

Weekly Newsletter March 24-28, 2025

PQHS NEWS

WELCOME



A warm welcome to Dr. Hawa Abu, MD, PhD, MPH. Dr. Abu is an Assistant Professor in the Division of Geriatric Medicine at the UMass Chan Medical School and is now secondary in PQHS. Her research utilizes the Biopsychosocial-Spiritual Model to address the needs of older adults with multiple chronic conditions while promoting their engagement in shared decision-making. She is particularly interested in the role of faith, spirituality, and religiosity in coping with the burden of multimorbidity and integrating these factors into holistic patient care. With her recently funded Diversity Supplement, Dr. Abu explores how health beliefs, trust in physicians, religious/spiritual beliefs and practices influence anticoagulation use for stroke prevention among older adults with atrial fibrillation and multimorbidity. Also, with her Career Development KL2 Award from UMass Chan, she aims to enhance patient, caregiver, and clinician engagement in shared decision-making for stroke prevention, aligning care decisions with the priorities, values, and goals of older adults with multimorbidity using the Patient Priorities Care approach.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NHLBI-funded Transdisciplinary Training in Cardiovascular Research Program (T32)



Directed by Catarina Kiefe, MD, PhD (PQHS) and Kevin Donahue, MD (Cardiovascular Medicine), the **NHLBI-funded Transdisciplinary Training in Cardiovascular Research Program (T32)** is currently accepting applications for **post-doctoral trainees**. Please visit [PQHS - Transdisciplinary Training in Cardiovascular Research T32 Training Program](#) for more information on this opportunity." Questions? Contact Rebecca Gigliello (Rebecca.gigliello@umassmed.edu)

MESSAGE FROM IT

Upgrade to Windows 11

We are looking to schedule an upgrade to Windows 11 for your department's Windows devices; Apple devices **are not** included in this effort. Personal computing devices and lab devices **are** included.

At this point, you can:

- [schedule an upgrade, here](#)
- [schedule a discussion, here](#)

The upgrade installation process is listed below:

1. We make the upgrade available (via a remote push) to the devices
2. Prior to any major operating system installation, it's always a good practice to back up your important data to prevent data loss.
3. once the device connects to the internet, it will receive an upgrade installation package
 - After installation, **check for and install** any updates through the Windows Update settings
 - we recommend installing at the end of the day, and allow for a few hours
 - Folks have five days to upgrade; after five days the installation will happen automatically
4. Test Hardware Compatibility: Check if all your hardware components are functioning correctly. Verify that peripherals, such as printers, scanners, and external drives, are recognized and work as expected.

5. Explore the Interface: Familiarize yourself with the Windows 11 interface. Test the new Start menu, Taskbar, and other UI elements.
6. Performance Testing: Evaluate the overall performance of Windows 11 by opening and using various applications, multitasking, and observing system responsiveness
7. App Compatibility: Test your essential applications to ensure they are compatible with Windows 11. Some older applications may require updates or compatibility modes

Scott Dziewietin, Senior Director, Information Technology

UMASS CHAN REMINDER

Holiday Calendar for UMass Chan Medical School

Remaining Holiday Schedule for 2025:

- Patriots' Day – Monday, April 21st
- Memorial Day – Monday, May 26th
- Juneteenth National Independence Day – Thursday, June 19th
- Independence Day – Friday, July 4th
- Labor Day – Monday, September 1st
- Indigenous Peoples' Day – Monday, October 13th
- Veterans Day – Tuesday, November 11th
- Thanksgiving Day – Thursday, November 27th
- Day After Thanksgiving – Friday, November 28th
- Christmas Eve – Wednesday, December 24th
- Christmas Day – Thursday, December 25th



PQHS Weekly will be sent to all members of PQHS on Monday mornings. The intent is to provide a snapshot of what is going on that week in PQHS and to share our faculty and staff activities with the department. We depend on you to provide the items we need to share. Please send suggestions of events, faculty invited seminars & talks, honors, student thesis presentations, and news – new babies born! – to Judi (judi.saber@umassmed.edu) & Sarah (sarah.yeboah@umassmed.edu) by Friday each week.