Welcome! We’re glad to include you as part of an ever-growing community of researchers, practitioners, educators, and others who share a passion for preventing injury. You are one of 850 people we are reaching with this newsletter, who are interested in injury prevention! It has been a very busy summer here at the Injury Prevention Center, and we have lots of great news to share with you. First, as you may have noticed already, we are changing our name from the University of Michigan Injury Center to the University of Michigan Injury Prevention Center. Our new name better encapsulates our focus on the upstream efforts of prevention.

We are also excited to announce our new round of CDC funding. Totaling $2.5 million over the next 2 years, this funding provides the resources to continue our work on the prevention of opioid overdose and misuse, concussion, sexual violence, youth violence, and motor vehicle crash injuries. We would especially like to extend a big thank you to all of our contributing partners who made this funding possible. Please find the press
Lastly, I would like to announce several new leadership positions at the Injury Prevention Center.

Jessica Roche will serve as the Managing Director. Ms. Roche has a masters from the U-M SPH School of Public Health, and has been a part of our Injury Prevention Center Staff for 7 years. She has served as senior injury prevention center project manager for well over a dozen large and small research projects focused on violence and injury prevention, as well as aiding with scholarship and training activities within the Center.

Maureen Walton, who has served as the Center Research Core Lead and Youth Violence Lead for the past 5 years will serve as the Senior Associate Director, working collaboratively with myself and the rest of the leadership team to oversee the Research Core and the broader mission of the Center. Dr. Walton is a community psychologist and Professor at the U-M Department of Psychiatry. She has over 25 years of experience harnessing technology to support delivery of substance use and violence intervention strategies among youth.

Patrick Carter will serve as the Assistant Director, working collaboratively with myself and the rest of the leadership team to liaison with the Teaching and Education Core, the Outreach Core, and the Policy Workgroup. Dr. Carter is an Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine and a practicing physician at the University of Michigan School Of Medicine. Dr. Carter will also serve as the youth violence Content Lead for our Research Core.

Marc Zimmerman, who previously served as the Associate Director for the Injury Prevention Center, will continue to serve on the Center leadership team, aiding with strategic planning within the Outreach Core. We would like to thank Dr. Zimmerman for all of his great work and leadership over the last 7 years.

Please join me in welcoming these new members to our leadership team!
The Society for Advancement of Violence and Injury Research (SAVIR) is a national organization that provides leadership and fosters excellence in the science of preventing and treating injury and violence. This year the semi-annual conference was hosted by the U-M Injury Prevention Center. The conference, which focused on innovations in injury and violence research, was a phenomenal success, with over 300 research scientists, physicians, injury practitioners, and students in attendance from seven countries and 28 U.S. states.

For more information on the SAVIR conference, including the keynote delivered by Dr. Mark Rosenberg (pictured above), the first permanent director of the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (NCIPC), please see the links below:

- Twitter story (#SAVIR2017)
- Print program
- Conference abstracts published in the Injury Prevention Journal
- Conference awards

**Addressing the Opioid Epidemic: Seminar on Navigating the New and Improved Michigan Automated Prescription System**
The U-M Injury Prevention Center, in partnership with the Institute for Healthcare Policy and Innovation (IHPI) and the Michigan Opioid Prescribing Engagement Network (M-OPEN), hosted a seminar to educate participants about the recent changes in the MAPS system, including the best practices on how and why to use the system to prevent opioid misuse among their patients. The Michigan Automated Prescription System or “MAPS” enables practitioners to determine if patients are receiving controlled substances from other providers and to assist in the prevention of prescription drug abuse. Watch the seminar [here](#).

**Policy Events**

**Confronting the Opioid Epidemic at the Wolverine Caucus: Opioid Thematic Network Dissemination Event**

Drs. [Amy Bohnert](#) (U-M Injury Prevention Center Prescription Drug Overdose Content Lead), [Chad Brummett](#) (U-M Injury Prevention Center Member), and [Rebecca Cunningham](#) (Director of the U-M Injury Prevention Center) presented at this September’s Wolverine Caucus, entitled "Confronting the Opioid Epidemic." The event was hosted by the University of Michigan Office of Government Relations and the Alumni Association. The goal was to provide a diverse forum for researchers, health care providers, policy makers, injury related practitioners, and the public to learn about the opioid epidemic and prevention-based solutions that currently exist or are being studied by University of Michigan faculty. Over 100 people attended the event, which was standing room only. Video of the presentations can be found [here](#).

The U-M Injury Prevention Center’s policy recommendations for curtailing the current opioid epidemic were also disseminated at the Wolverine Caucus. Developed as part of the thematic opioid project, a collaboration between the U-M Injury Prevention Center and three other CDC-funded centers - including, the John’s Hopkins Center for Injury Research and Policy, the University of Iowa Injury Prevention Center, and the West Virginia University Injury Control Research Center, - these recommendations focused on policy oriented solutions applicable to addressing the opioid epidemic in Michigan. This policy white paper, which was developed by Dr. [Patrick Carter](#) and the U-M Injury Prevention Center’s Policy Workgroup, was widely disseminated at the Wolverine Caucus and can be found [here](#).

**Injury Prevention Center Leadership and Core Faculty Provide Expert Testimony to the U.S. Congress and the Michigan State Legislature**

Drs. [Mark Ilgen](#) (U-M Injury Prevention Center Member), [Rebecca Haffajee](#) (U-M Injury Prevention Center Policy Workgroup Member and Injury Prevention Center Fellow), and [Rebecca](#)
**Cunningham** (Director of the U-M Injury Prevention Center) all provided expert testimony to educate policymakers about the importance of injury-related research within the past few months.

Dr. **Haffajee** spoke at the USC-Brookings Schaeffer Initiative for Health Policy conference on a panel of experts to discuss the ways that opioid policy can address the national opioid crisis. Video of the panel and more information can be found [here](#).

Dr. **Ilgen** spoke at a briefing for members of Congress and their staff on the intersection of injury, substance use, overdose, and rising suicide rates. More information can be found [here](#).

Video of Dr. **Cunningham**’s testimony concerning federal support for research, including the need to fund opioid overdose prevention, can be found [here](#).

Video of Dr. **Cunningham**’s testimony concerning current legislation under consideration to (Senate Bill 166; 167) address the opioid epidemic can be found [here](#).

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**Dr. Steve Broglio Provides Expert Feedback on New Concussion Recommendations**

Dr. **Broglio**, Concussion Lead at the Injury Prevention Center, is quoted in Sen. Proos press release on the updated youth sports concussion law. Read his expert advice [here](#).

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**Core Faculty Accomplishments**

**Professor Stack receives international award for his research focused on suicide prevention**

Congratulations to **Dr. Steven Stack**, Wayne State Professor of criminal justice and U-M Injury Prevention Center member. Professor Stack is the recipient of the 2017 Erwin Stengel Research Award. The International Association for Suicide Prevention (IASP) instituted this award in 1977 in
honor of one of the founders of IASP, the late Professor Erwin Stengel. This prestigious award is given to researchers for "outstanding active research with at least 10 years of scientific activity in the field, as evidenced by number and quality of publications in internationally acknowledged journals and indicators of esteem and reputation." Click here to learn more information about Dr. Stack’s honor and work.

**Dr. Abir Receives HIDTA Grant to Create Real-time Surveillance System for Opioid Overdoses in Michigan**

Congratulations to **Dr. Mahshid Abir**, Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine, Director of the Acute Care Research Unit (ACRU), and Injury Prevention Center core faculty on receiving funding from the Office of National Drug Control Policy to create a real-time surveillance system for fatal and non-fatal opioid overdoses in Michigan. This funding, along with funding from the U-M Injury Prevention Center will pilot the real-time System for Opioid Overdose Surveillance (S.O.S) in three Michigan High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) counties. The state of Michigan has great need to increase the timeliness of fatal and non-fatal opioid overdose surveillance and reporting of opioid overdoses for public health and law enforcement response. Currently overdose death reporting lags 18 months and there is no system for non-fatal overdose surveillance statewide.

**Dr. Patrick Carter Receives a Michigan Mental Health Integration Partnership (MIP) Award for Violence Prevention Intervention**

Congratulations to **Dr. Patrick Carter**, Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine and the Assistant Director of the Injury Prevention Center, on receiving both the 2017 Michigan Mental Health Integration Partnership (MIP) Scholars Award and Medicaid Match funding to conduct the project, "SafERteens: Violence Prevention for Urban Youth Seeking Emergency Care" at Hurley Medical Center in Flint, Michigan. This implementation study will evaluate the integration of the evidence-based SafERteens intervention to prevent youth violence within clinical care in a busy urban emergency department. Learn more about the SafERteens intervention at www.saferteens.org and the Michigan Mental Health Integration Partnership (MIP) Scholars award here.

**New Funding Aims to Train Clinicians about Safer Opioid Prescribing Practices**

In partnership with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) and M-Open, the U-M Injury Prevention Center has been awarded funding to provide clinical expertise and guidance for education and outreach on responsible prescribing of opioids and promotion of the use of MAPS. **Dr. Patrick Carter** will lead the Injury Prevention Center project, along with **Dr. Sarah Stoddard** (Lead, Training and Education Core) and core faculty member **Dr. Quyen Epstein-Ngo**.

**Injury Prevention Center Summer Intern, Miriam Gleckman-Krut, pens New York Times Opinion Editorial on Campus Sexual Violence**

Congratulations to **Miriam Gleckman-Krut** for her opinion editorial titled "Who Gets to Define Campus Rape?" published in the New York Times on 9/18/17. You can read it here.

**Congratulations to Dr. Amy Bohnert on Funding to Address the Opioid Crisis**

This research project, led by **Dr. Amy Bohnert** (Research Core Content Lead, Prescription Drug Overdose), will examine whether patients who are tapered from high dosages of opioids are experiencing heroin-related overdoses in greater numbers than expected, and if so, why this transition to heroin use occurs. Researchers will analyze medical claims records for about 58
million Americans during 2001 to 2015, representing all 50 states. This information will be complemented by interviews with patients, including surgical and pain clinic patients and veterans. This study will aid efforts to identify those patients at greatest risk for heroin overdose.

**Kohl’s Grant Awarded to Educate Pediatric Patients and Families on Opioid Use and Disposal Following Surgery**

Congratulations to U-M Pediatric Trauma team led by Amy Randall and Dr. Peter Ehrlich on their new two-year Kohl’s grant with respect to opioid use, misuse, and disposal in surgical patients. The project will be in collaboration with M-OPEN and the Injury Prevention Center. The goals of the grant are to: 1) Develop a best practice tool box for opioid prescribing, appropriate use and safe disposal with children and adolescent patient population; 2) Develop educational materials for parents and adolescents with respect to opioid use, misuse and disposal; and 3) Develop educational materials for surgeons, residents, nurse practitioners and physician assistants for appropriate prescribing.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**SAVE THE DATE: Summit on the Prevention of Campus Sexual Assault**

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Rackham Graduate School, Ann Arbor, Michigan
Recently Published Work

Our Injury Prevention Center funded faculty members are advancing the science of injury prevention every day. Check out some recently published work below by injury topic.

**Opioid Overdose and Misuse**


**Youth Violence**


Substance Use in Early-Adulthood Among Inner-City Individuals. Emerging Adulthood, 2167696817725455.

**Concussion/TBI**


**Motor Vehicle Crash/Transportation**


**Other Injury Topics**


Binge-drinking and non-partner aggression are associated with gambling among Veterans with recent substance use in VA outpatient treatment. Addictive Behaviors, 74, 27-32.

Walton MA, Ngo Q, Chermack ST, Blow FC, Ehrlich P, Bonar E, Cunningham RM. Understanding Mechanisms of Change for Brief Alcohol Interventions Among Youth: Examination of Within-Session Interactions, 78(5), 725-734.


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MEMBERSHIP

Congratulations to our Newest Injury Prevention Center Members!

- **Hema Ketha, PhD, NRCC** - Director of Toxicology and Drug Analysis, Associate Director of Chemical Pathology, University of Michigan
- **Patricia Mullan, PhD** - Professor of Medical Education; Director, Medical Education Scholars Program, University of Michigan
- **Gillian Jones, MBA BS** - Injury Prevention Coordinator and Educator, Borgess Health

**Become a Member today!**

U-M Injury Prevention Center Membership is free and available to anyone with an interest in injury prevention work, especially in our core areas of opioid overdose prevention, youth violence, sexual violence, Concussion/TBI, motor vehicle crashes and young driver safety, suicide, older adult falls, and child maltreatment.

Benefits of becoming an Injury Prevention Center Member include:
- Access to communications, including the Monthly Newsletter, Funding Opportunities, Upcoming events, and the latest research and Center news
- Invitations to all Center Educational Events
- Information about training opportunities and center internships
- Recognition as an Injury Prevention Center member in online materials

**To Apply:** Join more than 250 others members by [applying for membership today!](#)
MEMBER HIGHLIGHT

Mahshid Abir, MD, MSc

Policy Workgroup Member, Injury Prevention Center; Assistant Professor, Department of Emergency Medicine, Director, Acute Care Research Unit, University of Michigan.

Dr. Abir is an emergency physician and health services researcher with a joint appointment at the University of Michigan and the RAND Corporation. Dr. Abir’s research focus is in evaluating the continuum of acute care delivery in the United States, including pre-hospital, emergency, inpatient, and ambulatory care with a focus on addressing policy-related questions pertaining to utilization, quality, efficiency, outcomes, and costs of acute care delivery in these settings. She is the PI of multiple completed and ongoing projects with a diverse finding portfolio, including federal, state, and foundation funding.

As a member of the Injury Prevention Center team, Dr. Abir leads the S.O.S. project, a real-time surveillance project of both fatal and non-fatal opioid overdoses. She also serves on the Policy Workgroup.

Find out more about Dr. Abir’s research here.

Rebecca Haffajee, PhD, JD, MPH

Policy Workgroup Member, Injury Prevention Center; Assistant Professor, Department of Health Management and Policy, School of Public Health, University of Michigan.

Dr. Haffajee’s research combines detailed legal analyses with empirical investigations of the relationships between law and health. She explores the ways in which law facilitates or serves as a barrier to patient access to quality healthcare and improved population health outcomes. She substantively focuses in the behavioral health and pharmaceutical policy areas, evaluating policies such as mental health/substance abuse parity and laws intended to curb opioid addiction and misuse, such as prescription drug monitoring programs.

As a member of the Injury Prevention Center team, Dr. Haffajee is the Injury Prevention Center/MICHR KL2 scholar. She also serves on the Policy Workgroup.

Find out more about Dr. Haffajee’s research here.
Steve Stack, PhD

Professor, Department of Criminal Justice, Wayne State University; Adjunct Professor, Department of Psychiatry & Behavioral Neuroscience, Wayne State University.

Professor Stack has published 331 articles and chapters, four books, and has received over 10,500 citations. Dr. Stack’s research focuses on the social and psychiatric predictors of suicidality.

Find out more about Dr. Stack’s research on ResearchGate or Google Scholar.

Funding Opportunities

RFA-CE-18-002
Evaluation of Policies for the Primary Prevention of Multiple Forms of Violence
Department of Health and Human Services
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention - ERA

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