

GHUCCTS KL2 Visiting Scholars Seminar Series

"Barriers to Attendance of Prenatal and Well-Child Visits"

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER

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Dr. Wolf earned her Medical Doctorate and Master of Public Health in Epidemiology from the University of Washington. She also completed a National Research Service Award fellowship in General Pediatrics from the University of Washington. She was awarded the Academic Pediatric Association Young Investigator Award in 2015 to study when and why gaps in well-child care occur. She is Assistant Clinical Professor of Pediatrics at Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU), KL2 scholar at VCU's Center for Clinical and Translational Research and is an active member of the Virginia Ambulatory Care Outcomes Research Network (ACORN).



ABSTRACT

Prenatal care (PNC) attendance is associated with improved health outcomes including decreased low-birth weight, decreased prematurity and decreased infant mortality. Well-child visit (WCV) attendance is associated with decreased emergency department utilizations and hospitalizations. Despite these well-established benefits, many mothers and children continue to miss preventive visits. Poor attendance of preventive visits is a two-generation problem – a mother's poor PNC attendance is associated with the poor WCV attendance of her child. Studies have found that a mother who has adequate PNC was almost twice as likely to have a child with adequate WCV attendance. This could be because the same factors that decrease a mother's likelihood to attend her own PNC visit may also affect her ability to bring her child to his/her WCV. We aimed to determine if the factors affecting maternal and child attendance are the same or different. We will discuss the findings of our study and their relevance to current health policies.

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