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Dissertation Defense:

Congratulations to **Francine B. Jensen** who successfully defended her dissertation titled Meeting End-of-Life Needs: Hospice Delivery for People with Unstable Housing. The members of her committee were **Drs. Kristin Cloyes** (Chair), **Kathie Supiano**, **Lee Ellington**, **Gail Towsley**, and Stephen Jones. You can view Francine's defense at [U Mediaspace: College of Nursing PhD Dissertation Defenses](#).

Grant Award:

With the goal of advancing the health, wellness, and cancer-related health outcomes of Utah's population, Intermountain Healthcare provided funding for the Utah Grand Challenge Initiative. **Drs. Deanna Kepka** and Neal Davis received a \$200K Utah Grand Challenge award for their cancer control project titled *Intermountain Healthcare, Huntsman Cancer Institute, and University of Utah Partnership to Improve HPV Vaccination in Utah's Lowest Performing Health Districts for HPV Vaccination*. The funding will support collaborative research between the Huntsman Cancer Institute and Intermountain Healthcare with the goal of improving HPV vaccination in Utah.

Presentations:

The Consortium for Families and Health Research (C-FAHR) sponsored a series titled COVID and Families: How Social Isolation, Caregiving, and COVID Transmission have Reshaped Families. Presenters included:

- **Dr. Kara Dassel** and Dr. Melody Mickens – Family Caregivers: The Unsung Heroes and Invisible Health Care Workers During COVID-19.
- **Dr. Kristin Cloyes** – COVID-19 has Uncovered Unmet Needs Among Cancer Survivors and their Caregivers, with a Focus on LGBTQ+ Groups.

Publications:

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Martial M-A, **Sward KA**, **Morse JM**, **Wilson AR**, Martial C, **Penney DS**, Nicolas E. Anemia management in rural Haitian children: a mixed methods study. *J Transcult Nurs.* 2021. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1043659620986616>

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In Other News:

The National Cancer Institute (NCI) frequently receives requests for examples of funded grant applications. On its [Sample Healthcare Delivery Research Grant Applications website](#), the Healthcare Delivery Research Program featured **Dr. Deanna Kepka** and **Dr. Anne Kirchoff's R03: Statewide Assessment of HPV Vaccination Among Childhood Cancer Survivors**.

Health Care Provider Recognition:

CON nurse-midwives continue to impress their patients. Here are a few recent accolades.

- **Kayla Gatos**: I had a good experience with the facility and the provider also. I had spent most of my questioning with a student named Buffy before the actual

exam. However, Ms. Gatos was there during the exams and she was very helpful and insightful in helping the student do the job. I would definitely recommend both of them to friends and family.

- **Paige Miller:** I had a very great experience and left with my questions answered!
- **Dr. Danica Loveridge:** She was very sweet and attentive. Always on time and very professional.
- **Emily duBois Hollander:** Emily is amazing – she takes the time to explain everything that's going on and addresses any questions no matter how small / weird. I never feel rushed and feel very well taken care of. I couldn't recommend her more.
- **Emily duBois Hollander:** Emily has such excellent bedside manner. She is patient, listens intently and never makes you feel judged. This post-partum period can be an emotional roller coaster and it's so nice to have the support of such an empathetic health care provider.
- **Dr. Isabelle Armstrong:** Izzy was patient, knowledgeable, understanding and kind.
- **Claudia Gerard:** Claudia is compassionate, highly skilled, and personable.