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SPH in the News

[At-home dialysis? It's now a real-world option](#) - *NBC News*; quotes **Bessie Young** (HServ)

['Food deserts' abound in King County for those without cars](#) - *UW Today*; cites research by **Adam Drewnowski** (Epi)

[Changing her mind, a Queens woman decides to remain on life support](#) - *New York Times*; quotes **J. Randall Curtis** (HServ)

[Can social networks help researchers identify groups at risk for obesity?](#) - *The (UW) Daily*; quotes **Ali Shojaie** (Biostat)

Who Knew??



[Gary Franklin \(DEOHS\) posts a daily haiku](#)
Tweet

about health care reform. It's an "outlet to express opinions in a more creative way," he says, while keeping others up to date. So far, he's crafted 1,025 "twaikus" that link to key articles or reports. Follow him on Twitter [@doctwaiku](#).

On the Calendar

Oct 22, 11:00
[Health Sciences Common Book Discussion Session - The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down](#)

Oct 23, 4:30
[The Emergence of the Health Industry in Seattle Since the World's Fair](#)

Oct 27-31
[APHA Annual Meeting](#)

Nov 5, 3:30
[Smallpox Eradication -- Lessons for Today with Dr. William Foege](#)

We'll keep you busy: take a look at the [SPH Events Calendar](#).

Opportunities

Check out the [SPH job listings page](#) for national and local public health jobs and opportunities.

Missed an issue of

Congrats!



Kudos to [Andy Stergachis](#) (Epi, GH, HServ), [Tom Fleming](#) (Biostat) and [Chris Elias](#) (GH), who [were just elected](#) to the Institute of Medicine.



[William Foege](#) (Epi) received the [Dean's Medal](#) from Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health for his leading role in many of the key public health campaigns of the past half-century, including eliminating smallpox.



[Susan Hernandez](#) (PhD student, HServ) was selected to a [six-person TEDMED panel](#) on whole-patient care, one of "20 great challenges of health and medicine."



[Ulrike Peters](#) (Epi) will lead a \$13 million study at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center to uncover colon cancer's genetic roots. The National Cancer Institute is funding the four-year project.



[Bud Nicola](#) (HServ) was honored with the Mike Dickey Memorial Award at the annual Washington State Public Health Association meeting. The recognition goes to a leader who has improved health in this state.

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Making a Difference



Under a two-year contract, researchers at the NWCPHP are studying how a new health information exchange could affect the quality of health care and public health systems in Washington state. An exchange would allow for hospitals, labs and physicians to share clinical data through secure electronic channels, says [Janet Baseman](#) (Epi, HServ), the lead research investigator. The exchange could lead to better coordination of care while enabling public health officials to identify and respond more quickly to public health emergencies, she says. (Washington state has been planning for a statewide health information exchange since 2010.)

Around the Water Cooler



[Victoria Breckwich Vasquez](#) (DEOHS) is the new director of outreach and education for the [Pacific Northwest Agricultural Safety and Health Center](#). She has worked with the city of Berkeley and set up a non-profit in Peru.



[Nathan Tefft](#) (HServ) has joined the department as an assistant professor. He is a health economist whose research includes the effects of soft-drink taxation on consumption and obesity.



[Brit Bele Exworthy](#) (DO) is the school's new Student Affairs Specialist. Brit grew up in Jalisco, Mexico, and comes to us from the UW College of the Environment.

During a four-week seminar in London,

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Mohamed Abdillahi (senior, Env Health) visited the Broad Street pump, where John Snow famously discovered that cholera was a waterborne disease. See the full photo on [Facebook](#).



This shot of **Isaac Alva** (MPH student, GH) in Peru won first place in a [photo competition](#) held by NIH. It was taken by David Snyder.

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