Letter from the Editor

Did you that this April is the tenth anniversary of “Celebrate Diversity Month?” Personally, I think it's one of those things that should be on our minds and done every day. Nonetheless, it's nice on occasion to have a reminder of how important, and frankly, beautiful, the plurality of our society is. So this quarter, I encourage you to think about how you can embrace diversity in your daily lives and work together with your colleagues towards health equity.

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Clinical Corner

Minorities Most Vulnerable
A recent study published in the Journal of Clinical Oncology found that racial and ethnic minorities were the most vulnerable to financial hardship due to breast cancer, even after adjustment for various socioeconomic factors. This comes on the heels of another study published recently in Cancer Epidemiology finding that the black-white divide in terms of breast cancer mortality is growing over the past decade.

JCO article >>
CE article >>

Education Corner

ASCO IDEA Mentee Visits Yale
We look forward to welcoming Abu Bakar Hafeez Bhatti, a surgeon from Lahore, Pakistan to Yale as part of ASCO’s International Development Education Award (IDEA). Abu Bakar will join us from June 3-6 (immediately after the ASCO meeting). His interests are primarily in Breast and GI surgical oncology.
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Studies at Yale University is proud to announce the inaugural Yale LGBT Studies Research Fellowship. The Fellowship, which will be offered annually, is designed to provide access to Yale resources in LGBT Studies for scholars who live outside the greater New Haven area. This fellowship supports scholars from any field pursuing research in lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and/or queer studies at Yale University, utilizing the vast faculty resources, manuscript archives, and library collections available at Yale.

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Research Corner

**AAMC Health Equity Research**

Diversity and Health Equity cuts across all aspects of research - from basic science through population health. The AAMC compiled a snapshot of the myriad of health equity research occurring at a variety of member institutions. I would love to create a similar snapshot of research happening here at Yale - so please send me your projects in one of these seven areas - and we'll try to post a similar picture on our website!

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**NPR Diversity Improves Research**

An interesting program on inclusion of diversity improving research aired on NPR (sadly, not on Yale Cancer Center Answers - although we may do a show on this too!).

Listen to the Program >>

**Handbook on Cancer Research in Africa**

The African Organization for Research and Training in Cancer (AORTIC) and the World Health Organization (WHO) regional office for Africa recently published a handbook covering a myriad of topics related to cancer research in Africa. The book can be accessed in pdf for free. In fact, this link will also lead you to a variety of other publications from the WHO which may be useful to you.