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## PRADA February Newsletter

Please take a look below for our upcoming events and opportunities!

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### Upcoming Event: Mental Health Monday Valentine's Day Lunch!

*Friday, February 14th  
12-1p  
Karp 5th Floor Conference Room*

Do you have a special someone? Is it yourself? Your roommates? Your dog? Your significant other? Your PI? Come craft Valentines for the ones you love/like/know at the MHM Valentines Day Lunch (+ Crafting + Cupcakes). There will be cupcakes and coco, and we encourage all to bring a lunch and to hang out with a lovely group of your peers.

With Love (work style), Chris and Stephanie

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## PRADA Grand Rounds

ACCEPTING SUBMISSIONS UNTIL FEBRUARY 21ST, 12AM



### Call for Abstracts: PRADA Grand Rounds

*Deadline for Submission: Midnight, February 21st*

PRADA Grand Rounds is now accepting submissions! Interested in sharing your or your group's past or current research? Come present at the PRADA-sponsored Grand

Rounds! Presentations are approximately 15 minutes and open to any field of research: basic science, translational or clinic research, policy, biostatistics, mental or psychological health, public health, etc. We welcome variety! Email Sarah Lee with your abstract submission as described in the attachment. The deadline to submit is February 21st. Presenters will be selected and notified to ensure adequate

preparation time for the presentations on March 27th at 1 pm.

[SUBMIT ABSTRACT](#)



#### Upcoming Event: Rare Disease Day at Boston Children's

Friday, February 28th

1-4p

Hale Family Center in the BCH Main Lobby

Come visit the PHCA Genetics and Rare Disease table on February 28th for RARE DISEASE DAY 2020! Did you know 1 in 10 people has a rare disease? A rare disease is a disease that affects fewer than 200,000 people in the US. The table will feature resources for families affected by rare disease, as well as coloring and creative activities for kids. We are working together with the Manton Center for Orphan Disease Research to celebrate the progress and advances in diagnosis, policy, treatment, and awareness of rare disease!

**Wear zebra stripes to spread awareness on Feb. 28th!**

#### Upcoming Event: February Book Club!

Wednesday, February 26th

12-1p

Karp 5th Floor Conference Room



The struggle to perform well is universal: each one of us faces fatigue, limited resources, and imperfect abilities in whatever we do. But nowhere is this drive to do better more important than in medicine, where lives are on the line with every decision. In his new book, Atul Gawande explores how doctors strive to close the gap between best intentions and best performance in the face of obstacles that sometimes seem insurmountable.

Gawande's gripping stories of diligence, ingenuity, and what it means to do right by people take us to battlefield surgical tents in Iraq, to labor and delivery rooms in Boston, to a polio outbreak in India, and to malpractice courtrooms around the country. He discusses the ethical dilemmas of doctors' participation in lethal injections, examines the influence of money on modern medicine, and recounts the astoundingly contentious history of hand washing. And as in all his writing,

Gawande gives us an inside look at his own life as a practicing surgeon, offering a searingly honest firsthand account of work in a field where mistakes are both unavoidable and unthinkable.



### Survey: PRADA Pre-Medical Mentorship Program

*Deadline: February 29th*

Are you a pre-health research assistant looking for a mentor to guide you through the application process? Or are you someone who has already applied and wants to help by being a mentor? If so, look no further than the PRADA Pre-Health Mentorship Program! For only a small price of filling out this survey, you could become a mentee/mentor!

Mentees and mentors will be paired based on programs of interest and past experiences. PRADA Pre-Med will connect the mentee and mentor, then the pair will decide when to meet. You will be responsible for maintaining contact through the duration of the mentorship program, which will be through the interview process or as needed. We want to establish one-on-one connections in order to provide individualized guidance for those in need. Don't delay, just survey! All surveys need to be submitted by February 29th.

[TAKE OUR SURVEY](#)

## SAFE ZONE

### Upcoming Event: Safe Zone Training for RAs

*Date and Time TBD in March*

Coming up in March, PRADA and PCHA will be hosting a Safe Zone training specifically for RAs! These LGBTQ+ awareness trainings focus on learning about sexual and gender diversity, with the goal of supporting our LGBTQ+ patients, families, and colleagues at BCH.

The curriculum includes a review of:

- Respectful vocabulary and terms - Differences between sex, gender, and sexuality - Clinical and research scenarios - Q&A with Safe Zone trainers - Local and national LGBTQ+ resources  
If you have a specific question you would like to cover in the training, please email [Maureen.burn@childrens.harvard.edu](mailto:Maureen.burn@childrens.harvard.edu) and the question will be shared with the facilitators.

### Volunteer Opportunity: Join PRADA's A Capella group, IMPaCt

Do you love to sing? Come volunteer to lead weekly a cappella workshops on Tuesday evenings (5:15 - 6:45pm) in the Bader 5 inpatient psychiatry unit! Interactive Music Performance at Children's (IMPaCt) is looking for more members to commit to volunteering at least once a month. Contact [Maggie](#) and [Lauren](#) to learn more!



## IT'S ACA-AWESOME

Ongoing Event: Blood Donation

The need for blood is constant in order to serve many of the patients here at Boston Children's. However, lately, we have seen a decline in Platelet collection specifically.

If you meet the eligibility requirements, please consider donating today - all the help will be appreciated!

For more information, feel free to contact the Blood Donor center at (617) 355-6677

**DONATE TODAY**



#### **Our Facebook Group**

PRADA Communications is proud to see members engaging with our Facebook Group! Our group is the best place to post opportunities, connect with other members, and reap all the benefits of our community. Plus, we get to see your lovely faces! Check out our Facebook page by clicking on the icon above and send us a request to join!

#### **About Us**

PRADA is a supportive, inclusive learning community for research assistants, coordinators, and other young professionals at Boston Children's Hospital.

[Contact us](#)



#### **Leaving BCH? Take Our**

##### **Alumni Survey**

As you move on to exciting new opportunities, we would love to stay in touch! Help us extend our alumni network by filling out our survey using this [survey](#)

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