

# Summit Special

The CHOP Newsletter



## 20 YEARS OF CHOP: THE STORY OF OUR EVOLUTION AND OUR VISION FOR THE FUTURE

CHOP has officially been operating as a successful health service research group for 20 years. Given this monumental achievement, we will be hosting a celebration on Friday, May 17th - mark your calendars!

The humble beginnings of CHOP date back to 2004. At that time, CHOP was a small group of people, who had office space above the Birkenstock store in Kerrytown. After the University successfully acquired the old Pfizer research complex, CHOP moved into what is now the North Campus Research Complex (NCRC). Seminars that used to have 10 people in attendance, now approach 50 on a weekly basis. The number of affiliated faculty and staff and funding has grown exponentially in the past five years alone.

As we look into the future, we are filled with excitement of what is to come. We will continue our pursuit of robust health services research and education. During our celebration in May we will be recognizing the following CHOP fellows as they graduate from their CHOP fellowship program: Sara Schaefer, Whitney Fu, Shukri Dualeh, Brian Fry, Katie Wagner, and Alex Luby.

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## DATA AND DONUTS



Led by Edward Norton, PhD - Data and Donuts is a bi-monthly learning opportunity targeting CHOP analysts and CHOP fellows who want to brush on their statistical knowledge.

The goal for this group is for participants to gain greater statistical intuition for their daily research. Additionally, attendees will have a better statistical foundation to make decisions.

For Winter 2024, attendees can expect to learn a deeper understanding of basic concepts that can be applied to a wide range of statistical models.

Dr. Norton stated, “my favorite thing, besides the donuts of course, is when participants gain insights and smiles spread across their faces. Come for the donuts, stay for the statistical intuition and learning.”

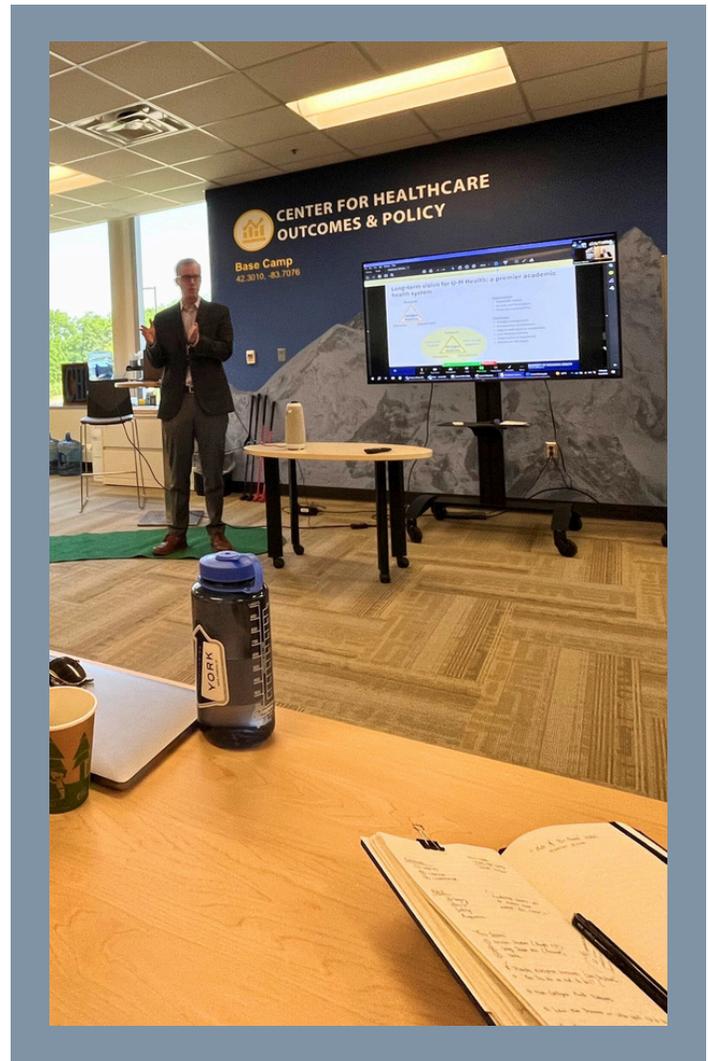
## HEALTHCARE ADMINISTRATION FELLOWSHIP AND MINI MBA RECAP

We are in our 2nd year of the Healthcare Administration Fellowship and Mini MBA program and we off to a great start. Mini MBA sessions take place the 3rd Friday of the month in the basement of NCRC Building 16 at 8am. The schedule for 2024 is as follows:

- January 19th - Financial Accounting with Matt Comstock
- February 16th - Departmental Finance and Compensation Plans with Steve Maxwell
- March 15th - Operating Budgets and Income Statements with Matt Comstock
- April 19th - Principles of Corporate Finance with David Butz, PhD
- May 17th - Capital Budgeting and Planning with Matt Comstock

So far this year, the curriculum has touched on topics related to vendors and supply chain management, operations management, and cost accounting.

The application window for the Healthcare Administration Fellowship is open. The program is offered to trainees during their academic development time within postdoctoral surgical residencies and fellowships. More information on the program can be found on our website.



## QUALITATIVE WORKGROUP: OPPORTUNITIES TO IMPROVE YOUR WORK



Lead by Lauren Szczygiel, PhD - the Qualitative Workgroup is a bi-weekly meeting targeted towards anyone who is conducting or interesting in learning more about qualitative research. Dr. Szczygiel is joined by co-hosts, by Forrest Hosea and Sarah Bradley.

The goal for this group is for attendees to gain an appreciation for quality in qualitative research. The group welcomes feedback session and work at any state of progress.

Dr. Szczygiel stated, “My hope is that attendees gain an appreciation for quality in qualitative research, have fun, and find a qualitative community”

In the new year, attendees can expect more session guests. Kicking off the first session with Sarah Bradley who will be presenting on the topic of designing and conducting interviews on sensitive topics. Attendees can also expect more expert-led conversations, and a variety of works in progress.

## UPCOMING EVENTS AND DEADLINES

- The 19th annual Academic Surgical Congress (ASC) meeting will be held in Washington DC, February 6th-8th.
- The SAGES annual meeting will be held in Cleveland Ohio, April 17th-20th.
- CHOP Anniversary and Fellow Graduation May 17th from 11am-6pm in the NCRC Dining Hall.
- Academy Health (June/July)
- The spring seminar schedule is filling up fast! If you are interested in a work in progress, or giving a didactic presentation, schedule now with Clarice and Dr. Pitt!



## CHECK OUT THESE RECENT PUBLICATIONS

Thumma SR, Dualeh SHA, Kunnath NJ, Bonner SN, Ibrahim AM. **Outcomes for High-Risk Surgical Procedures Across High- and Low-Competition Hospital Markets.** JAMA Surg. 2023;158(10):1041-1048. doi:10.1001/jamasurg.2023.3221

Kalata S, Thumma JR, Norton EC, Dimick JB, Sheetz KH. **Comparative Safety of Robotic-Assisted vs Laparoscopic Cholecystectomy.** JAMA Surg. 2023;158(12):1303-1310. doi:10.1001/jamasurg.2023.4389

Dualeh SHA, Powell CA, Kunnath N, Corriere MA, Ibrahim AM. **Rate of Emergency Lower Extremity Amputations in the United States among Medicare Beneficiaries.** Ann Surg. Published online September 27, 2023. doi:10.1097/SLA.00000000000006105

## NEW FACULTY

We would like to extend a warm welcome to the new CHOP faculty!



### **Chigozirim (Chigo) Ekeke, MD**

Dr. Ekeke's research interests focus on translational, innovative and clinical research, and his clinical specialty is Thoracic Surgery with a focus in minimal invasive surgery and robotic surgery.



### **Hunter Underwood, MD**

Dr. Underwood's research interests focus on understanding and enhancing endocrine surgery education at the resident level to improve outcomes for patients who may not have access to a high-volume endocrine surgeon. His clinical speciality is endocrine surgery, including thyroid, parathyroid, adrenal surgery.



### **Jenny Shao, MD**

Dr. Shao's research interests include complex abdominal wall reconstruction, diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI), surgical ergonomics, and surgical culture change.



### **David Odell, MD, MS**

Dr. Odell runs an NIH funded lab that studies cancer care delivery. The lab's work focuses on using tools ranging from analysis of large datasets to one-on-one interviews with clinicians and patients better understand the reasons why best practice guidelines are not always followed in the real world in order to develop and implement systems that help ensure patients get the right care at the right time.



### **Kyle Sheetz, MD, MS**

Dr. Sheetz studies the adoption and comparative effectiveness of new procedures and surgical technologies (e.g., robotic surgery). His work uses natural experiments to bridge the gaps between small proof-of-concept case series and randomized-controlled trials. The goal is to understand how well new innovations work in the real world once they're adopted by a broader group of surgeons and hospitals.



### **Molly Hunter, MD, Sc.M, MA**

Dr. Hunter's research focuses on improving care for burn and trauma patients in both the United States and globally. She seeks to improve understanding of the impact of burn injury in resource-limited settings through sound epidemiological studies. She also uses implementation science to study the efficacy and application of burn care in the acute and rehabilitation setting.



### **Robin Petroze, MD, MPH**

Dr. Petroze's research is focuses on access to equitable care in underserved populations internationally and domestically, as well as patient and family-centered outcomes.

# Directors Corners



As we start 2024, we are taking some time to reflect on an incredible 2023 and our missions around policy impact and community development.

By just simple numbers, the last year has been full of several important accomplishments. First, we continue to be a highly productive center with >500 publications including several in high-impact journals. Perhaps more importantly, we have started to track the impact of our publications. Using Overton (a free resource to any University member), we started to track how our work is shaping import policy decisions around the world. In our 2023 summary, more than 50 organizations around the world.

## Policy Reach of our Work



Our work continues to be central to important policies and our expertise sought after by decision makers. We also continue to have growth of our own members. Several faculty have transitioned from K-Awards to R-Awards and in 2023 we had 13 members with R01 funding!

Beyond the external signals of a healthy center, we are even more excited about what is happening within our walls. Our Friday sessions continue to consistently attract >50 members to engage new science, offer critical feedback and support each others work. We have also taken additional measures to add to the space of our work by adding a popcorn machine, an arcade table and expanded into more office space on the floor.

Looking ahead to 2024, there is a lot to be excited about. With each of our research teams further developing their work, we will continue to hire new members and bring them into our community. As this is the 20th anniversary of CHOP, it is nothing short of a banner year!

We are grateful for your enthusiasm and contributes to keep CHOP thriving,  
Andrew and Jenn

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 <b>505</b> Publications	<b>CHOP 2023</b>  <b>Center for Healthcare Outcomes &amp; Policy</b> University of Michigan	 <b>5</b> New Director Roles
<b>\$35.4m</b> NIH Funding Active 		 <b>52</b> Gov't & Policy Groups Citing Our Work
 <b>13</b> R01 Funded Faculty		 <b>129</b> Academic Journals
<b>81</b> Faculty, Fellows & Staff 		 <b>3rd</b> Year of CHOP Summer Bootcamp
		 <b>21</b> Local Businesses Supported

