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Grant Awards:

The Consortium for Families and Health Research (C-FAHR) at the University of Utah awarded a 1-year \$40,000 grant to **Drs. Caroline Stephens, Djin Tay**, Rebecca Utz, and Ken Smith titled *1U for Population-based Caregiving Science: Strengthening Partnerships, Leveraging Expertise, and Building the Pipeline of Population-based Caregiving Research*. Expanding on the

College of Nursing-led Family Caregiving Collaborative, the interdisciplinary team will develop the One-U Population-Based Caregiving Research Work Group with the 5-year goal of positioning the University of Utah as a nationally recognized leader in population-based family caregiving research.

The [Educational Resource Development Council \(ERDC\)](#) awarded a \$7,415 grant to **Dr. Sara Simonsen**. Sara will conduct focus groups with reproductive-age women at high risk for type 2 diabetes mellitus to learn about their awareness of personal risks, interest in lifestyle changes and participating in a Diabetes Prevention Program (DPP), and barriers and motivators to DPP participation.

The Gynecologic Oncology Program within the Huntsman Cancer Institute awarded a 1-year \$30,000 grant to **Dr. Deanna Kepka** for her project titled “*Assessment of the clinical workflow and processes of communication between rural clinics and HCI to improve the referral process for rural gynecologic cancer patients.*” A new line of research for Deanna, Dr. Kate Harris is Co-I. Funding from the Gynecologic Oncology Program is provided with the goal of promoting transdisciplinary, collaborative research that will impact understanding, preventing, and/or treating gynecological cancers.

Presentations:

The CON was well-represented at the [University of Utah Health Inflammation, Immunology, & Infectious Diseases \(3i\) COVID-19 Symposium](#).

- Impacts Across Populations Session: **Dr. Kristen Cloyes** presented *Cancer, Caregiving, and the COVID-19 Pandemic: Exploring Impact on Social Support Networks and Interactions, Stress, and Mental Health of Cancer Survivors and their Caregivers*.
- Mental Health & The Brain Session: **Kelly Mansfield** presented *Comparing Audio Diaries of Cancer Survivors and their Support Person During COVID-19*.
- Poster Session:
 - **Drs. Kara Dassel, Gail Towsley**, Rebecca Utz, and **Lee Ellington** presented [Caregiving and Advance Care Planning During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#).
 - **Dr. Stacie Ireland, Dr. Jennifer Hamilton**, and Baylie Miller presented [Identifying Barriers and Motivators to Spirometry in Adolescents with Cystic Fibrosis](#).

Poster Presentations:

[Annual Well-being and Resilience Virtual Poster Fair](#) will take place virtually June 8, 2021.

- **Dr. Scott Christensen, Denise Crismon, Shirin Hiatt, and Kelly Mansfield** will present *The Impact of the SARS-CoV-2 Pandemic on Recent Nursing Graduates' Wellness*.
- **Drs. Cheryl Armstrong and Jennifer Macali** will present *I've Got an Idea! Do IDEA Boards Facilitate Completion of Wellness Activities?*

Dr. Deb Penney presented *Ethical Challenges in Providing Equitable Short-term Global Health Projects* at the [Global Summit on Nursing Care and Midwifery](#).

In the Media:

Columnist Lois M. Collins wrote an article titled *A BYU study: Patients live longer with social and emotional interventions, not just medical care* for *Deseret News*. Lois interviewed **Dr. Kathie Supiano** regarding assessing patients' motivations and barriers to treatment, and using psychosocial interventions, and quoted her, writing "We know that if we want to bring psychological change and particularly change in health behaviors, we really need to get the family, the social network involved in a way acceptable to the patient."

Research Communication Specialist Paul Gabrielsen wrote a feature article titled [Chemistry in Pictures](#) for [@THEU](#) that showcased Professor Tom Richmond's approach to teaching chemistry to pre-nursing students. As part of the class, students took pictures to connect concepts learned in class with their everyday lives. Student Ashlee Taft Nelson's photo regarding fluid movement through a membrane was published in [Chemical & Engineering News](#). The article quotes **Dr. Mardie Clayton**, "Basic principles of chemistry transcend human physiology and pathophysiology, enabling students to understand how the body works normally and abnormally,"... "Understanding the movement of fluids is vital to understanding cellular function and to the management of associated diseases such as heart disease."

Note: College Kudos will not be published on June 21, 2021 and July 5, 2021