

# Pitt HealthSciences

## Perspectives

### *In this issue...*

See how the Pitt community is responding to COVID-19, see what our alumni have been up to, and learn about new ways to stay connected with Pitt from home!



### Moving Future Forward

Pitt's COVID-19 Pilot Grant Program received over 157 innovative project submissions from the Pitt community targeting all aspects of the COVID-19 pandemic. The 17 final grantees received \$900,000 in funding to move their research forward. [View the awarded grants](#) and stay tuned to see how they impact the world!



### Catch up on COVID-19

Pitt has been at the forefront of so many aspects of the pandemic including vaccine development, screenings, virus tracking, and service to the community. Did you miss any of the excitement? [PittMed has rounded up all the highlights](#) so that you can catch-up in just a few minutes.



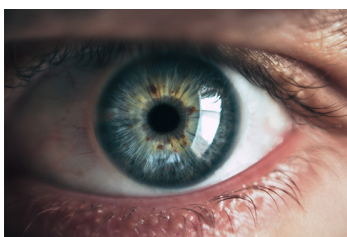
### Coping During COVID

Pitt Med is working across multiple teams and sectors to make recommendations to support older adults as they socially distance and grieve. **Charles "Chip" Reynolds, III, MD** provides [practical and thoughtful tips for supporting family and friends](#) as we navigate our time apart.



### Move it!

**Be Fit Pitt** wants to keep you moving while you're at home. Physical activity guru and researcher, **Renee J. Rogers, PhD (EDUC '09, '12)**, explains [why it's important to stay moving](#) and how you can incorporate more movement in your day. You can also [join them virtually for workouts!](#)



### Now You See It

Pitt was first on the map to conduct trials for PRIMA, an implanted, wireless retinal device that aims to restore partial sight to patients with macular degeneration. A special chip acts as an artificial retina with specialized cameras and projectors to restore sight. [Read more about how it all works and how it ended up here in Pittsburgh.](#)



### Caring for Our Neighbors

The [SHRS Wellness Pavilion](#) at Pitt's Homewood Community Engagement Center opened early this year and has adapted their activities as the world has shifted to remain (virtually) open. This student-led, community-focused space offers a deep variety of programs and resources for residents across the lifespan focused on improving, maintaining, and promoting health and wellness. Check out what's happening daily via their [Facebook page](#).

## Fighting COVID-19 Together

For generations, Pitt faculty and staff have provided world-class education and training to students that will lead us into the future. And now more than ever, our students, faculty, and researchers need our support. [See the different ways you can help.](#)

### Alumni Making Headlines

- Alumni around the world are sending us their stories from the front lines. Visit [Pitt's COVID-19 Heroes](#) to read their remarkable stories of impact.
- **Steve Levine, DMD (A&S '78, DEN '83)** at Pitt Dental Medicine has been fielding calls from patients in need at a time when few dental offices are open. [See how Pitt Dental Medicine has evolved to include telehealth and his compassionate care in action.](#)
- **Inmaculata Hernandez, PhD (GSPH '16)** of Pitt's School of Pharmacy was named the 2019 Seema S. Sonnad Emerging Leader in Managed Care Research Award by the American Journal of Managed Care. [Read more about her amazing career so far.](#)
- **Safia Kuriakose, PharmD (PHARM '10)** is [serving as member of an elite committee of experts](#) convened by the NIH to develop treatment guidelines for COVID-19.
- Healthcare Global has named **Jennifer Arnold, MD, MSc (MED '09)** as one of the [Top 10 Social Media Influencers in Healthcare](#). Catch up on her impressive career as a physician, mother, and tv star and follow her online.
- **Michael A. Young (A&S '78, GSPH '82)** began a new role as the CEO of Temple University Health System in Philadelphia. [Read the exciting announcement](#) and learn about his vision for the future.

### Stay Connected to Your School

School of  
Dental Medicine

School of Health and  
Rehabilitation Sciences

School of  
Medicine

School of  
Nursing

School of  
Pharmacy

Graduate School of  
Public Health

## Upcoming Events

### Pitt Health Academy

Pitt Health Academy has gone VIRTUAL! [Find podcasts, virtual tours, webinars, and more](#) on a variety of intriguing health science focused topics. New content is added regularly, which means you can learn from home all year long.

### Virtual Events and More

#### Conversations About COVID-19

Each Friday through June, Pitt Public Health experts will have a conversation about different aspects of the COVID-19 pandemic and then address questions from the seminar attendees. The goal of the COVID-19 seminar series is to provide our school community, alumni, and the public with credible information about the virus and the associated health impacts. [RSVP for weekly sessions and view recordings of past sessions.](#)

#### Events Across the University

Visit [PittWire Live](#) for all the latest virtual events across campus.

### **Fridays with Friedlander**

This [live webcast](#) is hosted by department chairman Robert M. Friedlander, MD, presenting updates on topical, neurological surgery issues, and featuring department specialty faculty followed by an interactive Q&A session.

### **Insight for Business Owners**

Pitt's Institute for Entrepreneurial Excellence offers [ongoing lectures and on-demand resources](#) for business owners impacted by the pandemic.

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