



VERITY Newsletter

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

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VERITY Updates

- **VERITY announces the dates** for the VERITY/Brigham Course in Rheumatology Clinical Research to be held in May 2020. More information below.
- **Don't forget** to submit your 2019 VERITY P&F Award application due May 1st. More information below and at <http://www.verityresearch.org/>.

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Continuing Connections - Part II

In May of 2018, Drs. Christina Downey and Vaneet Sandhu traveled from Southern California to attend the VERITY/Brigham Course in Rheumatology Clinical Research. They are both attending rheumatologists at Loma Linda University Medical Center in Loma Linda, California. Close to a year later, these two remain a constant in the VERITY community. While at the course, all attendees met with a number of faculty members in hopes of building relationships across the rheumatic/musculoskeletal research world. Both Drs. Downey and Sandhu met with members of the faculty interested in the projects and research topics they had brought with them.

Dr. Christina Downey, MD, is an assistant professor at Loma Linda University Medical Center. During the 2018 VERITY Course, Dr. Downey had presented a project on an intervention to reduce disparities in osteoporosis care at an affiliated county hospital and had met with many faculty members, including Dr. Daniel H. Solomon, MD, MPH. Over the past year, Dr. Solomon and Dr. Downey have maintained contact and have worked together on a chapter for the Rheumatic Disease Clinics of North America on quality improvement.



Dr. Christina Downey, MD
Loma Linda University Med Ctr

Dr. Vaneet Sandhu, MD, is an assistant professor at Loma Linda University Medical Center as well. Dr. Sandhu arrived at the 2018 Course with a project involving healthcare disparities in systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE). During her time at the course, she found common interests with Candace Feldman, MD, MPH, ScD. Dr. Feldman and Dr. Sandhu have gone on to work on Dr. Feldman and Dr. Sandhu have also worked on a chapter for the Rheumatic Disease Clinics of North America addressing medical education and its value in underserved areas.



Dr. Vaneet Sandhu, MD
Loma Linda University Med Ctr

As VERITY looks forward to our next VERITY/Brigham Course in Rheumatology Clinical Research, we hope to continue building lasting relationships and promote positive experiences like that of Drs. Sandhu and Downey. For more information on the next VERITY/Brigham Course in Rheumatology Clinical Research, please visit <http://www.verityresearch.org/>.

Mark your calendars!

VERITY has announced the dates for the VERITY Course 2020.

The next VERITY Course will be held from

Tuesday, May 12 to Friday, May 15, 2020.

The VERITY Course is a free course in rheumatic disease epidemiology and patient-oriented research. Participants will refine specific aims for grant or develop methods/statistical analyses for ongoing/proposed clinical research projects.

To stay updated on the VERITY Course, sign up for VERITY Membership at <http://www.verityresearch.org/>.

VERITY Publications

Sparks JA, Doyle TJ, He X, Pan B, Iannaccone C, Frits ML, Dellaripa PF, Rosas IO, **Lu B**, Weinblatt ME, **Shadick NA**, Karlson EW. Incidence and predictors of dyspnea on exertion in a prospective cohort of patients with rheumatoid arthritis. *ACR Open Rheumatol.* 2019 Mar;1(1):4-15.

Yoshida K, **Solomon DH**, Haneuse S, **Kim SC**, Patorno E, Tedeschi SK, Lyu H, Franklin JM, Stürmer T, Hernández-Díaz S, Glynn RJ. Multinomial Extension of Propensity Score Trimming Methods: A Simulation Study. *Am J Epidemiol.* 2019 Mar 1;188(3):609-616.

Liu X, Tedeschi SK, Barbhuiya M, Leatherwood CL, Speyer CB, **Lu B**, **Costenbader KH**, Karlson EW, **Sparks JA**. Impact and timing of smoking cessation on reducing risk for rheumatoid arthritis among women in the Nurses' Health Studies. *Arthritis Care Res (Hoboken).* 2019 Feb 21.

Zhao S, Yoshida K, Jones GT, Hughes DM, Tedeschi SK, Lyu H, Moots RJ, **Solomon DH**, Goodson NJ. The impact of smoking on response to TNF inhibitors in axial spondyloarthritis: methodological considerations for longitudinal observational studies. *Arthritis Care Res (Hoboken).* 2019 Feb 14.

Upcoming VERITY Seminars

April 10th, 9:00AM-10:00AM

VERITY/SCS Seminar Series

Section Chair's Guest Presentation

Presenter: Todd R. Golub

Core Institute Member, Chief Scientific Officer, Director of the Cancer Program, Broad Institute

April 24th, 9:00AM-10:00AM

VERITY/SCS Seminar Series

Presenter: April Jorge, MD

Massachusetts General Hospital

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VERITY P&F Research Award

In January 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.

The 2019 award application is due Wednesday, May 1, 2019 at 5:00PM ET.

For additional information on the VERITY P&F Research Award, please visit <http://www.verityresearch.org/>.

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