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A word from our Directors

Welcome to the first CAPES quarterly newsletter! We are excited to share news and announcements from the NIMH-funded Center for Accelerating Practices to End Suicide (CAPES) at UMass Chan Medical School. Our Center is off to a flying start with a two-day summit, as well as several community events and conference presentations. We are also seeking to grow our team with some new job and scholarship opportunities listed below.

We're looking forward to embarking on this journey and accelerating the implementation of suicide-related best-practices in healthcare settings.

Sincerely,

Ed Boudreaux, PhD and Catarina Kiefe, PhD MD



News

Our team marked **Suicide Prevention Month** this September with a series of community events. Our team participated in the Central MA Out of the Darkness Walk, hosted by the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. CAPES team members along with family and friends walked 5K around Polar Park in Worcester to raise awareness and funds for suicide prevention. We closed out Suicide Prevention Month with a flag-planting on the UMass Chan Medical School Campus, marking the many lives affected by suicide.



CAPES is launched! "New center will evaluate, accelerate technology to reduce suicide"

[Read it here](#)

Our team held a hybrid **CAPES summit** this summer at UMass Chan Medical School, The event took place over two days, and team leaders presented their vision, goals, and operations for the Center.



CAPES Investigator Celine Larkin PhD presented on the [ReachCare intervention](#) for patients seen in the emergency department with suicide risk at the **International Association for Suicide Prevention** World Congress in Piran, Slovenia



Upcoming events and announcements

CAPES faculty, Dr. Rachel Davis-Martin and Dr. Lourah Kelly, are leading an upcoming Massachusetts Department of Mental Health-sponsored hybrid training. The event, *"Assessing & Managing Suicide Risk: Core Competencies for Health and Behavioral Health Professionals"*, takes place on November 15th in Framingham, MA.

[Register here](#)

We're hiring! The CAPES Center is seeking outstanding applicants for two research coordinator positions (Job IDs 9367 and 9452) and one administrative project manager position (Job ID 9373).



[Apply here](#)

The third annual **Suicide Research Symposium**, cohosted by the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, will take place April 17-19, 2024. The Call for Abstracts is now open.



[Learn more](#)

We are seeking applicants for potential **CAPES scholars**. CAPES Scholars will be awarded Center Faculty status, opportunities to propose investigator-initiated Pilot Projects, and access to other institutional resources, such as NIH-supported T32, KL2, and K12. There are two types of CAPES Scholars:

- **Emerging Scholars:** Open to graduate students, postdoctoral researchers, and early-stage investigators who can work with and learn from CAPES Faculty through formalized mentoring and didactics. Emerging Scholars will also be eligible to receive funds for approved trainings and conferences.
- **Advanced Collaborating Scholars:** Open to established investigators with suicide research experience who have not studied technologies, as well as those with an established

record of productivity in a complementary scientific field that offers new perspectives and methods to advance suicide prevention science.

If you are interested in being selected as a CAPES scholar, please contact Anthony Nunes (Anthony.nunes@umassmed.edu); feel free to share with your colleagues and mentees

Meet the team

Each newsletter, we'll feature a CAPES team member. This time, meet **Dr. Ekaterina Pivovarova**, Lead of the CAPES Evaluation Unit and Assistant Professor of Family Medicine & Community Health. Her research focuses on improving access to substance use disorders treatment for those with legal involvement.



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