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**Award:**

The American Diabetes Association's Behavioral Medicine & Psychology Interest Group selected **Dr. Nancy Allen, Dr. Michelle Litchman, Dr. James Chamberlain, Ernest Grigorian, Dr. Eli Iacob,** and Dr. Cynthia Berg as recipients of the 2021 Abstract Award in the Category of Innovative Research in Behavioral Medicine and Psychology in Diabetes for their abstract titled *Continuous Glucose Monitoring Data Sharing in Older Adults with Type 1 Diabetes and Their Care Partners*. The Behavioral Medicine & Psychology Interest Group recognized the team on June 27, 2021 during a networking event.

## Grant Awards:

The [University of Utah Center on Aging](#) awarded a \$25,000 grant to **Dr. Caroline Stephens** for her project “*Care Trajectories of Utah Nursing Home Residents at the End of Life and of their Family Caregivers: A Population-based Pilot Study.*” Dr. Stephens will examine how the characteristics of the nursing home resident and their family affect care trajectories and healthcare utilization at end-of-life, and how caring for a nursing home resident impacts the health and well-being of family members.

The College of Nursing Research Committee awarded a \$12,285 grant to **Dr. Gwen Latendresse** for her project “*Understanding Access and Barriers to Engagement in Mental Health Services and Research among Racially and Ethnically Diverse Rural Childbearing Women during a Pandemic.*”

The College of Nursing Research Committee awarded a \$14,836 grant to **Dr. Sara Simonsen** for her project “*Understanding Perceptions and Prevention Intentions among Reproductive-age Women with Cardiometabolic Risk Factors.*”

## Publications:

**Dr. Lauri Linder** served as Guest Editor for the [June 2021 issue of \*Seminars in Oncology Nursing\*](#), which was dedicated to pediatric oncology, and authored two papers.

- **Linder LA.** Contributions of pediatric oncology nursing to advance care and reduce disparities among children and adolescents with cancer: Introduction. *Semin Oncol Nurs.* 2021;37(3). <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.soncn.2021.151165>
- **Linder LA, Ameringer S, Stegenga K, Macpherson CF, Erickson J.** A person-centered approach to symptom assessment and management for children and adolescents receiving cancer treatment. *Semin Oncol Nurs.* 2021;37(3). <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.soncn.2021.151164>

**Guo J, Wallace AS, Luther BL, Wong B.** Psychometric evaluation of the screener for intensifying community referrals for health. *Eval Health Prof.* 2021. <https://doi.org/10.1177/01632787211029360>

Waters AR, **Kepka D**, Ramsay JM, Mann K, Vaca Lopez PL, Anderson JS, Ou JY, Kaddas HK, Palmer A, Ray N, Tsukamoto T, Fair DB, Lewis MA, Kirchhoff AC, **Warner EL.** COVID-19 vaccine hesitancy among adolescent and young adult cancer survivors. *JNCI Cancer Spectr.* 2021;5(3). <https://doi.org/10.1093/jncics/pkab049>

Ayres S, **Gee A**, Kim S, Hashibe M, Praag A, Kaiser D, Chang C-P, Brandt HM, **Kepka D.** Human papillomavirus vaccination knowledge, barriers, and recommendations among healthcare provider groups in the western United States. *J Canc Educ.* 2021. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s13187-021-02047-6>

## Recognitions:

**Dr. Lauri Linder** has been appointed as the Disease Committee Nurse (DCN) for the Cancer Control and Supportive Care Committee of the Children’s Oncology Group (COG). DCNs represent the nursing discipline on COG disease steering committees, providing nursing expertise in the assigned disease group; and mentor and evaluate Core Nurses. Dr. Linder will participate in protocol development within the Cancer Control and Supportive Care Committee, prepare and update family protocol summaries,

develop return of results lay summaries, attend COG meetings, participate in study conference calls, and disseminate protocol and guideline updates to nurse members by presenting at national meetings and writing articles. The COG is supported by the National Cancer Institute and is the world's largest clinical trials organization devoted exclusively to pediatric cancer research.

The following were elected to leadership roles for the [Gamma Rho Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International](#):

- Co-President: **Dr. Jenneth Doria**
- Past President: **Dr. Cheryl Armstrong**
- Treasurer: **Dr. John Nerges**
- Secretary: **Dr. Nanci McLeskey**
- Awards Chair: **Dr. Allison Spolsdoff**
- Convention Delegate: **Dr. Sue Chase-Cantarini**
- Governance Chair: **Dr. Sue Chase-Cantarini**
- Leadership Succession Committee Chair: **Dr. Sue Chase-Cantarini**
- Faculty Counselor: **Denise Reeves**
- Newsletter Co-Chair: **Dr. Rebecca Wilson**
- Research/Scholarship: **Dr. Nancy Allen**
- Baccalaureate Student Leadership Interns: **Kris Carlile and Eliana Crabtree**

During the COVID-19 pandemic, College of Nursing providers who work in the Summit County Health Department Women's Clinic were redeployed. Rather than providing cancer screening, birth control, and sexually transmitted infection testing, they responded to the crisis and helped vaccinate Summit County residents. A big thank you to **Dr. Jennifer Clifton, Dr. Sara Simonson, Elizabeth Jacobson, Dr. Erin Cole** and **Erminia Martinez** for their efforts at the Summit County Health Department and People's Health Clinic. The Summit County Health Department Mass Vaccination Clinic at the Utah Film Studio was deemed the most efficient mass vaccination clinic in Utah.

Each week, U Health identifies the top 10 positive patient comments that it receives from throughout the entire system. Comments regarding **Dr. Danica Loveridge** and **Dr. Pamela Phares** made the Top 10 two weeks ago:

- I love my **Dr. Loveridge**. She is such a professional and brilliant person. Oh, I'm so lucky to be her patient. She called me personally and explained my test results, plus she was so kind. She prescribed me an antibiotic (Rx was sent to pharmacy of my choice). I'm truly happy and grateful!!! Her assistant was so nice and cute. After meeting such a caring healthcare provider, I can say with 100% confidence – I love U of U and will be their patient/customer forever!
- If I could give a higher rating than 5-Very Good, I would. From the beginning, **Dr. Phares** was interested in hearing about my history with Type 2 diabetes and the way it has affected my body. We had an in-depth discussion about my situation and my concerns. She listened well and asked clarifying questions. She also took the time to explain research, outcomes, pharmaceuticals, my particular data markers, etc., to assist us both to collaborate on solutions that could potentially help my particular body and organ health situation. She prescribed a drug that not only had the probability of helping my original concern (persistent high blood sugar readings), but could also have a beneficial effect on other organs.

The BirthCare HealthCare (BCHC) practice had a record-breaking 77 births during June, with 7 babies birthed in the last 17 hours of the month. During FY21, BCHC Certified Nurse Midwives attended 702 births, a 15% increase from FY20! Although paused due to the COVID-19 pandemic, BCHC midwives have resumed flying to Elko, Nevada twice monthly to provide routine obstetric and gynecologic care to Nevada residents.

## **Congratulations:**

We welcome the newest member of the College of Nursing family – Kate Rebecca Schultz, born on June 21, 2021. Congratulations to **Dr. Catherine Schultz** and her husband Matt on this new addition to their family.