

# MacColl Center for Health Care

## Innovation Update

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### Honoring our MacColl Center legacy with an eye to the future

Hello, friends and colleagues! With our first newsletter of 2021, I want to send a sincere wish that you're all finding new reasons to be hopeful and optimistic in this new year. 2020 left most of us longing for a brighter future, and while many challenges remain, we've come a long way since the early days of the pandemic and learned a lot on the journey. As COVID-19 ushered in a new normal in health care, it also shone light on widening disparities and inequities faced by so many marginalized populations. Now, more than ever, we need to elevate community voices and advocate for practical implementation strategies that are based on science and grounded in equity. Only then will we be able to achieve lasting, meaningful improvements in population health.



MacColl Center founding director Dr. Ed Wagner pictured with current director Katie Coleman at Ed's retirement celebration in June 2017

We at the MacColl Center are taking these learnings to heart and applying them anew to our longstanding our mission to transform care in service to all communities—but especially those who haven't traditionally had equitable access to high-quality, patient-centered health care. This was the vision and the legacy bestowed upon us by our beloved founding director, Dr. Ed Wagner. Now is the time for us at the MacColl Center to evolve and grow around that vision to keep pace with our changing world.

Please stay tuned for more about this in the coming months. In the meantime, we hope you'll find something to inspire you in this short collection of news and resources that we think are worth sharing. As always, please email us any time at [maccoll@kp.org](mailto:maccoll@kp.org).

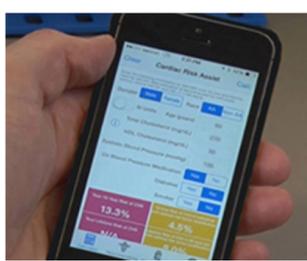
With warm regards,

Katie Coleman  
MacColl Center Director

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### CVD risk calculation: Can smaller clinics break through?

Published this month in the *American Journal of Preventive Medicine*, a [new paper](#) from the Healthy Hearts Northwest (H2N) trial looks at the unique barriers smaller primary care practices face in implementing CVD risk calculators. A team from the MacColl Center led the H2N trial as part of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality's EvidenceNOW initiative, which aims to help smaller primary care practices adopt evidence-based approaches to improving cardiovascular care outcomes. According to lead author Leah Tuzzio, recognizing the barriers smaller clinics face when implementing CVD risk calculators can open the door to more tailored interventions. [READ MORE.](#)



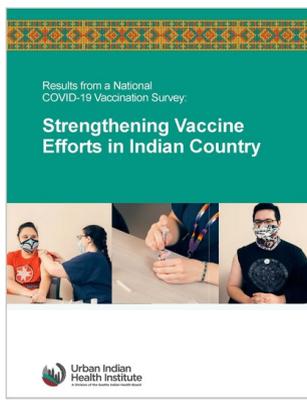
### 5 lessons from co-designing with patient partners

Kaiser Permanente Washington's [Learning Health System Program](#), a sister program of the MacColl Center, is working with care teams and patients to design, test, and spread a new approach to chronic pain management. With a goal of providing whole-person care and safe alternatives to opioids, the Integrated Pain Management (IPM) project is being designed around the needs of Kaiser Permanente members who live with chronic pain. Sarah Brush, who provides administrative and communications support for the IPM team, shares 5 lessons she has learned from working with the group of "patient partners" who are sharing their expertise as co-designers. [READ MORE.](#)



### First ever national data on Native peoples' perspectives toward COVID-19 vaccine

Earlier this month, Urban Indian Health Institute (UIHI) published the first ever national data on American Indian and Alaska Native peoples' knowledge, attitudes, and beliefs about a COVID-19 vaccine. UIHI surveyed American Indians and Alaska Natives representing 318 tribal affiliations across 46 states, gathering information ranging from individuals' willingness to receive a COVID-19 vaccine to the hurdles they face in accessing health care and resources. Their report, "[Strengthening Vaccine Efforts in Indian Country](#)," includes analyses and recommendations that can inform the development and delivery of culturally attuned COVID-19 vaccination campaigns, education materials, and programs tailored to urban and rural American Indian and Alaska Native communities. Learn more in this [news release from Indian Country Today](#) and this [CBS News interview](#) with UIHI's director, Abigail Echo-Hawk.



### Coffee & Science: Hot Topics in Social and Health Care Integration

The Social Interventions Research & Evaluation Network (SIREN) recently launched [Coffee & Science](#), a biweekly series of 30-minute conversations among experts in social interventions research, practice, and policy. Upcoming conversations include:

- February 19: Understanding Patients' Perspectives on Social Risk Screening
- March 5: Building Accountability for Social Risk Screening into State Medicaid Programs
- March 19: Social Risks vs. Social Needs: Assessing Patients' Interest in Assistance

[Sign up here](#) to receive email reminders with Zoom links before each upcoming SIREN Coffee & Science event.



### Stay in touch

We'd love to hear what you're working on! Email our team: [maccoll@kp.org](mailto:maccoll@kp.org).

*We at the MacColl Center would like to acknowledge that we are on the ancestral lands and traditional territories of the Puget Sound Coastal Salish People.*

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