

# FAMILY MEDICINE

## SCHOLARLY ACTIVITY

Celebrating 50 Years of Family Medicine at West Virginia University

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## Department of Family Medicine 50th Anniversary Poster Walk

### Celebration of Achievements in Practice, Education, Scholarship

On October 25, the WVU Department of Family Medicine celebrated our 50th Anniversary with alumni, faculty, staff, and special guests. The Research Division, lead by Dr. Courtney Pilkerton, featured a poster walk to highlight our achievements and accomplishments in practice, education, and scholarship, including goals and directions for the future.





# 6th Annual DFM Research Day

## Showcases Research and QI Scholarship

On October 3, 2024, the Research Division of Family Medicine hosted our 6th annual Research Day with oral presentations, a poster session, and another game of Research Speed Dating.





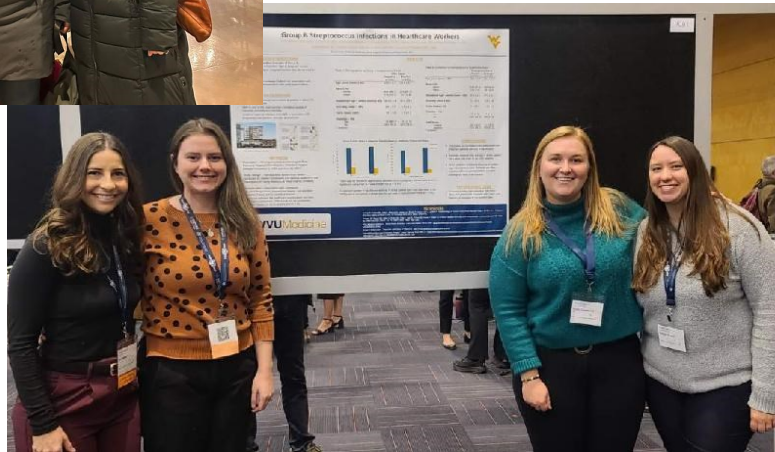
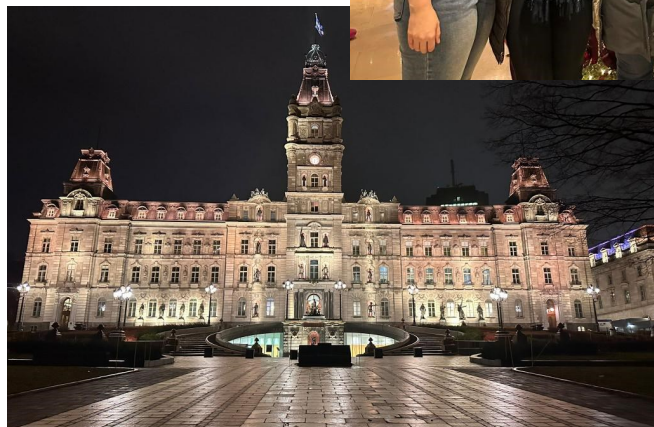
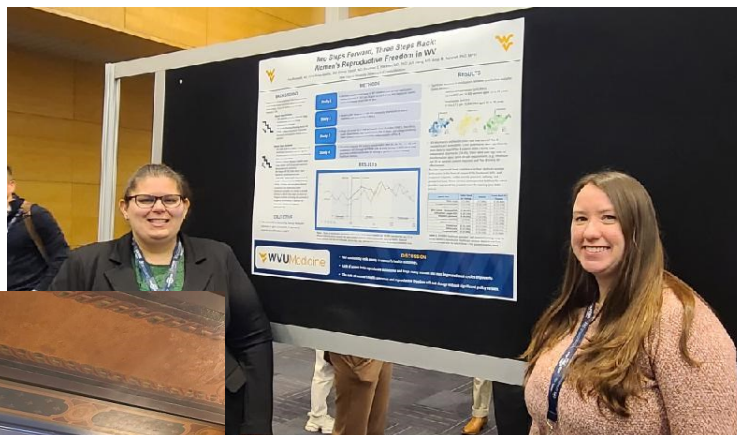
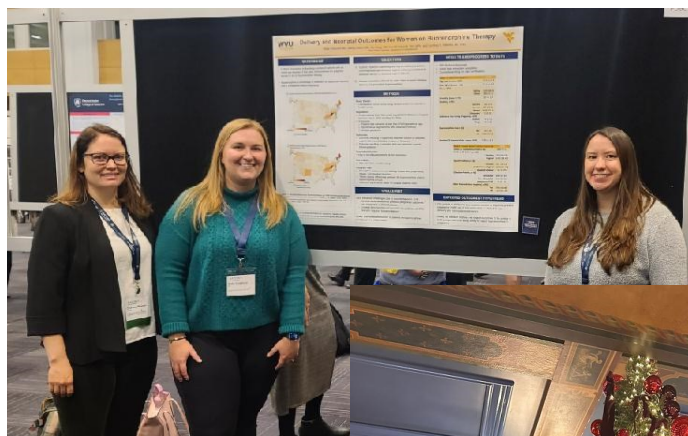
# WVU DFM at NAPCRG 2024 in Quebec City

Several faculty and residents and one fellow from the WVU Department of Family Medicine traveled Quebec City in to attend the 52nd annual meeting of the North American Primary Care Research Group (NAPCRG). Pictured below are conference attendees Courtney Pilkerton, Amy Brenwalt, Sidney Sisson, Kolbi Tonkovich, Erin White, and Kylie Rose-Newlon.



## 52nd Annual Meeting

November 20-24, 2024 | Québec City Convention Center, Canada



# Recent Publications by DFM Scholars

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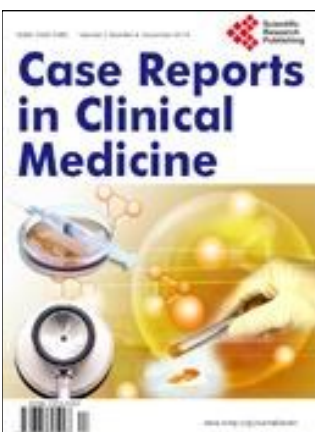
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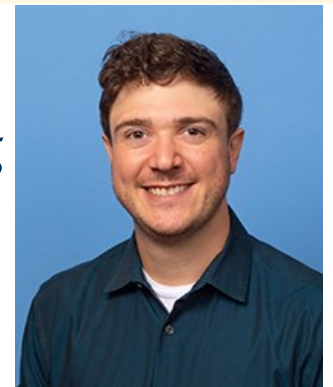
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## Featured Research:

### Reactivation of HSV-2 Leading to Elsberg Syndrome: A Case Report Highlighting Diagnostic and Management Challenges



Elsberg Syndrome, or HSV-2 lumbosacral radiculitis, is a rare and underrecognized neurologic condition that mimics cauda equina syndrome (CES). It typically presents with symptoms such as urinary retention, saddle anesthesia, and bowel incontinence. This case report written by Dr. Joe Capito, Zachary Ecker (MS3), and Dr. Michael Maroon was just accepted for publication in *Case Reports in Clinical Medicine* and describes a 59-year-old immunosuppressed male with idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis who developed Elsberg syndrome due to re-activation of latent HSV-2.



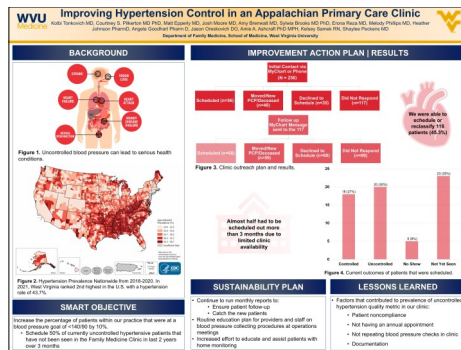
**Joseph Capito, MD**



**Michael Maroon, DO**

# Upcoming WVU QI Fair

The **WVU Healthcare Safety, Quality and Experience Improvement Research Day**—also known as the QI Fair—will be held on Friday, February 28 at the HSC Pylons Commons. Hosted by the WVU School of Medicine, WVU Medicine, and WVU Health Sciences, the event highlights the continuous efforts of doctors, staff, residents, fellows, students and researchers to improve outcomes for our patients and their families. Family Medicine will be represented by several group presentations and we will try to repeat our 2023 “Best Poster” win for our cervical cancer project.



# Pilkerton & Rickards Recognized at Annual UHA Bravo! Awards



On November 6, DFM faculty members Courtney Pilkerton, MD, PhD, and Allen Rickards, MD, were recognized at UHA’s Annual Bravo! Awards for being patient-rated in the top 1% of providers. Dr. Pilkerton is an Assistant Professor and Vice Chair for Research in her 5th year as faculty member; Dr. Rickards is an Assistant Professor in his 3rd year as faculty member.

***Congratulations!***

## Upcoming Conferences

### February 2025

24-26: WVCTS Annual Meeting  
Roanoke, WV

30-Feb 2: STFM Conference on Medical Student Education  
San Antonio, TX

### March 2025

28-Mar 2: American College of Lifestyle Medicine  
Houston, TX

4-7: Society for Adolescent Health & Medicine  
Baltimore, MD

13-15: Society for Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine  
Charlotte, NC

### May 2025

3-7: STFM Annual Spring Conference  
Salt Lake City, UT

20-23: National Rural Health Association Conference  
Atlanta, GA

27-31: American College Health Association Annual Meeting  
New Orleans, LA