



# Center for Diabetes Translation Research News & Updates

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## MEMBER ACCOMPLISHMENTS

### Recent Publications

- Congratulations to Dr. **Rachel Tabak**, Research Assistant Professor and Core Scientist with the CDTR Dissemination and Implementation in Diabetes Research Core, for publishing her study, [Associations between feeding practices and maternal and child weight among mothers who do and do not correctly identify their child's weight status](#), in the January issue of *Obesity Science and Practice*. Co-authors include Cindy Schwarz and Dr. Debra Haire-Joshu. Findings suggest considering mother's weight perception may be a beneficial addition in obesity education programs.
- Dr. **Melissa Walls**, Associate Professor at the University of Minnesota and member of the NCAI Policy Research Center, studied the association between PTSD and diabetes-related outcomes among American Indian adults. Her paper, [Rates and consequences of posttraumatic distress among American Indian adults with type 2 diabetes](#), was published in the Journal of Behavioral Medicine in August 2016. Congratulations!

### Awarded Grants

Congratulations to...

Melissa Walls, PhD, member of NCAI Policy Research Center and Associate Professor at UMN, received funding for her project "Stress and Type 2 Diabetes Among Indigenous Adults" from NIH/NIDDK in September 2016

Ross Brownson, PhD, for funding his project "Enhancing Evidence-Based Diabetes Control Among Local health Departments" from NIH/NIDDK in July 2016

...and all other recently funded scholars!

## CENTER HIGHLIGHTS

The CDTR is pleased to announce the addition of two new cores: the Health Informatics in Diabetes Research Core (HIDR) and the Solutions to Diabetes in Black Americans Core (SBDA).

### Solutions to Diabetes in Black Americans Core

Dr. Shiriki Kumanyika, founder and chair of the African American Collaborative Research Network (AACORN), brings her expertise as the SBDA Core Director.

This Core aims to:

- 1) Provide access to focused, rapid reviews of topics relevant to translation of diabetes research and obesity prevention interventions with black Americans,
- 2) Improve the relevance and salience of diabetes prevention and control interventions for black Americans, and
- 3) Increase understanding and use in intervention designs of information about the effects of commercial marketing on eating, physical activity, and weight control.

Interested in learning more about SBDA Core? Have a related project and need support? Contact [jhultz@wustl.edu](mailto:jhultz@wustl.edu).



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### Health Informatics in Diabetes Research

The HIDR is directed by Dr. Eduardo Simoes, with co-Core Director Dr. Mihail Popescu, University of Missouri Department of Health Management and Informatics.

Services provided by the HIDR core include:

- 1) Increasing the capacity for use of health informatics in diabetes research,
- 2) Providing a library of promising translational research diabetes interventions using eHealth/ mHealth technologies,
- 3) Advancing the means of managing, analyzing, and extracting information from large, heterogeneous data sets to accelerate the progress of translational diabetes research, discovery and



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Thinking of utilizing health informatics in your next project? Contact [allisonphad@wustl.edu](mailto:allisonphad@wustl.edu) for HIDR Core

## FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

[Center for Health Economics and Policy pilot program](#)

[NIH Health Care Systems Research Collaboratory-Demonstration Projects for Pragmatic Clinical Trials](#)

[NIH Addressing Health Disparities in NIDDK Disease \(R01\)](#)

[Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute](#)

## UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

[American Diabetes Association: Late Breaking Abstract Call](#)  
Submissions Open February 1st

WUNDIR Meeting  
Monday February 6th 1:00-4:00  
Goldfarb 132

[Dissemination and Implementation Proposal  
Development Bootcamp](#)  
Applications due February 27th

## REMINDERS

Presenting at the American Diabetes Association  
Annual Meeting, June 2017?  
*Please let us know!*

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