

2025 VUSM MPH Theses

Student	Topic and Primary Mentor(s)
Joshua Atura, M.S.	Effect of Couple-based Counseling on Female Partner Adherence to Postpartum HIV Care in Zambézia Province, Mozambique: A Dose-Response Analysis <i>Carolyn Audet, Ph.D., M.Sc.</i>
Jade Bowers	The Dietary Approaches to Stop Hypertension (DASH) diet score and its association with the Risk of Kidney Disease Progression or Death among Veterans in the Million Veteran Program <i>Adriana Hung, M.D., M.P.H.</i>
Emma Bradley, M.D.	Association of Patient Health Literacy with National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN)-Concordant Colorectal Cancer Treatment and Survival <i>Kamran Idrees, M.D., M.S.C.I., M.M.H.C.</i>

Ferd Cacho, M.D.	Risk factors for allergic and non-allergic asthma in early childhood: A study of 10 birth cohorts in the US across four decades
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Tina Hartert, M.D., M.P.H.

Mimi Coffey	Federal Assistance and General Medicaid Contributions Under the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA)
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Carrie Fry, Ph.D.

Benmun Damul	Differences in Self-Reported Mental Health Challenges
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Tara McKay, Ph.D.

Kaylee Ebner	Relational Analysis of Enhanced Laboratory Reporting, Outpatient Influenza-Like-Illness, and Tennessee Influenza Surveillance of 2019-2024 Flu Seasons
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Mary-Margaret Fill, M.D., M.P.H.

Natalie Hasbrooke	Patients' Perceived Stigma and Providers' Reported Stigma Toward People Living With HIV (PLWH) in Zambézia Province, Mozambique <i>Carolyn Audet, Ph.D., M.Sc.</i>
Tahseen Hussain	Describing trauma related to the partition of India from a public health perspective: A qualitative analysis of oral history summaries <i>Farah Qureshi, Sc.D., and Supriya Misra, Sc.D.</i>
Lauren Johansen	Implementation of Urinalysis with Reflex Culture Order Sets Associated with Fewer Outpatient Antibiotics for Urinary Tract Infections <i>Milner Staub, M.D., M.P.H.</i>
Julia Landivar Donato	Associations Between Household Food Insecurity, Interpersonal Violence, and Child Mortality in Rural Kenya: Evidence from the 2024 Lwala Household Surveys <i>Joey Starnes, M.D., M.P.H.</i>

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Predictors of COVID and Flu Vaccination Uptake among Adolescents in Tennessee: A Cross-Sectional Study among Parents in Tennessee

Jennifer Erves, Ph.D., M.P.H., M.Ed.

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Evaluating Psychological Distress Amongst Adolescent and Young Adult Cancer Survivors and their Caregivers

Debra L. Friedman, M.D., M.S.

Patrick Meyers,
M.D.

The MISSION Act and Lung Resection Outcomes: Impact of Community Care Expansion on Veteran Mortality

Stephen Deppen, Ph.D.

Eli Mihan

Traumatic Brain Injury's Effect on Post-Hospitalization Opioid Use in Current Opioid Users

Andrew Wiese, Ph.D., M.P.H.

Markus Minanov	Surgical Aortic Valve Replacement and Transcatheter Aortic Valve Replacement: All-Cause 30-Day Readmission Rates in a Commercially Insured Cohort
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Ashley Leech, Ph.D.

Sherissa Mohammed-Ali	The Association Between Alcohol Consumption and Anal Human Papillomavirus in the HPV Infection in Men Study
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Staci Sudenga, Ph.D., M.P.H.

Sarah Monesmith	Reducing needle-based procedural pain globally: Implementing the Global Comfort Promise to Improve the Experience of Children with Cancer in Low- and Middle-Income Countries
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Michael McNeil, M.D., M.P.H.

Apeksha Phulgirkar	<p>The Impact of Rurality, Socioeconomic Status, and Health Literacy on Lung Cancer Screening Uptake: a systematic review protocol</p> <p><i>Lucy Spalluto, M.D., M.P.H., Jennifer Lewis, M.D., M.P.H., and Rebecca Jerome, M.L.I.S., M.P.H.</i></p>
Sharla Rahman, M.S., MBA	<p>Clinical and Lifestyle Factors Associated with Lymphedema among Vietnamese Breast Cancer Patients Following Breast Cancer Surgery</p> <p><i>Xiao-Ou Shu, M.D., Ph.D., M.P.H.</i></p>
Hannah Schluter	<p>Exploring Clinical Associations of Perinatal Depression: A Phenome-Wide Approach to Maternal Health Outcomes</p> <p><i>Digna Velez Edwards, Ph.D., and Elizabeth Jasper, Ph.D.</i></p>
Nadia Syed, D.O.	<p>Impact of Financial Toxicity in Pediatric Patients with Hematologic Malignancies on Quality of Life and Clinical Outcomes</p>

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Konor von Kraut Gaps in Opt-Out HIV Testing and Linkage to Care for Vulnerable Populations: A Cross-Sectional Study in a Metropolitan Miami Emergency Department

Daniel Escudero, Ph.D., M.P.H.

Palina Use of the TREAT 2.0 Model to Create a Web-Based Lung Nodule Calculator for High-Risk
Woodhouse, M.D. Patients

Eric Grogan, M.D., M.P.H.