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Grant Awards:

The Alzheimer’s Association awarded a 3-year $150,000 grant titled *Pre-Loss Group Therapy for Dementia Family Care Partners at Risk for Complicated Grief* to Dr. Kathie Supiano and team members Troy Andersen, Angela Presson, and Richard Schulz. The primary purpose of the project is to determine if telehealth-delivered pre-loss group support (PLGS) reduces the risk of complicated grief in family care partners of persons living with dementia who are at risk for complicated grief, when delivered by nursing home social workers trained in PLGS via telehealth.
The Health Resources and Services Administration awarded a 1-year $300,000 grant to the University of Utah School of Medicine for a project titled *Value-Based Medical Student Education Training Program*. Funded at a 10% level of effort, **Dr. Maddie Lassche** will serve as Telesimulation Project Evaluation Lead. The purpose of the training program is to grow the primary care physician workforce in tribal, rural, and medically underserved communities by strengthening medical school programs in these areas, transform practice by educating medical students to work and practice in tribal, rural, and medically underserved communities, recruit and retain medical students from tribal, rural, and medically underserved communities and encourage primary care residency programs, and establish strategic partnerships for medical education in tribal, rural, and medically underserved communities.

**Recognition:**

**Abby Rizk** has been accepted to the Midwives LEAD (Learn, Engage, Ascend, Deliver) Leadership Development Program. The American College of Nurse Midwives offers this year-long program, which is designed to engage midwives in a unique professional development experience that frames leadership as the ability to enhance personal and professional performance, build relationships, cultivate excellence, and sustain energy for productive influence, agency, and motivation to enact positive change.

**Poster Presentations:**

Christopher Stucky, **Dean Marla De Jong**, and Yuliang Liu presented a virtual poster titled *Surgical Team Performance: The Impact of Familiarity and Team Size in Military Surgical Teams* at the Association of periOperative Registered Nurses Virtual Global Surgical Conference & Expo. **Won first place for research posters.**

Christopher Stucky, **Dean Marla De Jong**, and Felichism Kabo presented a virtual poster titled *The Paradox of Network Inequality: Differential Impacts of Status and Influence on Surgical Team Communication* at the Association of periOperative Registered Nurses Virtual Global Surgical Conference & Expo. **Won second place for research posters.**

**Publications:**


**In the Media:**
Bethany Rodgers quoted Dr. Deanna Kepka regarding people’s erosion of confidence in science and medicine, and the importance of trust between providers and patients, community ties, and personal stories as a means to overcome vaccine hesitancy.

Note: College Kudos will not be published on September 6, 2021.