



VERITY Newsletter

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

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VERITY Updates

- **Don't forget to submit** your VERITY P&F Research Award Application due June 25.
- **VERITY introduces the new VERITY Video Library!** More information below.

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2020 VERITY/Brigham Course in Rheumatology Clinical Research

On Tuesday, May 12, 2020, the second VERITY/Brigham Course in Rheumatology Clinical Research began but a little differently than expected. Given the current public health situation, VERITY Faculty decided that the VERITY course would be held virtually this year. The schedule was reorganized to accommodate the numerous time zones and unpredictable circumstances. Due to this virtual platform, VERITY opened the course to the VERITY Research Community, offering access to the live, didactic lectures given during the course. Along with the 17 full-course attendees (those who applied to attend the course in full), 54 VERITY Community members registered to join the course and listen in on lectures. For four days, rheumatologists from seven countries and four continents attended the virtual course. Our 17 full-course attendees had opportunities to meet with VERITY faculty and received feedback on their ongoing projects. Even with no in-person meetings, this year's course was met with great enthusiasm and participation from all that attended. We have received incredible feedback from the full-course attendees, the registered VERITY Research Community members, and the VERITY faculty. We appreciate the patience and flexibility we received while we transition this course to virtual. We hope to use this successful course as a model for future virtual courses VERITY may offer. Again, we thank you our wonderful research community for supporting this course and look forward to many more in the future.

VERITY Publications

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VERITY 2020 Pilot & Feasibility Research Award

Don't forget to submit your VERITY Pilot & Feasibility Research Award application.

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/>.

VERITY Video Library

VERITY introduces the new VERITY Video Library now available on the VERITY website!

Given the COVID pandemic and the VERITY Course having to be hosted virtually, VERITY was able to record the didactic lectures given during the 2020 VERITY Course. The library currently holds 18 videos from the course that are all hosted on the VERITY Vimeo page. We plan to include more content from future courses as well as the Bioinformatics Core and Methodology Core. The video library is available to our VERITY Research Community members. If you are not currently a member, please go to <http://www.verityresearch.org/> for more information.

VERITY Member Spotlight: Namrata Singh, MD, MSCI, FACP



Namrata Singh, MD, MSCI, FACP is an adult rheumatologist and an Assistant Professor in the Division of Rheumatology at the University of Washington in Seattle. She also holds an adjunct faculty appointment in the Department of Epidemiology at the College of Public Health at The University of Iowa. She is a member of the ACR task force on development of updated guidelines for the management of rheumatoid arthritis (RA) and an investigator of the Veterans Affairs Rheumatoid Arthritis (VARA) registry. Dr. Singh's research focuses on pharmacoepidemiologic, outcomes-based methods to assess cancer and cardiovascular burdens in RA. Her current research studies include: studying the association between biologic disease modifying anti-rheumatic drugs and lymphoma among RA Veterans (supported by the Rheumatology Research Foundation); the evaluation of effect of hydroxychloroquine on major adverse cardiovascular events in Medicare RA patients; as well as the impact of hydroxychloroquine on vascular function in RA patients in a pilot clinical trial (supported by the American Heart Association). Dr. Singh was a recent attendee of the 2020 VERITY Course.

***For each issue, the newsletter will feature a VERITY member. For more information, please contact Jackie Stratton (jstratton1@bwh.harvard.edu) or visit verityresearch.org to become a VERITY member.

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