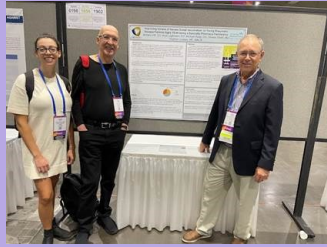


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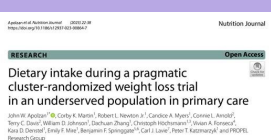


Dr. Stephen Lindsey (Rheumatology), Dr. Kelsey Pasch, Dr. Michael Reep and Dr. Arya Loghmani (Rheumatology Fellows) had 2 posters selected for presentation at the American College of Rheumatology national meeting in San Diego. Drs. Pasch and Lindsey’s poster was titled “Improving Vaccine Uptake of the Pneumococcal 20-valent Conjugate Vaccine (PCV20) in Young Rheumatic Disease Patients Using a Brief Intense Partnership Program”. Drs. Loghmani, Reep and Lindsey had a poster titled “Improving Uptake of Herpes Zoster Vaccination in Young Rheumatic Disease Patients Ages 18 – 49 Using a Specialty Pharmacy Partnership”.

In addition, the Rheumatology section faculty has been selected as part of a NIH grant in collaboration with Tulane Epidemiology titled “Psychosocial Factors and Lupus Disease Progression among African American Women”. The hope is this leads to further studies in improving health disparities in our population.



Dr. Ben Springgate (Community and Population Medicine) served as an invited discussant for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services’ (CMS) Grand Rounds on Tuesday January 23, 2024, on the topic of Contingency Management for Substance Use Disorders, and the Department of Health and Human Services’ Efforts to Expand Use of Contingency Management (a highly effective intervention to address stimulant use disorders and other substance use disorders). The Grand Rounds included experts from the DHHS Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation; the Department of Veterans Affairs; the University of California, Los Angeles; and CMS. Dr. Springgate is currently a Fellow at the CMS Center for Clinical Standards and Quality



Dr. Ben Springgate (Community & Population Medicine) recently published in the *Nutrition Journal* this paper that sought to answer whether dietary intake can be improved during pragmatic weight loss interventions in primary care in underserved individuals.



Dr. Catherine Hudson (Gastroenterology) was recently featured in the latest installment of Healio’s diversity, equity and inclusion video series with the ASGE, Catherine T. Hudson, MD, addressed how to combat emerging stigma around new anti-obesity medications such as glucagon-like peptide agonists. You can view the podcast here:

<https://www.healio.com/news/gastroenterology/20240118/video-dispel-the-myth-of-personal-responsibility-to-combat-obesity-stigma>

**Faculty and Staff Meeting**

Wednesday, January 31st 5:00 PM—6:00 PM

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