Intramural Grants Awarded for D2D Studies, 2019

FACULTY

MASONIC CANCER CENTER
Silvia Balbo, PhD, Division of Environmental Health Sciences: “Collection of Oral Samples to Investigate the Effects of Environmental Exposures.” Balbo will collect oral samples from adults and youth for a biorepository to be used in current and future research investigating the effects of environmental exposures in humans.

Deanna Teoh, MD, Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology & Women’s Health: “The Impact of Age and Exposure to Cancer Care on the Knowledge of Palliative Care Among Minnesota State Fair Attendees.” Teoh will survey Minnesotans knowledge and beliefs of palliative care, along with asking to participants to identify barriers to accessing palliative care and services.

Rhonda Jones-Webb, DrPH, Traci Toomey, PhD, with co-investigator Collin Calvert, PhD Candidate, Epidemiology & Community Health: “Evaluating Overall Awareness and Disparities in Awareness of the Link Between Alcohol Consumption and Cancer Risk.” This study will assess fairgoer awareness of the relationship between alcohol and several types of cancer and investigate if there are differences according to demographic variables and behaviors.

DEPARTMENT OF PEDIATRICS
Lucie Turcotte, MD, Division of Pediatric Hematology and Oncology, & Jürgen Konczak, PhD, Department of Kinesiology, with co-investigator Jessica Holst-Wolf, PhD, Kinesiology: “Development of Proprioception in Typically Developing Children.” The investigators aim to characterize the development of proprioception, or limb position sense, with specific aims to characterize visual-proprioceptive acuity in the hand and proprioceptive acuity development of the ankle.

STUDENTS

Kimberly Bonner, PhD candidate in the Division of Epidemiology & Community Health, has received a J.B.Hawley Student Research Award for her study “To Vaccinate or Not to Vaccinate: Generational Differences in Vaccination Decision-Making.” Kimberly’s advisor is Nicole Basta, PhD. Bonner will compare willingness to be vaccinated and acceptance of vaccines between adults aged 23-38 and those 65 and older, along with aiming to identify vaccine deterrents for these age groups.

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