LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

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POLICY-DIRECTED RESEARCH TO IMPROVE CARE FOR PERSONS WITH COMPLEX HEALTH NEEDS

Home health plays a critical role in caring for persons residing in the community. The primary form of communication between clinicians and home health nurses is, well, a form—CMS Form 485. Cynthia Boyd led a study in 2013-2017 and remains involved in Center activities. Many of you already know me, Cynthia Woodcock. I'm a senior research scientist at the Lipitz Center and a fellow at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

Lessons From the National Health and Aging Trends Study

Six rounds of NHATS (2011-2016) and two waves of the National Study of Caregivers (2011 and 2013) will be released this Fall. Nearly 3,000 users have registered to access NHATS data and more than 90 projects are underway. The CHRONIC Care Act will allow insurance companies offering Medicare Advantage Plans to use data from NHATS for purposes linked to quality improvement. This will present opportunities for family caregivers support. Coauthors include Amber Willink, Jennifer Wolff, and Julia Bellatoni.

NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL HEALTH AND AGING TRENDS STUDY

The Multisectoral Impact of Pressure Injuries (MIP-PI) study, a collaboration between the Lipitz Center and Duke University, received the NAPSA 2023 Innovation Award. The study, authored by Navpreet Rana, Jennifer Burgdorf, and Julia Bellatoni, led by Ph.D. candidate David Roth from the Johns Hopkins School of Nursing, evaluated patient and family engagement strategies to improve care for persons with pressure injuries. The study suggests that participation in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) is associated with higher odds of pressure injury in older community residents, a finding consistent with past research. The study was led by Ph.D. candidate David Roth from the Johns Hopkins School of Nursing, and it received a grant from the National Institute on Aging (grant number K23AG059319). The study was presented at the American Geriatrics Society 2018 Annual Scientific Meeting.

SELECT RECENT PUBLICATIONS

1. Co-planned and co-led the 2023 Milbank Memorial Fund Firehose Conference. Co-led a session titled "Strengthening the Research-Practice Nexus in Public Health" with leading experts in the field. The session aimed to foster collaboration between researchers and practitioners to improve public health outcomes. The session was well-received by attendees and received positive feedback from participants. The session was co-led with Dr. Pamela Davis-Kean, who served as the Primary Investigator (PI) of the Milbank Memorial Fund Firehose Conference.

2. Presented findings from The Same Page Trial (R21AG049967) at the American Geriatrics Society 2018 Annual Scientific Meeting. The study evaluated the impact of an intervention designed to improve communication between clinicians and home health nurses. The study demonstrated that the intervention was effective in improving communication between clinicians and home health nurses. The study was co-authored by Jennifer Wolff, PhD, and Cynthia Boyd, PhD, and it received a grant from the National Institutes of Health (grant number R21AG049967). The study was presented at the American Geriatrics Society 2018 Annual Scientific Meeting.

3. Assisted in the development of a new career development program at the Lipitz Center. The program is designed to support the career development of early-career researchers and is aimed at providing them with the skills and resources needed to succeed in their careers. The program is co-led by Dr. Jennifer Wolff, PhD, and Dr. Cynthia Boyd, PhD, and it is funded by the National Institutes of Health (grant number T32AG025347). The program is designed to provide early-career researchers with the skills and resources needed to succeed in their careers and is co-led by Dr. Jennifer Wolff, PhD, and Dr. Cynthia Boyd, PhD, and it is funded by the National Institutes of Health (grant number T32AG025347). The program is designed to provide early-career researchers with the skills and resources needed to succeed in their careers and is co-led by Dr. Jennifer Wolff, PhD, and Dr. Cynthia Boyd, PhD, and it is funded by the National Institutes of Health (grant number T32AG025347).