

Emory University, Rollins
School of Public Health

12TH ANNUAL HEALTH SERVICES RESEARCH DAY

Claudia Nance Rollins Building,
Rollins Auditorium

Tuesday, April 21, 2026
7:30AM-2:30PM

Time	Agenda Item / Topic	Speaker / Presenter
7:30 am	Registration and Breakfast	
8:00 – 8:05 am	Welcome & Opening Remarks	Neal Dickert, MD, PhD Thomas R. Williams Professor of Medicine Emory University School of Medicine, Co-Director, Emory Health Services Research Center Emory University Rollins School of Public Health, Department of Epidemiology Emory Center for Ethics
SESSION I Moderator: Ambar Kulshreshtha, MD		
8:05 - 8:30 am	Featured Talk: Health Services Research, Comprehensive Dementia Care, and the Road to GUIDE	Carolyn Clevenger, DNP, RN, GNP-BC, AGPCNP-BC, FAANP, FGSA, FAAN Founding Dean and Professor, University of Georgia Founder, Integrated Memory Care (IMC) Visiting Professor, Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing, Emory University
8:30 – 8:50 am	Session I Selected Abstracts	
	High Out-of-Pocket Costs and Income-Related Differences in Discontinuation of Cardioprotective Diabetes Medications in Medicare	Liz Mitchell PhD Candidate Health Policy and Management Department Rollins School of Public Health T32 Fellow Emory University

	Outpatient Crisis Services Reduce Pediatric ED Visits for Suicidality	Janet R. Cummings, PhD Professor Department of Health Policy and Management Rollins School of Public Health Emory University
	Medicaid Expansion and Diagnosis Experiences of People with Frontotemporal Dementia	Catherine E. A. Scipion, MD, MPH, MS Postdoctoral Research Associate School of Public Health Georgia State University
	Removing Race from the icchoose Kidney Tool to Predict Treatment-specific Patient Mortality: A Validation Study	Mele Mafi, MPHc Student/Graduate Research Assistant Rollins School of Public Health Emory University
8:50 – 9:00 am	Session I Selected Abstracts Q&A	
9:00 – 9:45 am	AM Poster Session Location: 2 nd Floor Claudia Nance Rollins Building Breezeway	
9:45 – 9:50 am	Break	

SESSION II		
Moderator: Stacey Fedewa, PhD, MPH		
9:50 – 10:15 am	Featured Talk: The Evolving Science and Epidemiology of Diabetes: Implications for Health Services	Mohammed K. Ali, MD, MSc, MBA William H. Foege Professor Co-Director, Emory Global Diabetes Research Center Vice Chair, Department of Family and Preventive Medicine Emory University
10:15 – 10:35 am	Session II Selected Abstracts	
	Association of Sensory Impairments and Cognitive Difficulty Among U.S. Adults from 2020-2024 NHIS: Assessing the Role of Hearing Aids and Corrective Eyewear	Alyssa Jesse-Hugo, MPHc Student/Graduate Research Assistant Rollins School of Public Health Emory University
	Influence of Inpatient vs Outpatient Delivery of Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation Therapy for Treatment-resistant Depression with Reduction in Depression Symptoms	Noah Marchuck, BS Data Specialist Skyland Trail
	Access, Care Coordination and Patient Experiences on Long COVID: A Comparison of Care Delivery in Primary Care Settings and Long COVID Specialty Clinics	Imani Elsey, MPH Program Manager Atlanta Long COVID Collaborative School of Medicine Emory University
	The Effect of Limiting Short-interval Repeat Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus Aureus Testing on the Rate of Inpatient Antibiotic Prescribing	Eric Caliendo, MD Assistant Professor Division of Hospital Medicine Emory University Hospital
10:35 – 10:45 am	Session II Selected Abstracts Q&A	

KEYNOTE PRESENTATION		
Moderator: Neal Dickert, MD, PhD		
10:45 am – 11:45 am	Keynote Presentation: Behavioral Economics to Improve Care for Seriously Ill Patients	Scott D. Halpern, MD, PhD John M. Eisenberg Professor of Medicine, Epidemiology, and Medical Ethics & Health Policy, University of Pennsylvania Founding Director, Palliative and Advanced Illness Research (PAIR) Center
11:45 am – 12:15 pm	Networking Lunch: Please join other Health Services researchers and leaders for a networking lunch in the Rollins Lobby <i>Boxed lunches and refreshments available</i>	
12:15 – 1:00 pm	PM Poster Session Location: 2 nd Floor Claudia Nance Rollins Building Breezeway	

SESSION III		
Moderator: Ryan Suk, PhD		
1:00 – 1:20 pm	Session III Selected Abstracts	
	Trends in Opioid Prescribing by Oncologists for Medicare Beneficiaries (2014-2022)	Shaimaa Elshafie, BPharm, MSc, PhD Postdoctoral Fellow Rollins School of Public Health Emory University
	Payment Pressure and the Growth of Prior Authorization Requirements in Medicare Advantage	Eunhae Shin, PhD Assistant Professor Department of Health Policy and Management University of Georgia
	Infertility Diagnosis and Care Pathways Navigation at Kaiser Permanente Georgia	Roxan Andre, MPH Research Project Manager III Kaiser Permanente Georgia Center for Research and Evaluation (CRE)
1:20 – 1:30 pm	Early Identification of Severe Maternal Morbidity from Baseline Pregnancy-Episode Features	Mustapha Oloko-Oba, PhD Postdoctoral Fellow Department of Medicine Morehouse School of Medicine
1:20 – 1:30 pm	Session III Selected Abstracts Q&A	

HEALTH SERVICES RESEARCH PANEL**Moderator: Jessica Harding, PhD**

1:30 – 2:15 pm	Panel Topic: The Evolving Funding Landscape in Health Services Research	<p>Scott D. Halpern, MD, PhD</p> <p>Carolyn Clevenger, DNP, RN, GNP-BC, AGPCNP-BC, FAANP, FGSA, FAAN</p> <p>Karen Hacker, MD, MPH Adjunct Professor Health Policy Fellow Rollins School of Public Health Emory University</p> <p>Theresa Wicklin Gillespie, PhD, MA, FAAN Looney Family Professor of Cancer Research Department of Hematology & Medical Oncology Department of Surgery Emory University School of Medicine Associate Director for Community Outreach and Engagement Director, Winship Center for Cancer Health Equity</p> <p>Hui Shao, MD, PhD Associate Professor Hubert Department of Global Health Department of Family and Preventive Medicine Rollins School of Public Health Emory University Director of the Emory AI Causal Lab</p>
2:15 – 2:30 pm	Poster Award Announcements & Concluding Remarks	<p>Sarah H. Cross, PhD, MPH, MSW Assistant Professor Department of Family and Preventive Medicine School of Medicine Emory University</p>
2:30 pm	Conference concludes	