

# FAMILY MEDICINE

## SCHOLARLY ACTIVITY

Celebrating 46 Years of Family Medicine at West Virginia University

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## Polypharmacy Specialty Clinic Receives Emerging Scholars Grant

A faculty team from the Department of Family Medicine was awarded an Emerging Scholars Grant to investigate the impact of an interdisciplinary polypharmacy clinic on medication burden and patient outcomes in adult DFM patients with complex medication regimens.

Investigators: Robert Allison, Megan Adelman, Angela Goodhart, Erona Reza

## Congratulations!



# CORE Survey Proposals Accepted

Two DFM faculty had survey proposals accepted for inclusion in the annual CORE survey conducted by the WVPBRN:



Dr. Trea Haggerty's submission with Dr. Laura Davisson's submission was titled "Needs Assessment to Inform Rural Obesity Medical Education for Primary Care in WV".



Dr. Jason Pelinsky submitted a proposal for the 2020 CORE entitled, "Primary Care Perspective on Methamphetamine Addiction in West Virginia."

## WVU IRB Changes:

- As of March 15th all PI's and Co-PI's must have an up-to-date **Conflict of Interest Disclosure** in order to be included on an IRB protocol submission.
- **Full board submission deadlines** have changed: Beginning in April, the deadline for IRB full board submissions moved from 7 days prior to the scheduled meeting to 14 days. Please see the revised IRB submission calendar for meeting dates and deadlines specific to each board.
- Effective immediately, **clinical trials and international research** will no longer qualify for submission in the Flex/NHSR category.

## Filming for Training App

Working with videographer Tyler Woolfe from WVU LaunchLab, Dr. Ashcraft recently completed filming for her sex trafficking app content at STEPS.



## Achievements & Recognition

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Dr. Jason Oreskovich passed his acupuncture board exam and is now eligible for Diplomate of the American Board of Medical Acupuncture (DABMA) status.



Dr. Amie Ashcraft was recently appointed by HHS to the planning committee for a regional human trafficking summit (including DE, DC, MD, PA, VA and WV) to be planned for January 2021 in Richmond, VA.



Dr. Ben Silverberg was to be one of the LGBT constituency co-conveners and one of the WV state delegates for the National Conference of Constituency Leaders held in Kansas City, although the event has been cancelled due to COVID-19.

## New Research Assistant

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Elena Wojcik, MPH, recently joined DFM as a full-time research assistant after spending the last two years in Emergency Medicine on the FOCUS project. Elena studied epidemiology at WVU and is working to support Dr. Ashcraft's research as well as other faculty and resident scholarly activities within Family Medicine.

## New Faculty



**Erona Reza, MD**  
Assistant Professor,  
Geriatrician

## Announcements

- The WVU Office of Undergraduate Research recently initiated a program to develop mentoring opportunities for students interested in research. The new Research Apprenticeship Program (RAP) matches students and faculty with similar research interests.
- The 2nd annual **DFM Research Day** is tentatively scheduled for **June 26, 2020**.

## Conferences and Presentations

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**Dr. Ben Silverberg's** presentations were accepted to the Urgent Care Association conference in Las Vegas in April. The titles of his presentations are: "The Lady is Red: Skin and Soft Tissue Infections" and "Best Practices for LGBTQ+ Health Care"

**Dr. Barbara Cubic** presented a 6-hour CE workshop on February 7, 2020 for Portsmouth Naval Hospital in Portsmouth, Virginia on "Cultural Adaptions for CBT and CBT for Medical Issues."

**Dr. Ashcraft's** poster "Accessibility of Emergency Contraception in West Virginia Community Pharmacies" was presented by members of her student research team at the Undergraduate Research Day held in Charleston at West Virginia State University on February 7, 2020.

Prine L, Harvey M, **Goodhart A, Peckens S, Peklinsky R, Adelman M.** Evaluating gaps in care with patients with diabetes who require statin therapy in a rural West Virginia ambulatory care clinic. *Poster presentation at the ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting.* Las Vegas, Nevada. December 2019.

Robinson A, Hess C, **Goodhart A, Peckens S, Peklinsky R, Adelman M.** Evaluating gaps in care with patients who require statin therapy for secondary prevention in a rural West Virginia ambulatory care clinic. *Poster presentation at the ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting.* Las Vegas, Nevada. December 2019.

## COVID-19 Research Funding Opportunities

### WVCTSI

(1) **Pop-up COVID-19 Research Funding Opportunity.** Proposals for projects up to \$30,000 in direct costs accepted on a rolling basis until 4/21/20.

### NIH

(2) **Notice of Special Interest: NIA Availability of Administrative Supplements and Revision Supplements on COVID-19.** R01 and R21 proposals are accepted up to 10/6/20.

(3) **Emergency Notice of Special Interest Regarding the Availability of Emergency Competitive Revisions for Research on Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) and Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19).**

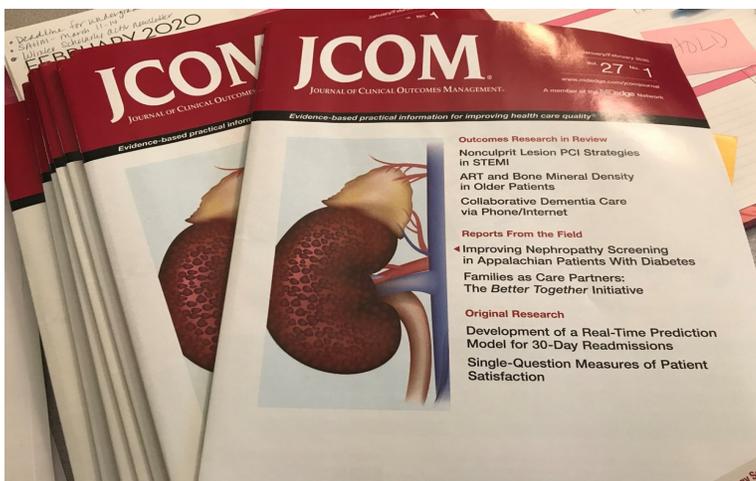
Proposals accepted up to 3/25/20.

# Publications

**Jun Xiang** was an author on the brief report, “Difficult Conversations: Training Medical Students to Assess, Educate, and Treat the Patient With Chronic Pain,” that was published in *Academic Psychiatry*.

**Drs. Ashcraft, Peckens, Adelman, Crocetti and Rachelle Peklinsky’s** report from the field, “Improving Nephropathy Screening in Appalachian Patients with Diabetes” published in the January 2020 issue of *The Journal of Clinical Outcomes Management*.

**Drs. Goodhart and Adelman.** American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy Practice Winter Newsletter 2020 Article: “An Interdisciplinary Approach to Weight Loss.”



# Upcoming Conferences

## May 2020

19-22: National Rural Health Association Conference  
(Virtual Event)  
San Diego, CA

## June 2020

TBD: International Conference on Practice Facilitation  
Bethesda, MD

## July 2020

30-Aug 1: American Academy of Family Physicians National Conference of Family Medicine Residents and Students  
Kansas City, MO

## August 2020

13-14: Practice-Based Research Network Conference  
Bethesda, MD

24-28: STFM Annual Meeting  
Salt Lake City, UT

## September 2020

9-12: Care of Chronic Conditions  
Hilton Head, SC

16-18: Global Health Summit  
Houston, TX