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## Grant Award:

**Dr. Katherine Sward** is part of the University of Utah Health [Data Coordinating Center \(DCC\)](#), which received \$12 million over five years from the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) to study solutions to sepsis-induced multiple organ dysfunction syndrome (MODS) in critically ill children. The DCC will lead statistical support and provide data management to the Collaborative Pediatric Critical Care Research Network and the Personalized Immunomodulation

in Pediatric Sepsis-induced MODS (PRECISE) Trial. NICHD awarded \$23 million for the overall trial, which involves 26 centers across the United States.

## **Presentations:**

**Dr. Echo Warner** and colleagues presented [posters](#) at the American Association for Cancer Research Virtual Conference: [14<sup>th</sup> AACR Conference on the Science of Cancer Health Disparities in Racial/Ethnic Minorities and the Medically Underserved](#).

1. **Warner EL**, Raber M, Green A, Smith K, Traslavina Jimenez J, Badger T. An Examination of Online Experiences among Young Adult Cancer Patients and Caregivers Reveals the Pervasiveness and Influence of Diet and Supplement-Related Misinformation.
2. **Warner EL**, Rainbow J, Sikorskii A, Segrin C, Badger T. Financial Hardship Associations with Presenteeism and Absenteeism among Survivors and Informal Caregivers during Cancer Treatment.
3. Smith K, Green A, Traslavina Jimenez J, Badger T, **Warner EL**. General Social Media Use amongst Young Adult Cancer Patients and Caregivers.
4. Traslavina Jimenez J, Smith K, Green A, Badger T, Sikorskii A, Segrin C, Crane T, **Warner EL**. Improving Informal Caregivers and Cancer Survivors' Psychological Distress, Symptom Management and Health Care Use Follow-Up Interviews.
5. Green A, Smith K, Traslavina Jimenez J, Raber M, Badger T, **Warner EL**. Online Cancer Misinformation Interventions for Young Adult Cancer Patients and Caregivers.

**Dr. Kristin Cloyes** presented an invited Rapid Fire Talk titled *Promoting Effective and Equitable Communication and Care with LGBTQ+ Home Hospice Patients and Caregivers: Considerations for Practice, Education, and Research* at the [2<sup>nd</sup> Annual U.S. Celebration of World Hospice & Palliative Care Day: A Virtual Coming Together](#) event that Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center sponsored.

**Drs. Rumei Yang**, Yun Jiang, and **Kristin Cloyes** will present an [oral abstract](#) titled *The Relationship Between E-Communication and Self-Rated Health among Sexual Minority Individuals: The Role of Self-Efficacy* at the [2021 International Conference on Communication in Healthcare](#). The abstract was selected as one of nine finalists for the Oral Abstract Award. The winner will be announced after the conference concludes on October 20, 2021.

**Dr. Zoe Robbins** presented a concurrent session titled *A Telemental Health Journey – What I found at the Intersection of Provider, Educator, Researcher and Advocate* at the [Virtual American Psychiatric Nurses Association 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference](#).

**Dr. Michelle Litchman** and other highly-regarded leaders in insulin delivery, glucose monitoring, predictive models, and coaching support will offer new answers to old questions during a panel discussion titled [Personalizing Your Diabetes Toolkit: New Solutions to Persistent Problems](#) on October 19, 2021 from 3:15-5:15 PM MDT.

**Dr. Lauri Linder, Dr. Amy Newman, Dr. Katherine Carney, Sarah Wawrzynski,** and Dr. Roger Altizer presented *Facilitating Diversity in Recruitment of Children as Co-Designers of a Symptom Assessment App in the Hospital Setting* at the [Council for the Advancement of Nursing Science 2021 Advanced Methods Conference](#).

## **Publications:**

Ameringer S, Elswick Jr RK, Stegenga K, Macpherson CF, Erickson JM, **Linder LA**. Symptom profiles of adolescents and young adults in active cancer treatment by diagnostic groups. *Cancer Nursing*. Accepted.

Brandt HM, **Kepka D**, Kirchhoff AC, Daniel CL, Bhatt NS. Human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination is cancer prevention for childhood cancer survivors. *Cancer*. 2021. <https://doi.org/10.1002/cncr.33920>

Gray TF, Zanzville N, Cohen B, Cooley ME, Starkweather A, **Linder LA**. Finding new ground – Fostering posttraumatic growth in children and adolescents following parental death from COVID-19. *J Adolesc Health*. Accepted.

**Nerges JA, Hofmann L, Garrett L, Morton PG**. Male nurses' perceptions of the facilitators and barriers to recruitment, retention, and job satisfaction. *Nurse Lead*. In Press. [doi.org/10.1016/j.mnl.2021.08.011](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.mnl.2021.08.011)

## **Community Engagement:**

In May 2020, and during the week of high school graduation, three students and a teacher within the Alpine School District died. Shortly after, social workers, guidance counselors, school psychologists, and school nurses from the entire district attended grief training that **Dr. Katherine Supiano** and her team provided. Further, and as requested, Cathy Davis from the State Board of Education, **Adrienne Bott**, and **Dr. Katherine Supiano** planned a follow-on retreat for Westlake High School staff and offered it the first week of school this fall. The school's lead guidance counselor sent a thank you letter expressing deep gratitude for the retreat and for how it provided healing. Notably, the letter highlighted the value of **Adrienne's** contributions. The team is building the retreat into a post-vention care model for clinicians/agencies and teams that have lost a client to suicide or overdose death, and plans to offer it to a counseling agency in San Juan county.

## **Recognition:**

Drs. Timothy Farrell, Director of the University of Utah Health Interprofessional Education (IPE) Program, and Sarah Canham, Associate Director of the IPE Program, wrote a letter of appreciation, expressing deep appreciation for **Tamara Ekker's** outstanding contributions to the IPE Program's Ambulatory Diabetes course. Health professions students from the Colleges of Health, Nursing, Pharmacy, and Social Work, as well as the Physician Assistant Program take the course. As faculty lead, **Tamara** implemented a course redesign process to facilitate conversion from an in-person format to a synchronous online format.

She worked with IPE Program and Clinical Center staff to record a standardized patient interaction that is foundational to the course, and directed implementation of updates to the course pre-work and the core diabetes content included in the case scenario. The change in course delivery format maintained essential course content, while reducing costs for standardized patients. Initial student and faculty facilitator feedback has been overwhelmingly positive.

Drs. Timothy Farrell, Director of the University of Utah Health Interprofessional Education (IPE) Program, and Sarah Canham, Associate Director of the IPE Program, wrote a letter of appreciation, expressing deep appreciation for **Dr. Madeline Lassche's** outstanding contributions to the IPE Program's Disaster Preparedness course. Health professions students from the School of Medicine, Physician Assistant Program, and the Colleges of Health, Nursing, and Pharmacy take the course. Making significant contributions to planning and implementing a complete course redesign, **Dr. Lassche's** extensive knowledge of simulation education was integral to creating a curriculum that directly emphasizes communication among health professionals in the aftermath of a disaster. Initial student and faculty facilitator feedback has been outstanding. **Dr. Lassche's** efforts will make it possible for University of Utah Health to be considered as a national leader in IPE regarding disaster preparedness, a topic with ever-increasing relevance to the health sciences community and the nation.

### **In Other News:**

**Dr. Paula Meek** was elected to serve a 3-year term on the [American Academy of Nursing \(AAN\) Fellow Selection Committee](#). The Fellow Selection Committee disseminates information to potential candidates and sponsors regarding procedure and qualifications; reviews applications and selects new fellows in accordance with the Academy bylaws; and reviews the application forms, selection criteria, and selection procedures and recommends changes to the board of directors.

**Dr. Lisa Taylor-Swanson** was invited to join the Executive Committee of the [Society for Acupuncture Research \(SAR\)](#) as Secretary. SAR is the leading international acupuncture research organization. This leadership position will allow Dr. Taylor-Swanson to provide input regarding the organization's future direction and initiatives.

**Dr. Lisa Taylor-Swanson** was invited to serve as Guest Editor of a special issue of *Medical Acupuncture* tentatively titled *Special Focus: Women in Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine*. Articles will highlight, among other notable scientific and clinical leaders, the careers of [Dr. Helene Langevin](#), Director of the National Institutes of Health's National Center for Complementary and Alternative Health, and whose pioneering work elucidated the roles of connective tissue in chronic musculoskeletal pain, effects of stretching connective tissue on inflammation, and mechanisms of acupuncture needle effects, and [Dr. Tu Youyou](#), who received the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine in 2015. Dr. Tu reviewed classical texts of Chinese herbal medicine to identify *Qing Hao* (*artemisia annua*), from which she extracted artemisinin, a compound that has saved millions of lives from malaria as a first-line intervention. She is the first mainland Chinese scientist to have received a Nobel Prize in a scientific category. She did so without a doctorate, a medical degree, or training abroad.

## In the Media:

Alex Vejar wrote [\*'It's really exponential': What mental health experts say about how Utah football might be grieving Ty Jordan and Aaron Lowe\*](#) for the *Salt Lake Tribune*, and interviewed **Dr. Katherine Supiano** regarding the compounding nature of grief given that two football players died within nine months.

Erin O'Donnell wrote [\*Cancer misinformation – Bad advice shared online can have a negative effect, even if it's not followed\*](#) for *Cancer Today* and featured **Dr. Echo Warner's** work. **Dr. Warner** found that social media posts containing cancer misinformation shook caregivers' confidence and made them doubt their decisions, especially when family members or close friends posted the misinformation.