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Concurrent Policy Dialogues

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Defining the Social and Environmental Determinants of Health to Achieve Health Equity

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Ensuring Accountability for Consideration of Sex as a Biological Variable in Research

REDUCE PATIENT, PROVIDER, & SYSTEM BURDEN
Optimizing Ethical Work Environments Throughout Healthcare in a Pandemic

Fellow Highlights

Donna Hallas, PhD, PPCNP-BC, CPNP, PMHS, FAANP, FAAN, authored an article titled “Emerging dermatologic conditions in the presence of COVID-19 pandemic” in Contemporary Pediatrics.

William E. Rosa, PhD, MBE, ACHPN, FAANP, FAAN, Salimah H. Meghani, PhD, MBE, RN, FAAN, Patricia W. Stone, PhD, RN, FAAN, CIC, and Betty R. Ferrell, PhD, RN, FPCN, FAAN co-authored an editorial titled “Opportunies for Nursing Science to Advance Patient Care in the Time of COVID-19: A Palliative Care Perspective” in the Journal of Nursing Scholarship.

Featured Fellow

William E. Rosa, PhD, MBE, NP-BC, FAANP, FAAN, Postdoctoral Research Fellow in Psycho-Oncology Department of Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center and Salimah H. Meghani, PhD, MBE, RN, FAAN, Professor of Nursing & Term Chair of Palliative Care and Associate Director of the NewCourtland Center for Transitions and Health are defining the role of palliative care nurses during COVID-19. In addition to the editorial above, the pair also authored “Recommendations to Leverage the Palliative Nursing Role During COVID-19 and Future Public Health Crises” in Journal of Hospice and Palliative Nursing. Their articles identify the critical role of the palliative nurse in the midst of COVID-19 and the increasing burden placed on these nurses during times of crises. Their research will inform decisions on the response to COVID-19 and future public health emergencies.
The Black Coalition Against COVID-19, Howard University WHUR Radio Station in coordination with the National Institutes of Health, recorded a show titled “Making It Plain...African-Americans and the COVID-19 Vaccine.”

The International Council of Nurses (ICN) published an article titled “Number of confirmed COVID-19 nurse deaths passes 1000.” ICN released a report titled “Protecting nurses from COVID-19 a top priority: A survey of ICN’s national nursing associations.”


Kaiser Health News (KHN) published an article titled “These Secret Safety Panels Will Pick the COVID Vaccine Winners.” KHN also released an article titled “Battle Rages Inside Hospitals Over How COVID Strikes and Kills.”

National Academy of Medicine (NAM) will hold its 50th Annual Meeting on Saturday, October 17th to Monday, October 19th titled “Confronting Urgent Threats to Human Health & Society: COVID-19 and Climate Change.”


World Health Organization (WHO) released a statement: “Managing the COVID-19 infodemic: Promoting healthy behaviours and mitigating the harm from misinformation and disinformation.” WHO published a press release titled “Keep health workers safe to keep patients safe: WHO.”

Federal Government Response

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

- CDC published updated science with details on Epidemiology, Convalescent Plasma, Clinical Treatment and Management, Phylogenetic Analysis related to COVID-19.
- CDC released a statement: “New CDC data finds adult obesity is increasing, Obesity worsens outcomes from COVID-19.”
- CDC continues to update data on the number of COVID-19 cases and deaths in the United States.

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)

- CMS released preliminary Medicaid and Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) data revealing that, during the
coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) public health emergency (PHE), rates for vaccinations, primary, and preventive services among children in Medicaid and CHIP have steeply declined.

- **CMS announced** new federal funding for 33 States to support transitioning individuals from nursing homes to the community.
- **CMS issued** revised guidance providing detailed recommendations on ways nursing homes can safely facilitate visitation during the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic.
- **CMS announced** the final report from the independent Coronavirus Commission for Safety and Quality in Nursing Homes (Commission), which was facilitated by MITRE.
- **CMS announced** its 2020-2021 flu season campaign with new resources to encourage people with Medicare or other CMS health care programs to get their flu shot.
- **CMS continues to hold calls** with clinicians, hospitals, other facilities, and states in an effort to keep stakeholders updated on COVID-19 efforts. Find more general information on COVID-19.

**Department for Health and Human Services (HHS)**

- **HHS published a press release** titled “Administration Announces $200 million from CDC to Jurisdictions for COVID-19 Vaccine Preparedness.”
- **HHS Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, Robert Kadlec released a statement** titled “Review of ASPR’s Coronavirus Response Efforts.”
- **HHS announced** the Administration’s vaccine distribution strategy. The details of the strategy can be found here. HHS also released “COVID-19 Vaccination Program Interim Playbook for Jurisdiction Operations.”

**Food and Drug Administration (FDA)**

- **FDA published a press release** titled “FDA Authorizes First Point-of-Care Antibody Test for COVID-19.”
- **FDA will host** a Virtual Town Hall Series titled “Immediately in Effect Guidance on Coronavirus (COVID-19) Diagnostic Tests” on September 30th from 12:15 - 1:15 PM ET.
- **FDA released a webinar** titled “Gowns and Other Apparel for Use by Health Care Personnel in COVID-19 Pandemic.”
- **FDA published a press release** titled “FDA and global partners to analyze coronavirus samples.”
- **FDA published a press release** titled “FDA Publishes Comparative Performance Data for COVID-19 Molecular Diagnostic Tests.”
- **Stephen M. Hahn, MD, Commissioner of Food and Drugs and Peter Marks, MD, PhD, Director, Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research, released a statement** titled “The FDA’s Scientific and Regulatory Oversight of Vaccines is Vital to Public Health.”
Indian Health Service (IHS)

- Rear Admiral Michael D. Weahkee, MBA, MHSA, Director, released a statement on COVID-19.
- IHS released a statement for the 2020-2021 Flu Season. Read the vaccination plan here.

National Institutes of Health (NIH)

- NIH published a press release titled “NIH funds community engagement research efforts in areas hardest hit by COVID-19.”
- NIH published a press release titled “NIH awards contracts to develop innovative digital health technologies for COVID-19.”
- NIH published a press release titled “Substance use disorders linked to COVID-19 susceptibility.”

National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID)

- NIAID announced the “Fourth Large-Scale COVID-19 Vaccine Trial Begins in the United States.”

U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP)

- Senate HELP Committee held a hearing on “COVID-19: An Update on the Federal Response” featuring Anthony Fauci, MD; Robert Redfield, MD; ADM Brett Giroir, MD; and Stephen Hahn, MD.

'Miracle Man:' 90-year-old leaves Delaware County hospital after beating COVID-19