especially welcome proposals that consider intersecting identities across race, gender, sexual orientation, disability status, and other dimensions. In consideration of our commitment to community-engaged research, people from the community of focus must have a leadership role in the design, conduct, and dissemination of the proposed research or analysis.

**For more information and how to apply, please visit the [website here](#).**

**May 3, 2022 (2-3 p.m. ET): Optional applicant webinar. Registration is required [through this link](#).**

**June 24, 2022 (3 p.m. ET): Deadline for receipt of brief proposals**

September 12, 2022: Applicants notified whether invited to submit full proposals

**November 15, 2022 (3 p.m. ET): Deadline for receipt of full proposals**

March 3, 2023: Notification of finalists

May 1, 2023: Grants start

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## CALL FOR PROPOSALS

### **Robert Wood Johnson Foundation - Evidence for Action: Innovative Research to Advance Racial Equity**

Evidence for Action prioritizes research to evaluate specific interventions (e.g., policies, programs, practices) that have the potential to counteract the harms of structural and systemic racism and improve health, well-being, and equity outcomes. We are concerned both with the direct impacts of structural racism on the health and well-being of people and communities of color (e.g., Black, Latina/o/x, Indigenous, Asian, Pacific Islander people, and other races and ethnicities)—as well as the ways in which racism intersects with other forms of marginalization, such as having low income, being an immigrant, having a disability, or identifying as LGBTQ+ or a gender minority.

This funding is focused on studies about upstream causes of health inequities, such as the systems, structures, laws, policies, norms, and practices that determine the distribution of resources and opportunities, which in turn influence individuals' options and behaviors. Research should center on the needs and experiences of communities exhibiting the greatest health burdens and be motivated by real-world priorities. It should be able to inform a specific course of action and/or establish beneficial practices, not stop at characterizing or documenting the extent of a problem.

While they will consider research on various aspects of health equity, they prioritize studies of interventions that are designed to reduce race-based disparities (e.g., by confronting a root cause of disparities or targeting benefits to those experiencing the greatest burdens). RWJF is particularly interested in strategies focused on developing healthy and equitable communities; supporting the needs of children, families, and caregivers; and fostering alignment among health care, public health, and social service systems.

**Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.**

Please contact your RAS unit and Nicole Dancz ([nicole.dancz@emory.edu](mailto:nicole.dancz@emory.edu)) to inform them of your intent to submit.

**For more information and how to apply, please visit the [website here](#).**

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## GRANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

### HSR Center Pilot Grant Funding Opportunity

**PROPOSAL DESCRIPTION:** Pilot grant funding/seed funding for the Department of Surgery Health Services Research related projects for a one-year period, with potential for competitive renewal for a second year. Funding will not exceed \$25,000 per year in direct costs only. Only one grant will be awarded in this cycle. **PURPOSE:** Seed grants will fund projects to gather preliminary data which can later be converted to an R-series application or other sponsored funding opportunity with a secondary goal of encouraging collaboration across disciplines.

**ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION:** Faculty of all levels are encouraged to apply, but principal investigators must have a faculty appointment in the Department of Surgery to be eligible. A proposal related to health services research would ideally involve multiple disciplines (e.g., clinical expert + methodologist) examining innovative solutions for issues such as healthcare quality, costs, equity/access to care or dissemination research in surgical patients. The focus can be local, regional, national, or international, but must include coinvestigators with appointments from a minimum of two schools. Salary for faculty or clinical staff would not be an eligible expense for this RFA. Recommended expenses could include fees related to data acquisition, biostatistics support, effort for a research coordinator/project manager, student/trainee support, travel expenses, or publication expenses.

Applicants should email their completed applications to Tracy Obertone (tracy.obertone@emory.edu) with the subject line: HSR Center Pilot Grant Application **by 5 pm Monday August 1, 2022**. Questions about this application can be emailed to Tracy Obertone.

For more information about this pilot grant, see the RFA on the HSR Center website [here](#).

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### **Reducing Racial and Ethnic Healthcare Disparities in Chronic Conditions by Dissemination and Implementation of Patient Centered Outcomes Research (PCOR) Evidence(R18)**

The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) seeks applications to disseminate and implement patient-centered outcomes research (PCOR) findings into innovative, evidence-based interventions to reduce healthcare disparities in chronic health conditions. Applications to this Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) are required to disseminate and implement PCOR findings across healthcare settings to address disparities in health outcomes and quality for racial and ethnic minority populations and AHRQ priority populations. Interventions must be focused on improving dissemination and implementation of evidence-based strategies, with the specific goal of reducing health and healthcare disparities. Though not limited to the following, areas where evidence-based interventions have demonstrated disparities reduction include:

1. Improving Control and Management of Chronic Conditions including Cardiovascular Disease (CVD);
2. Promoting Improved Cancer and Chronic Condition Screening; and
3. Improving Prenatal Care, Maternal Health, and Infant Mortality

Letter of Intent due date: 30 days prior to the application due date

**Application due date: June 17, 2022**

More information can be found [here](#).

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### **Apply Now: Conference Grants Focused on Advancing Health Services Research from AHRQ**

AHRQ is accepting applications from organizations or individuals seeking funds to sponsor conferences to advance health service research. Applications may focus on research development; research design and methodology; dissemination and implementation; and research training, infrastructure and career development.

AHRQ is especially interested in supporting conferences that demonstrate strategies that include plans for disseminating complementary conference materials and products beyond the participants attending the event. Regionally-based conferences are acceptable with the expectation that plans will be developed for national dissemination. Such strategies might include, but are not limited to, submitting articles for publication, posting information on a website, and seeking formal opportunities to discuss conference information with others.

The agency invites applications from eligible public or nonprofit private colleges or universities, including minority-serving institutions of higher education, or individuals with the knowledge and resources to carry out research as program directors or principal investigators. Applicants from historically Black colleges and universities, Hispanic-serving institutions, Asian-American Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institutions and Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities are also strongly encouraged to apply.

Click [here](#) to view the announcement in the AHRQ website.

Click [here](#) to access the Notice of Funding Opportunity.

For questions, email [R13conf@ahrq.hhs.gov](mailto:R13conf@ahrq.hhs.gov).



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## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

### **Applications Open: Michael Zinner Health Services Research Fellowship Program**

The goal of the Surgical Outcomes Club (SOC) Michael Zinner Health Services Research Fellowship Program is to provide an avenue for junior surgical investigators to acquire the skills, knowledge, and network needed to develop, execute, and publish research studies in the field of surgical outcomes and health services research under the guidance of a high-quality experienced mentor.

#### **PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS**

- One year fellowship for trainees and junior faculty
- Up to 4 fellows accepted each year
- Fellows are matched with an established SOC Member who will serve as their mentor and consultant
- Fellows will develop and execute a project under the guidance of their mentor
- The research fellowship program is of no cost to the participants

#### **WHO MAY APPLY**

- Members of the Surgical Outcomes Club that are interested in pursuing surgical outcomes and health services research may apply to this fellowship.

**Application closes Tuesday, May 31**

Visit the Surgical Outcomes Club website [here](#) for application details.

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## RESEARCH RESOURCES

### Advancing Collaborative Biostatistics at Emory (ACBE)

Are you interested in joining an informal community for collaborative biostatisticians/data analysts to share ideas, information, and advice and to facilitate professional development? If so, please complete this interest form to join Advancing Collaborative Biostatistics at Emory (ACBE) [here](#). ACBE meets monthly on the third Thursday at noon via Zoom and we would love to have you join us! Contact Christina Mehta ([christina.mehta@emory.edu](mailto:christina.mehta@emory.edu)) for more information.

### Network for Evaluation and Implementation Sciences at Emory (NEISE)

NEISE is a network that encourages interdisciplinary research opportunities to harness the intellectual resources of Emory University and Greater Atlanta to create solutions for sustainable and resilient communities, while enriching the faculty and student experience. The mission of NEISE is to improve population health by conducting rigorous, evidence-based, and actionable research on implementing programs and informing policies in the US and abroad.

Check out their website [here](#) to get involved and access resources.

### Healthcare Innovation Program

The Healthcare Innovation Program (HIP) supports and enhances the activities of faculty, staff, and units throughout the region to create, disseminate, and apply knowledge about healthcare service and delivery in order to benefit society. Explore existing health services research projects, news and events from partner organizations [here](#).



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### Access to the COVID-19 Data Analytics Platform

Researchers studying COVID-19 can now access an innovative new analytics platform that contains clinical data from the electronic health records of people who were tested for coronavirus or who have had related symptoms. As part of NCATS National COVID Cohort Collaborative (N3C) Data Enclave, the data within this source will help scientists study COVID 19 and answer clinically important questions about COVID-19 that they could not have answered previously, including potential risk factors, protective factors, and long-term health consequences.

More information and how to submit access requests can be found here:

<https://ncats.nih.gov/news/releases/2020/access-to-N3C-COVID-19-data-analytics-platform-now-open>

### Grant Support

The new Georgia CTSA Grant Wise service offers the opportunity for one to receive one-on-one feedback and support with grant writing from experienced senior faculty. This resource is available to faculty of institutions within the Georgia CTSA (Emory University, Georgia Tech, Morehouse School of Medicine, and the University of Georgia). All grant types are welcome to submit a request for guidance.

#### Receive support with:

- Developing a timeline
- Reviewing Specific Aims
- Writing/editing the text
- Responding to reviewers

Requests can be submitted to the [online form](#).

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## RESEARCH RESOURCES

### Surgical Outcomes Club

The Surgical Outcomes Club is a consortium of surgeons and scientists interested in advancing health services and outcomes research in surgery. Officially launched at the American College of Surgeons Clinical Congress in 2005, SOC provides a virtual and real meeting place for investigators addressing some of the most pressing clinical and policy issues facing the surgical profession today.

SOC aims to facilitate networking with established surgical outcome researchers and provide a platform for fostering collaborations. It will also serve as a clearinghouse for educational materials and other resources for surgeons wishing to learn more about the field.

Check out their website [here](#) and become a member.

### Episheet

Spreadsheets for the Analysis of Epidemiologic Data: <https://rtihs.org/episheet>

Episheet is a spreadsheet workbook that evolved from a collection of programs for first-generation programmable calculators (Epidemiologic Analysis with a Programmable Calculator, by Kenneth J. Rothman and John D. Boice, Jr.) It comprises various analyses for epidemiologic data, including confounding control by stratification of rate data, risk data, and case-control data, study size and power computation, standardization, analysis of matched case-control data, analysis of seasonal trends, computation of exact confidence limits for selected measures, meta-analysis, and more. The file is free to download and share.

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## WHAT ARE WE READING?



[Demonstrating Tension Between State And Federal Power In Medicaid: The Price Of Georgia's Waiver Fight](#)

[The Case For Investment In Mobile Health Care Solutions To Reduce Health Inequities](#)



[Experts Consider Implications of Data Collection and Use to Advance Health Equity](#)



[Mixed-methods research in nephrology.](#)



[Perspectives on Anti-Black Racism and Mitigation Strategies Among Faculty Experts at Academic Medical Centers](#)

[Association of County Race and Ethnicity Characteristics With Number of Insurance Carriers and Insurance Network Breadth](#)



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From Emory Health Services Research Center

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