



VERITY Newsletter

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

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VERITY Updates

- **Don't forget** - 2020 VERITY/Brigham Course in Rheumatology Clinical Research applications are due December 6th! More information below.
- **VERITY attended the 2019 ACR Annual** conference and held a table at the "Meet the Funders: NIH & Foundation Roundtable Discussion" with opportunities to meet some VERITY faculty and learn more about what VERITY has to offer.

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VERITY at the 2019 ACR Annual Conference Atlanta, GA

Last month, the American College of Rheumatology held their annual meeting in Atlanta, Georgia at the Georgia World Congress Center. This yearly conference brings together researchers and physicians from across the world to share their work and learn of upcoming opportunities occurring within the field of rheumatology. VERITY was



once again lucky enough to join the *Meet the Funders: NIH & Foundation Roundtable Grant Discussion* on Tuesday, November 12th and present interested parties with information about VERITY as well as a VERITY tote bag. Those who attended the meeting were able to meet with VERITY faculty and join our VERITY Research Community. This meeting provide us the wonderful opportunity to spread the word about VERITY and meet those interested in collaborating with us in the future. We would like to thank the American College of Rheumatology for an excellent meeting and the committee of the *Meet the Funders Roundtable* for allowing us this opportunity. We look forward to attending next year's 2020 ACR Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C.



VERITY Publications

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)*. 2019 Nov;71(11):1419-1424.

Tedeschi SK, **Solomon DH**, Yoshida K, Vanni K, Suh DH, Smith SE. A prospective study of dual-energy CT scanning, US and X-ray in acute calcium pyrophosphate crystal arthritis. *Rheumatology (Oxford)*. 2019 Oct 19. pii: kez431.

VERITY Course 2020 APPLICATION DEADLINE APPROACHING

The VERITY Course is a free 4-day course aimed at early-stage investigators pursuing research studies in rheumatic and musculoskeletal diseases. Participants will develop or refine a research protocol or specific aims for a grant proposal during the course. The course will be held Tuesday, May 12 to Friday, May 15, 2020 in Boston, MA at Brigham and Women's Hospital.

All application materials are due on December 6, 2019 at 11:59PM.

VERITY Member Spotlight: Aleksander Lenert, MD, FRCPC



Aleksander Lenert, MD, FRCPC, is an adult rheumatologist and a Clinical Associate Professor in the Division of Immunology at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, with an interest in clinical and translational research in autoinflammatory syndromes (AIS), adult onset Still's disease (AOSD) and CRMO/SAPHO. In 2018, Dr. Lenert was the recipient of VERITY's first Pilot & Feasibility Award and he worked closely with VERITY's Bioinformatics Core (Drs. Kat Liao & Tianxi Cai) to develop a natural language processing-based phenotyping algorithm for AIS cohort building, with future plans for algorithm validation in external EMR datasets. Additionally, Dr. Lenert is interested in leveraging big data in large EMRs and administrative databases to characterize multi-morbidity, severe lung disease and cardiovascular outcomes, and conduct comparative effectiveness studies of traditional immunosuppression and IL-1 inhibitors in AOSD.

***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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