



VERITY Updates

- **VERITY P&F Research Award Application** has been released. For additional information, see below and visit <http://www.verityresearch.org/>.

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2019 VERITY Pilot & Feasibility Research Award

On January 3, 2019, VERITY released the application for the 2019 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 2019 award application is due Wednesday, May 1, 2019 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 Publications

Alves K, Godwin CL, Chen A, Akellot D, **Katz JN**, Sabatini CS. Gluteal fibrosis, post-injection paralysis, and related injection practices in Uganda: a qualitative analysis. *BMC Health Serv Res*. 2018 Nov 26;18(1):892.

Feldman CH, **Collins J**, Zhang Z, Xu C, Subramanian SV, Kawachi I, **Solomon DH**, **Costenbader KH**. Azathioprine and Mycophenolate Mofetil Adherence Patterns and Predictors among Medicaid Beneficiaries with Systemic Lupus Erythematosus. *Arthritis Care Res (Hoboken)*. 2018 Oct 24.

Losina E. Why past research successes do not translate to clinical reality: gaps in evidence on exercise program efficacy. *Osteoarthritis Cartilage*. 2019 Jan;27(1):1-2. doi: 10.1016/j.joca.2018.09.006. Epub 2018 Sep 21. PubMed PMID: 30248501.

Gong Y, **Selzer F**, Deshpande B, **Losina E**. Trends in procedure type, patient characteristics, and outcomes among persons with knee osteoarthritis undergoing bariatric surgery, 2005-2014. *Osteoarthritis Cartilage*. 18 Nov;26(11):1487-1494.

Rheumatology Research Workshop (RRW)

The 2019 Rheumatology Research Workshop (RRW), organized by the ACR Early Career Investigator Subcommittee, will be held on June 22-23 in Washington, D.C. The RRW provides practical advice on how to succeed as a young investigator (mentorship, grant writing, papers, study sections, scientific presentations/writing, promotion, job offers, negotiation, hiring, leadership development, etc.). Participants also meet RRF-awarded senior investigators at a parallel meeting so it's a great networking opportunity. Those chosen to participate receive \$500 for travel expenses. Residents, fellows, junior faculty, medical/graduate students, and post-docs would all benefit from RRW. An abstract is required for attendance and deadline for abstract submission is February 11, 2019. For more information about the upcoming workshop and submission, please visit <https://www.rheumatology.org/Learning-Center/Educational-Activities/View/ID/984>.

VERITY Methodology Core

The VERITY Methodology Core has taken on a new project. The Core will be working with Lily Li, MD, a clinical research fellow at Brigham and Women's Hospital, on the clinical impact of NSAID adverse drug reactions on analgesic utilization patterns and opioid use disorder (OUD). She will be looking at patients that suffer from osteoarthritis or lower back pain. The Core will assist by providing guidance on study design/data collecting methods and possible programming assistance. For more information on what services are provided by the VERITY Methodology Core, please visit <http://www.verityresearch.org/>

Upcoming VERITY Seminars

January 9, 9:00AM-10:00AM

VERITY/SCS Seminar Series

Towards Personalized Antidepressant Recommendations with Prediction-Constrained Topic Models

Presenter: Finale Doshi-Velez

January 10, 12:30PM-1:30PM

VERITY/SCS Journal Club

RCT design and interpretation of CANTOS and CIRT
Faculty Discussant: Daniel Solomon, MD, MPH

January 16, 9:00AM-10:00AM

VERITY/SCS Seminar Series

Presenter: Sara Tedeschi, MD

January 23, 9:00AM-10:00AM

VERITY/SCS Seminar Series

Presenter: Karen Costenbader, MD, MPH

January 30, 9:00AM-10:00AM

VERITY/SCS Seminar Series

Presenter: Daniel Solomon, MD, MPH

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VERITY Member Spotlight - Beth Wallace, MD, MS

Beth Wallace, MD, MS is a rheumatologist and health services researcher, currently a Clinical Lecturer at Michigan Medicine and Advanced Fellow in Health Services Research and Development at the Ann Arbor VA Center for Clinical Management Research. She is interested in evaluating population-level practice patterns and health effects of glucocorticoid use for rheumatoid arthritis management. Beth is currently collaborating with Dr. Daniel Solomon to evaluate how provider and system-level factors affect glucocorticoid utilization and health outcomes among RA patients.

***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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