



# VERITY Newsletter

A newsletter brought to you by VERITY at Brigham & Women's Hospital

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## VERITY Updates

- **VERITY goes Virtual!** In the wake of COVID-19, VERITY has decided to host the 2020 VERITY Course virtually. More information below.
- **Don't forget to submit** your VERITY P&F Research Award Application due June 25.

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## VERITY goes Virtual during COVID-19

Given the current public health situation, VERITY has decided to hold this year's VERITY/Brigham Course in Rheumatology Clinical Research virtually. Due to the multiple time zones and the ever-changing circumstances, there have been slight modifications to the course schedule, but the course still remains committed to assisting our attendees with refining their projects and providing the opportunity to obtain valuable feedback. Our VERITY faculty have all shown great flexibility and cooperation as VERITY moves to this virtual platform and have agreed to use video conferencing to give lectures and connect with the attendees.

Since the VERITY 2020 course will be held virtually, we now have the ability to share some of the lectures from the course with the wider VERITY Research Community. With an opportunity like this, we will be holding a registration period to allow for our VERITY Research Community to sign up to view the live-streamed lectures given during the VERITY course. More information can be found at our website, <http://www.verityresearch.org/>. We will also archive the lectures on our website to be viewed later; this should become a great resource.

As the COVID-19 situation continues to progress, we thank you (the healthcare worker community) for working in your community to combat this pandemic. We hope that you remain safe, healthy, and hopeful in these uncertain times.

## VERITY Publications

Lyu H, Zhao SS, Yoshida K, Tedeschi SK, Xu C, Nigwekar SU, Leder BZ, **Solomon DH**. Delayed Denosumab Injections and Bone Mineral Density Response: An Electronic Health Record-based Study. *J Clin Endocrinol Metab*. 2020 May 1;105(5).

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Silva GS, Sullivan JK, **Katz JN**, Messier SP, Hunter DJ, **Losina E**. Long-term clinical and economic outcomes of a short-term physical activity program in knee osteoarthritis patients. *Osteoarthritis Cartilage*. 2020 Mar 10.

Ford JA, Liu X, Chu SH, **Lu B**, Cho MH, Silverman EK, **Costenbader KH**, Camargo CA Jr, **Sparks JA**. Asthma, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease, and Subsequent Risk for Incident Rheumatoid Arthritis Among Women: A Prospective Cohort Study. *Arthritis Rheumatol*. 2020 Mar 4.

deadlines. All team members have been able to work remotely on the various services offered by the Core. The Core has been able to continue to work at near-full, if not full, capacity and will continue to provide assistance to those who need it.

Much like the Bioinformatics Resource Core, the Methodology Core has been able to continue to maintain a steady work pace with little to no interruptions. They remain in contact with updates on work, completed and ongoing. The team continues to support their ongoing partnerships.

We are very proud of our VERITY team for maintaining the work in these challenging times and answering the call when they are needed.

## VERITY 2020 Pilot & Feasibility Research Award

VERITY has released the application for the 2020 VERITY Pilot & Feasibility (P&F) Research Award.

The VERITY P&F Research Award is a NIAMS-supported \$20,000 grant that is aimed at providing seed funding for new projects as well as to offer an opportunity to the VERITY Research Community to develop skills in proposal preparation.

All applicants must be a member of the VERITY Research Community and the selection committee will favor VERITY young investigators (rank of Assistant Professor or below) who have not been awarded an R01 grant or equivalent.

The 2020 award application is due

**Thursday, June 25, 2020 at 5:00PM ET**

Any applications submitted after that time will not be accepted. For additional information on the VERITY P&F Research Award, please visit <http://verityresearch.org/>.

## Update from the VERITY Cores

Like everyone, VERITY has had to continue operations remotely for the safety of our team. Both our Cores, the VERITY Bioinformatics Resource Core and the VERITY Methodology Core, have found ways of staying in contact with their team as well as sharing updates and maintaining work flow. New and ongoing projects stay on track and on time!

The VERITY Bioinformatics Resource Core maintains their weekly team meetings via videoconferencing to advance project objectives and meet

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