



Weekly Newsletter October 30 - November 3, 2023

PQHS NEWS

UPCOMING EVENT

Wednesday, November 1 – 10:00 – 11:00 AM

Research Meeting – Presenters: Jeffrey B. Driban PhD, ATC, CSCS, Professor, UMass Chan Medical School

Title: Biomarker Qualification

Brief Description: This talk will describe the US FDA Biomarker Qualification process and include real-world examples based on three of our osteoarthritis-related biomarkers that were accepted into the program.

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

PQHS HAPPENINGS



UMass Chan Medical School’s annual employee giving campaign kicks off on Monday, October 30th! Over \$220,000+ was raised last year!

You may donate by payroll deduction, by check, or credit card and direct your donation to a variety of worthy organizations and causes such as those listed below.

North Quadrant Support Services (NQSS) initiative, which is our partnership with the Worcester Public Schools providing support to address socioeconomic barriers to academic success faced by students in our community.

UMass Chan Medical School Foundation

- **Diversity and Inclusion Fund** supports institution-wide efforts to educate our community about the importance of diversity and inclusion and address bias.
- **Medical School Research Fund** supports UMass Chan research that advances treatments and cures for a range of diseases, creating a better future for all of us.
- **Student Financial Aid Fund** provides students who are financially disadvantaged with opportunities to pursue education here at UMass Chan – opportunities that otherwise may have been inaccessible.
- **Max Baker Resource Center** new food pantry and resource center for UMass Medical School students facing food insecurity.
- Area of Greatest Need

United Way of Central Ma and Independent Non-Profit Organizations

Click [here](#) for the Giving Page.



PQHS HOT TOPICS



[A1C among Black, Hispanic patients with diabetes improved with mobile health management, new study shows](#)

Diabetes rates are highest among American Indian or Alaska natives, Blacks and Hispanics. A study in [JAMA Network Open](#) by UMass Chan Medical School researcher Ben S. Gerber, MD, MPH, and researchers at University of Illinois Chicago found an average blood sugar measure improved among Black and Hispanic adults with type 2 diabetes when mobile health tools were used.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UMass Boston Department of Gerontology & Gerontology Institute Present Proseminar Speaker Series Fall 2023

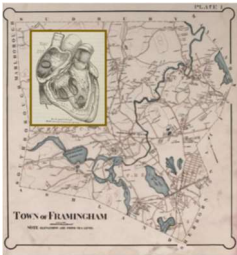
Monday, November 20, 2023
1:00 – 2:15 p.m.
via [Zoom](#)

Jaqueline Contrera Avila, PhD
Assistant Professor, Department of Gerontology,
University of Massachusetts Boston
“Tobacco Use Among Older Adults: Health Impact and Opportunities for Interventions”

Monday, November 27, 2023
1:00 – 2:15 p.m.
via [Zoom](#)

Debby Dodds, MS
Gerontologist and Head of Caregiver Engagement,
Generation Connect
“From Capstone to Commercialization: A Journey in Gerontology, Dementia, and Tech Innovation”

via Zoom: <https://umassboston.zoom.us/j/94175483404> Password: Boston
For more information contact Jaqueline Contrera Avila: Jaqueline.Avila@umb.edu



Wednesday, November 1, 2023, 7:00PM – Lazare Auditorium, Medical School Building and via zoom

**Boston Medical Library invites you to the 48th Annual Joseph Garland Lecture:
*The Framingham Heart Study at Age 75: Forever Altering the Face of Cardiovascular Care***

Presented by: Deeb Salem, MD and conversation with Daniel Levy, MD
Please Register to Attend In-Person or Virtually using the QR CODE



Friday, November 3, 2023, 12:00-1:00PM in Albert Sherman Building, AS9-2072

“Emulating the Chronic Hypertension and Pregnancy Trial: What Can We Really Learn from Real World Evidence?”

Presented by: Mollie Wood, PhD, MPH Assistant Professor, Department of Epidemiology, Gillings School of Global Public Health, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Click [here](#) to join via zoom. Password: 409560



Thursday, December 7, 2023, 11:00-1:00PM

“Thinking about Information Disorder in the Context of Health and Science: How Bad is the Problem and What Can We Do About It?”

Presented by: Ezra Markowitz, PhD, Professor at UMass Amherst

Click [here](#) to Register. Registration is required.



UMASS CHAN REMINDER

Annual Privacy and Information Security Training

Cybersecurity threats targeted against UMass Chan networks and data have become commonplace and the tactics that criminals employ are increasingly more sophisticated. UMass Chan's annual Privacy and Information Security Training is a proven and effective deterrent against social engineering, phishing schemes and malware such as ransomware. The online training is informative and focuses on important steps that you can take to ensure you are safe from cybercriminals.

This year's training begins Monday, Oct. 16, with an email from UMassChanInformationSecurity@umassmed.edu.

The training consists of six short interactive modules:

- You Are the Shield
- Email and Phishing
- Targeted Attacks
- Data Security
- Personally Identifiable Information (PII)
- Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)

You will have 60 days to complete the training, but we strongly recommend that you prioritize this critical tool for protecting your data both at work and at home.



Holiday season is upon us. Here is the [link](#) to the Holiday Calendars for UMass Chan Medical School.

Following Holiday Schedule for the remainder of 2023:

- Veteran's Day (observed) - Friday, November 10th
- Thanksgiving Day – Thursday, November 23rd
- Day After Thanksgiving - Friday, November 24th
- Christmas Eve (observed) – Friday, December 22nd
- Christmas Day – Monday, 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.