

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### PERSONAL INFORMATION

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### EDUCATION

**Post Graduate:**

Hedwig van Ameringen Executive Leadership in Academic  
Medicine (ELAM) Program for Women, August 2001–May 2002.

Third Advanced Ten Day International Teaching Seminar on  
Cardiovascular Epidemiology and Prevention, Belgium,  
August 19-31, 1989.

American Heart Association Tenth U.S. Ten Day Seminar  
on the Epidemiology and Prevention of Cardiovascular Disease,  
July-August, 1984.

**Graduate:**

Ph.D., Experimental Pathology/Epidemiology,  
Roswell Park Cancer Institute  
State University of New York at Buffalo, 1983

Dissertation title: A Randomized Clinical Trial of Three Methods  
of Training Women How to Perform Breast-Self Examination.

Harvard School of Public Health, Boston, Massachusetts,  
1980-1981, Visiting Student

M.S., Natural Sciences,  
State University of New York at Buffalo, 1979

State University of New York College, Buffalo, 1976

**Undergraduate:**

B.A., Zoology/Pre-medical,  
University of New Hampshire, Durham, 1975

Merrimack College,  
North Andover, Massachusetts, 1971-1973

### HONORARY DEGREE

Masters Degree, Brown University, 1994

**ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

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| 1994 - Present<br><u>Associate Professor</u>      | Department of Community Health, Brown University,<br>Providence, Rhode Island                      |
| 1988<br><u>Visiting Professor</u>                 | German-American Epidemiology Summer School,<br>Bielefeld, West Germany.                            |
| 1984 - 1994<br><u>Assistant Professor</u>         | Department of Community Health, Brown University,<br>Providence, Rhode Island.                     |
| 1983 - 1984<br><u>Instructor</u>                  | Department of Community Health, Brown University,<br>Providence, Rhode Island.                     |
| 1979 - 1980<br><u>Graduate Teaching Assistant</u> | Department of Cancer Control and Epidemiology,<br>Roswell Park Cancer Institute, Buffalo, New York |

**PRESENT POSITIONS:**

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| <u>Senior Director</u>                | Global Epidemiology and Risk Management<br>Worldwide Development<br>Safety and Risk Management<br>Pfizer, Inc., New London, CT    |
| <u>Associate Professor (Research)</u> | Brown University Medical School,<br>Department of Community Health  |
| <u>Director</u>                       | Community Health Research<br>Brown University Center for Primary Care and Prevention,<br>Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island (MHRI) |
| <u>Principal Investigator</u>         | Women's Health Initiative Clinical Trial and Observational Study  |

**HOSPITAL APPOINTMENTS**

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|---|--|
| 2004 –Present                           | Director of Community Health Research, Brown Center for<br>Primary Care and Prevention |
| 2003 -2004                              | Senior Scientist, Brown Center for Primary Care and Prevention                         |
| 2002 - 2003                             | Deputy Director, Brown Center for Primary Care and Prevention                          |
| 2001 - 2002                             | Associate Director, Brown Center for Primary Care and Prevention                       |
| 1999 – 2001<br><u>Senior Researcher</u> | Volunteers in Healthcare Technical Assistance Center (MHRI)                            |

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| 1996 - 1999<br><u>Senior Researcher</u>                       | Reach Out: Physicians Initiative to Expand Care to Underserved Americans - Robert Wood Johnson Initiative (MHRI)                               |
| 1991-1995<br><u>Assistant to the Program Director</u>         | Division of Health Education (MHRI)  |
| 1985 - Present  | Affiliate Faculty, Department of Medicine (MHRI)   |
| 1984 - 1996<br><u>Evaluation Unit Coordinator</u>             | Pawtucket Heart Health Program (MHRI)  |
| 1983 - 1984<br><u>Assistant Evaluation Unit Coordinator</u>   | Pawtucket Heart Health Program (MHRI)  |
| 1981<br><u>Clinical Laboratory Technologist/ Phlebotomist</u> | Tufts/New England Medical Center, Boston, Massachusetts.   |
| 1978<br><u>Research Assistant</u>                             | "An Epidemiological Investigation Into an Airborne Disease of Unknown Etiology", New York State Department of Health, Buffalo, New York.       |
| 1976 - 1978<br><u>Research Affiliate</u>                      | "Immuno-compromised Animal Host-Tumor Response", Department of Experimental Therapeutics, Roswell Park, Memorial Institute, Buffalo, New York. |

### **TEACHING ACTIVITIES, BROWN UNIVERSITY**

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| 2003 - Present | Pfizer/Brown Pre-Doctoral Fellowship Director  |
| 2001 - 2003    | BC 236, Public Health Intervention Research Design and Methodology   |
| 2001 -2002     | MPH Advisor, <u>Christine Duffy</u> , MD   |
| 2001 -2002     | IS 0001, Independent Study, <u>Min Lee</u> , "Cultural, Sociological, and Psychological Issues of Marital Violence"                            |
| 2000 -2001     | Secondary Advisor, Senior Thesis, <u>Nicholas Everage</u> , "The Use of Modified Cognitive Assessment Techniques on a Dietary Assessment Tool" |
| 1999 –2001     | Ambulatory Care Seminar Series, Memorial Hospital of RI  |

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| 1998        | Community Oriented Primary Care Seminar, Memorial Hospital of RI  |
| 1993        | BC 195 - S26, Independent Study, <u>Michelle Barnes</u> ; <u>Diane Johnson</u> , "Cancer Control Through Physician Offices" |
| 1994        | BC 195 - S08, Independent Study, <u>Michelle Barnes</u>   |
| 1989 -2001  | Clerkship in Medicine Program, Memorial Hospital of RI Pawtucket, Rhode Island.   |
| 1988 - 1995 | Community Health Clerkship, Department of Community Health Brown University School Medicine, Providence, Rhode Island.      |

### **TEACHING ACTIVITIES, OTHER**

|                                   |   |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| 2005<br><u>Guest Lecturer</u>     | Toulane University, New Orleans, LA                                     |
| 1990, 1991<br><u>Lecturer</u>     | Providence College, Providence, RI, Health Policy Course.               |
| 1988<br><u>Visiting Professor</u> | German-American Epidemiology Summer School, Bielefeld, West Germany.    |
| 1988<br><u>Guest Lecturer</u>     | Lunds University, Dalby, Sweden.  |
| 1988<br><u>Guest Lecturer</u>     | Institute of Social and Preventive Medicine, Zurich, Switzerland.       |
| 1987<br><u>Lecturer</u>           | Rhode Island College, Providence, Rhode Island, Personal Health Course. |

### **HONORS**

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|----------------|---|
| 2005 – Present | Appointed Member, Rhode Island Department of Health Women’s Health Advisory Committee                               |
| 2005           | Nominated for the Rhode Island Commission on Women “Woman of the Year Award”  |
| 2001 - Present | Elected Fellow, American Heart Association  |
| 2001-2002      | Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine (ELAM) Program for Women  |
| 1998           | Featured in Rhode Island Monthly, Special Tenth Anniversary Commemorative Issue, “What a Difference A Decade Makes” |

- 1993 Recipient of the WLNE Freedom Torch Award
- 1993 Recipient of Special Recognition Award from the Rhode Island Medical Women's Association
- 1992 Recipient of American Cancer Society Life Saver Award
- 1989 United States' Representative, Third Advanced Ten-Day International Teaching Seminar on Cardiovascular Epidemiology and Prevention, Belgium, August 19-31, 1989

### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

- 2003 – Present International Society of Pharmacoepidemiology
- 2004 - Present American Heart Association Council on Epidemiology and Prevention Leadership Committee
- 2004 - Present American Heart Association Council on Epidemiology and Prevention Membership and Communications Committee Chair
- 2002 - 2004 American Heart Association Council on Epidemiology and Prevention Minorities Task Force, Elected Chair
- 2002 - 2003 Osteoarthritis Initiative, Steering Committee, Elected Co-Chairperson
- 2001 -2005 Women's Health Initiative, Behavioral Advisory Committee, Elected Chairperson
- 2001 –2003 Women's Health Initiative, Design and Analysis Subcommittee
- 2000 - 2002 American Heart Association Minorities Task Force, Co-chair
- 2000 – Present American Heart Association Council on Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Metabolism.
- 1997 - Present American College of Epidemiology
- 1996 -2002 Women's Health Initiative, Publications and Presentations Subcommittee
- 1996 Rhode Island Department of Health, Cancer Prevention Expert Panel
- 1994 - Cardiovascular Health Advisory Council
- 1994 - 1996 Women's Health Initiative Council, Appointed Member
- 1994 - 1996 Women's Health Initiative Principal Investigators Committee Chairperson, Northeast Region
- 1993 - 1995 Women's Health Initiative, Design and Analysis Subcommittee
- 1992 -2000 Rhode Island Medical Women's Association, Academic Associate

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| 1992 -1994     | American Heart Association Women and Heart Disease Task Force  |
| 1992 - 1994    | The Governor's Permanent Advisory Commission on Women's Committee on Health  |
| 1990           | National Cancer Institute, Project ASSIST Evaluation Advisory Board  |
| 1988           | American Cancer Society Program Certification Task Force, Chairperson  |
| 1987 - 1992    | American Cancer Society Public Education Committee, Chairperson - Central Unit   |
| 1986 - 1988    | Member, Harvard Smoking Behavior Study Group   |
| 1985 - 1996    | Society of Behavioral Medicine   |
| 1985 - 1987    | Member, American Cancer Society Executive Committee.   |
| 1985 - 1987    | American Cancer Society, Medical Vice President - RI Division  |
| 1984 -present  | American Heart Association Council on Epidemiology and Prevention, Associate Fellow (1984-2001); Fellow (2001-Present) |
| 1984 - 1987    | American Cancer Society Professional Education Committee   |
| 1983 – 1994    | Member, Coordinating Committee for Community Demonstration Studies.  |
| 1983 – 1994    | Member, Pawtucket Heart Health Program Scientific Policy Committee   |
| 1981 - Present | Society for Epidemiologic Research   |
| 1981 - 1984    | New York State Public Health Association   |
| 1981 - 1984    | Breast Self-Examination Advisory Board, American Cancer Society, Erie County Unit                                      |
| 1981 - 1996    | American Public Health Association   |

### **SELECTED NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL SERVICE**

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| 2005           | Aromasin Cardiac Study Design Advisory Board                               |
| 2002 - 2003    | Observational Study Monitoring Board, Cardiovascular Health Study          |
| 2002 - Present | American Heart Association, Epidemiology Council, Leadership Committee     |
| 2001 - Present | Data Safety Monitor, Tailored Nutrition Education for Low-Income Audiences |

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| 2001 - Present | Reviewer for Journal of the American Medical Women's Association  |
| 1999 – Present | Editorial Board, “Clinical Journal of Women's Health”   |
| 1995           | Reviewer, <i>Epidemiology</i>   |
| 1993           | National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute Workshop Participant – “Methods for the Surveillance of Coronary Heart Disease: A Reassessment” |
| 1992           | Reviewer, <i>American Journal of Preventive Health</i>  |
| March, 1991    | Site Visit, Reach Out Across America (Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Grant), Kansas.  |
| March, 1991    | Site Visit, Reach Out Across America (Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Grant), Nebraska   |
| January, 1991  | Site Visit, Reach Out Across America (Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Grant), Richmond, Virginia.  |
| 1991           | Reviewer, <i>Addictive Behaviors</i>  |
| June, 1989     | Participant, National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute Working Group on International Comparison of Risk Factor Data.                     |
| 1987           | Reviewer, <i>American Journal of Epidemiology</i>   |
| 1986, 1988     | International Scientific Exchange Fellow, US-FRG Cooperative Agreement in Cardiovascular Diseases   |

### **CONSULTING**

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|-------------|--|
| 1997 - 1999 | Health Canada, Health Promotion and Programs Branch<br>Heart Health Initiatives and G-7 Heart Health Collaborating Centers               |
| 1991 - 1998 | Nova Scotia Heart Health Program, Nova Scotia Department of Health   |
| 1990        | Prince Edward Island (P.E.I.) Heart Health Program, Evaluation<br>Consultant, PEI (Nova Scotia) Department of Health and Social Services |
| 1989 - 1992 | Project LEAN, Evaluation Consultant, Rhode Island Department of Health   |
| 1988        | New York State, Formative and Process Evaluation Computer Tracking System.   |
| 1984 – 1985 | Harvard Community Health Plan, Breast Self-Examination Study   |

### **BROWN UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES**

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| 2005 –Present | Brown Program in Public Health Community Advisory Committee |
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| 2002           | Search Committee for Senior Researcher in Family Medicine, Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island, Brown Medical School               |
| 2001 –2003     | Brown Infectious Disease Committee on Biodefense and Emerging Pathogens  |
| 2001           | Search Committee for Academic General Internist, Department. of Medicine Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island, Brown Medical School |
| 2002           | Search Committee for Cardiology Chief, Department of Cardiology, Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island, Brown Medical School         |
| 1999 -2003     | Strategic Planning Committee for the Center for Research and Education in Women's Health   |
| 1999 –2003     | MPH Steering Committee   |
| 1999 -2003     | MPH Curriculum Committee   |
| 1999 -2003     | MPH Admissions Committee   |
| 1998 - 2000    | Past President, Medical Faculty Executive Committee (elected position)   |
| 1992 - 1994    | Coordinating Committee of the Association of Women Medical Faculty (elected position)  |
| 1990, 1992     | Social Sciences Subcommittee of the Summer Research Assistantship Committee  |
| 1989 - 1992    | Committee on the Status of Women   |
| 1987 - 1988    | Graduate Education Committee   |
| 1987 - 2000    | International Health Group   |
| 1987 - 1988    | Health Policy Interest Group   |
| 1987 - Present | Association of Women Medical Faculty   |
| 1987           | Search Committee, Assistant Professor (Epidemiology)<br>Department of Community Health   |

### **HOSPITAL COMMITTEES**

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| 1987 - 1989 | Infection Control Board, Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island   |
| 2002 –2003  | HIPAA Privacy Project - Human Subject Research Work Group<br>(Standards for Privacy for Individual Health Information Regulations) |

### **RESEARCH FUNDING** (All amounts **Direct Costs only unless otherwise stated**)



- 1) 2002 –2009  
(Principal Investigator)  
(PI from 2002 –2003;  
Consultant from 2003).  
Clinical Centers for the Osteoarthritis Initiative.  
National Institutes of Health (RFP) NIH-NIAMS-02-03 (Total Budget \$8,961,185).
  
- 2) 2002 - Present  
(Principal Investigator)  
(PI from 2002-2003)  
A Randomized, Double-blind, Placebo-controlled, Fixed Dose, Multi-center Study to Evaluate the Efficacy, Safety and Toleration of Oral Sildenafil Citrate Administered for 12 Weeks to Post-Menopausal Women Who Have Been diagnosed with Female Sexual Arousal Disorder. Sponsored by Pfizer, Inc. (Sub Contract \$5,100 per patient).
  
- 3) 2002 – Present  
(Principal Investigator)  
(PI from 2002-2003)  
A Randomized, Double-blind, Placebo-controlled, Fixed Dose, Multi-center Study to Evaluate the Efficacy, Safety and Toleration of Oral Sildenafil Citrate Administered for 12 Weeks to Pre-Menopausal Women Who Have Been diagnosed with Female Sexual Arousal Disorder. Sponsored by Pfizer, Inc. (Sub Contract \$5,100 per patient).
  
- 4) 2002 - 2003  
(Principal Investigator)  
The Effect of ETOH and Folate on Hormone Related Cancers  
National Institutes of Health PA-01-021. (Total Budget \$74,694).
  
- 5) 2002 – 2007  
(Co-Principal Investigator)  
Translating ATPIII Cholesterol Management Guidelines Into Primary Care Practice, National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute, (Total budget \$2,628,655).
  
- 6) 2002 – 2005  
(Principal Researcher)  
(PR from 2002-2003)  
A Randomized Study of the Effect of Exemestane (Aromasin ®) vs Placebo on Breast Density in Postmenopausal Women at Increased Risk for Development of Breast Cancer – NCIC CTG MAP.2. Sponsored by Clinical Trials Group – National Cancer Institute of Canada and Funded by Pharmacia Corporation (Sub Contract \$4,000 per patient).
  
- 7) 2002 - Present  
(Principal Investigator)  
(PI from 2002-2003)  
A Phase 1/2, Proof of Principle, Randomized, Double-Blind, Double Dummy Active-and Placebo Controlled, Parallel, Dose finding Study to Evaluate the Effects of SCH 483307 on Vasomotor Symptoms and Endometrial Protection in Postmenopausal Women. (Pending) Funded by Schering-Plough Research Institute.
  
- 8) 2002 - Present  
(Principal Researcher)  
(PR from 2002-2003)  
Vanguard Center for A Phase III Randomized Study of Exemestane Versus Exemestane Plus Celecoxib Versus Placebo in Postmenopausal Women at Increased Risk of Developing Breast Cancer –MAP3. (Pending). Funded by Pharmacia and National Cancer Institute of Canada
  
- 9) 2001 - 2006  
(Principal Investigator)  
Benign Breast Disease Add-On Study to the Women's Health Initiative, (Sub Contract) National Institutes of Health Grant 2R01 CA 77290-03 (Total \$24,000).
  
- 10) 2001  
Participants' Experiences in Dietary Modification in the Women's Health Initiative (Sub Contract \$500).
  
- 11) 1996 – 2001  
(Co-Investigator)  
“WHIMS - Women’s Health Initiative Memory Study”, (Sub Contract) Grant # GTS 6495, Wyeth Ayerst (\$211,112), Sally Shumaker, Ph.D., Principal Investigator.
  
- 12) 1995 – 2005  
"Women's Health Initiative" Satellite Center

- (Principal Investigator) funded by the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (\$2,832,337).
- 13) 1993-2005  
(Principal Investigator) "Vanguard Clinical Centers for Clinical Trials and Observational Study of the Women's Health Initiative-East (1993-2005)" and Enhanced Recruitment (1995-2005) funded by the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, Grant #N01-WH-3-2119 (Total \$17,234,653).
- 14) 1992 – 1997  
(Co-Investigator) "Minimal Contact Education for Cholesterol Change," Funded by the National Institutes of Health - National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, Grant # HL47624, Thomas M. Lasater, Ph.D., Principal Investigator (\$2,490,765).
- 15) 1992 – 1995  
(Co-Investigator) "Worksites, Occupational Nurses and Cholesterol Change", Funded by the National Institutes of Health - National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, Grant # HL48250, Thomas M. Lasater, Ph.D., Principal Investigator (\$1,370,488).
- 16) 1992 – 1993  
(Principal Investigator) "Rhode Island Preventive Health Block Grant Accountability Project", Funded by the Public Health Foundation (\$27,155).
- 17) 1991-1995  
(Co-Principal Investigator) "Competitive Renewal of Pawtucket Heart Health Program", funded by NIH-NHLBI (\$4,359,869).
- 18) 1990 – 1993  
(Principal Investigator) "Project LEAN (Low Fat Eating For America Now) Nationwide Evaluation", Funded by the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation (\$250,000).
- 19) 1989 – 1990  
(Principal Investigator) "Cancer Prevention and Control Through Physician Offices", Funded by Biomedical Research Support Grant 2 S07 RR05862 - 07, (\$7,000).
- 20) 1987 - 1988  
(Co-Principal Investigator) "The Health Behavior Diary as a Method in Cancer Research", Funded by National Institutes of Health -National Cancer Institute, Grant #RO3 CA46577-01, William Rakowski, Ph.D., Principal Investigator. (\$28,740).
- 21) 1986 - 1991  
(Co-Investigator) "Competitive Renewal of "Pawtucket Heart Health Program", Funded by National Institutes of Health -National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, Grant #RO1 HL23629, Richard A. Carleton, M.D., Principal Investigator (\$10,199,906).
- 22) 1985-1986  
(Co-Investigator) "Supplement to the Pawtucket Heart Health Program", Funded by NIH-NHLBI, (\$778,072).
- 23) 1985  
(Principal Investigator) "Smoking Prevention and Cessation in Hispanic (Puerto Rican) Youth", Funded by National Institutes of Health-National Cancer Institute, Grant #CA39304, (\$1,881,860 for 7/1/85 -6/30/90; \$344,949 for Year 01).
- 24) 1981 - 1983  
(Principal Investigator) "A Randomized Clinical Trial of Three Methods of Training Women How to Perform Breast Self Examination", Funded by New York State Department of Health, Roswell Park Memorial Institute, Buffalo, N. Y.

### **NIH and OTHER GRANT REVIEW COMMITTEES/STUDY SECTIONS**

Brown University 2006 Research Seed Fund Award Reviewer, January 2006

National Institutes of Health, Special Emphasis Panel For SBIR and STTR Applications (ZRG1 RP-HBC-10), November 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>, 2005.

National Institutes of Health, Special Emphasis Panel For SBIR and STTR Applications (ZRG1 RP-HBC-10), November 24<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>, 2004.

National Institutes of Health, Special Emphasis Panel For SBIR and STTR Applications (ZRG1 SSS-D-10 -B), February 28, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2002.

National Institutes of Health, Special Emphasis Panel for SBIR and STTR Applications (ZRG1 SSS-D -10), March 1-2, 2001.

National Institutes of Health, Special Emphasis Panel for SBIR and STTR Applications (ZRG1 SSS-D (01), November 2-3, 2000

FY01 Massachusetts Prostate Cancer Research Review, October 28-29, 2000

National Institutes of Health, Special Emphasis Panel for SBIR and STTR Application (ZRG1 SSS-D (01)), July 6-7, 2000.

FY00 Massachusetts Prostate Cancer Research Review, February 14, 2000.

National Institutes of Health, National Heart, Lung and Blood Institutes, Special Emphasis Panel on Community Surveillance Studies, May 7, 1996.

National Institutes of Health, Special Emphasis Panel for SBIR and STTR Applications, April 14-15, 1994.

National Academy of Sciences, Institute of Medicine Review of the Women's Health Initiative (WHI). Invited to testify in Congressional Hearing on WHI, July 14 - 15, 1993.

National Institutes of Health, Ad Hoc Meeting of Consultants to the Community Prevention Study (CPS) of the Women's Health Initiative, July 18 - 19, 1993.

National Institutes of Health, National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institutes, Review Committee, Minnesota Heart Survey Renewal Application, February 15 - 17, 1989.

## **ABSTRACTS**

- 1) **Assaf AR**: "Host Versus Tumor Response in C3Hf/HeHa Mice. "Mentor (Roswell Park Memorial Institute), Volume 10, No. 3 (October 1979), p. 9.
- 2) Lasater TM, **Assaf AR**, McKinlay SM, and Carleton RA. "Self-Motivated Cardiovascular Risk Factor Behavior Change in Population. " CVD Epidemiology Newsletter, No. 37(January, 1985), 94.
- 3) Rakowski W, **Assaf AR**, Lefebvre RC, McKenney J, Cook B, Lasater T, and Carleton RA. "Associations Among CVD Risk Factors Within Five Adult Age Groups." AHA, 27th Annual Conference on Cardiovascular Disease Epidemiology, Charleston, SC, March, 1987.
- 4) Lasater TM, Lefebvre RC, **Assaf AR** and Carleton RA. "Reliability of a Field Protocol For Rapid Determinants of Blood Cholesterol." CVD Epidemiology Newsletter, No. 9 (1986), p.16.
- 5) Eaton CB, **Assaf A**, Gardiner M, Lasater T, Carleton RA. "Reproducibility of the Pawtucket Heart Health Step Test in the Health and Religion Project," Circulation Vol. 83, (1991), p. 736.

- 6) **Assaf A**, Eaton CB, Reynes J, Lasater T, Carleton RA. "Elevated Triglycerides and Low HDL Cholesterol: A High CHD Risk Lipid Profile." Proceedings from the 119th American Public Health Association, Epidemiology Section, Atlanta, GA (1991).
- 7) **Assaf AR**, Lapane KL, Lasater TM, Carleton RA. New Perspectives on the Gender Gap: Women Try Harder, But Are Less Successful at CVD Risk Reduction. 34th Annual Conference on Cardiovascular Disease Epidemiology and Prevention, American Heart Association, Circulation 1994;89(2).
- 8) Eaton CB, Gardiner M, Garber CE, **Assaf AR**, Lasater TM, Carleton RA. Changes in Cardiovascular fitness and cardiovascular disease risk factors after 3 years of follow-up: The health and religion project. Proceedings of 24th Annual North American Primary Care Research Group. Vancouver, Canada, 1996.

### **PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS**

- 1) Janik P, **Assaf A**, Bertram JS. "Inhibition of Growth of Primary and Metastatic Lewis Lung Carcinoma Cells by the Phosphodiesterase Inhibitor Isobutylmethylxanthine." Cancer Research, Vol. 40 (June 1980), pp. 1950-1954.
- 2) **Assaf A**, Cummings KM, Walsh D. The relationship between breast self-examination frequency, technique, and breast lump detection. Prog Clin Biol Res, 1983;130:323-329.
- 3) **Assaf AR**, Cummings KM, Graham S, et al. "A Comparison of Three Methods of Teaching Women How to Perform Breast Self-Examination," Health Education Quarterly, Vol. 12, No. 3 (Fall 1985), pp. 259-272.
- 4) Lasater TL, Lefebvre RC, **Assaf AR**, Saritelli AL and Carleton RA. "Rapid Measurement of Blood Cholesterol: Evaluation of a New Method," American Journal of Preventive Medicine, 1987;3:311-316.
- 5) Lefebvre RC, Lasater T, **Assaf A**, and Carleton R. "Pawtucket Heart Health Program: The Process of Stimulating Community Change," Scandinavian Journal of Primary Health Care, 1988;1:31-37.
- 6) McGraw SA, McKinlay SM, McClements L, Lasater TM, **Assaf AR**, and Carleton RA. "Methods in Program Evaluation: The Process Evaluation System of the Pawtucket Heart Health Program," Evaluation Review, 1989;13(5):459-483.
- 7) McKinlay S, Carleton R, McKenney J and **Assaf A**. "A New Approach to Surveillance for Myocardial Infarction: Reproducibility and Cost Efficiency," International Journal of Epidemiology, 1989;18(1):67-75.
- 8) Hunt MK, Lefebvre RC, Hixson ML, Banspach SW, **Assaf AR** and Carleton RA. "Pawtucket Heart Health Program Point of Purchase Nutrition Education in Supermarkets," American Journal of Public Health, 1990 (June);80(6):730-732.
- 9) McKenney JL, Cook BC, **Assaf AR**, Macedo JM, and Carleton RA. "Training Protocol For Health Survey Fieldwork," Health Education, 1990 (July/Aug.);21(4):12-16.
- 10) Bennett SE, Lawrence RS, Angiolillo DF, Bennett SD, Budman S, Schneider GM, **Assaf AR**, and Feldstein M. "Effectiveness of Methods Used to Teach Breast Self-Examination," American Journal of Preventive Medicine, 1990;6(4):208-217.
- 11) Rakowski W, **Assaf AR**, Lefebvre RC, Lasater TM, Niknian M, and Carleton RA. "Information-seeking about Health in a Community Sample of Adults: Correlates and Associations with Other Health-Related Practices," Health Education Quarterly, 1990;17(4):379-393.

- 12) Rakowski W, Lefebvre RC, **Assaf AR**, Lasater TM, and Carleton RA. "Health Practice Correlates in Three Adult Age Groups: Results from Two Community Surveys," Public Health Reports, 1990;105(5):481-492.
- 13) Millman RP, Levinson PD, Carlisle CC, **Assaf AR**, and Redline S. "Daytime Hypertension in Obstructive Sleep Apnea: Prevalence and Contributing Risk Factors," CHEST, 1991 (April);99:861-866.
- 14) **Assaf AR**, Banspach SW, Lasater TM, Ramsey J, Tidwell RJ and Carleton RA. "FPbase: A Microcomputer Database Software Package for Community Intervention Tracking." Public Health Reports, 1992 (Nov./Dec.); 107(6):695-700.
- 15) McKenney JL, Lapane K, Macedo JM, **Assaf AR** and Carleton RA. "Cardiovascular Disease Risk Factors and Cardiorespiratory Fitness: Assessing the Relationship in the Field with the Step Test." Medicine, Exercise, Nutrition and Health, 1993 (Mar./Apr.);2(2):100-105
- 16) Hume AL, Barbour MM, Lapane KL, **Assaf AR**, and Carleton RA. "Prevalence and Descriptors of Aspirin Use as an Antiplatelet Agent in Two New England Communities." The Annals of Pharmacotherapy, 1993 (April);27(4):442-444.
- 17) Flora JA, Lefebvre RC, Murray DM, Stone EJ, **Assaf AR**, Mittlemark M and Finnegan JR. "A Community Education Monitoring System: Methods from the Stanford Five-City Project, The Minnesota Heart Health Program, and The Pawtucket Heart Health Program." Health Education Research, 1993 (March);8(1):81-95.
- 18) Barbour MM, Hume AL, **Assaf AR**, and Carleton RA. "The Drug Database of the Pawtucket Heart Health Program: Development and Description." Pharmacotherapy, 1993 (May/June);13(3):239-243.
- 19) Hume AL, Barbour MM, Willey CJ, **Assaf AR**, Lapane K, and Carleton RA. "Changing Trends in Antihypertensive Therapy in Two New England Communities During the 1980s." Pharmacotherapy, 1993 (May/June);13(3):244-251.
- 20) Eaton CB, Reynes J, **Assaf AR**, Feldman H, Lasater T, and Carleton RA. "Predicting Physical Activity Change in Men and Women in Two New England Communities." American Journal of Preventive Medicine, 1993;9(4):209-219.
- 21) **Assaf AR**, Lapane KL, McKenney JL, and Carleton RA.. "Possible Influence of the Prospective Payment System on the Assignment of Discharge Diagnoses for Coronary Heart Disease." New England Journal of Medicine, 1993;329(13):931-935.
- 22) Reynes JF, Lasater TM, Feldman HA, **Assaf AR**, and Carleton RA. "Education and Risk Factors for Coronary Heart Disease from a Community in New England." American Journal of Preventive Medicine, 1993;9(6):365-371.
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- 4) **Assaf AR**, McKenney JL, Lapane KL, McKinlay SM, and Carleton RA, "Epidemiologic Surveillance of Coronary Heart Disease: Application of A Computerized Algorithm," presented at The Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, Chicago, Illinois, October, 1989.
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- 3) "The Relationship Between Breast Self-Examination Frequency, Technique, and Breast Lump Detection," presented at Progress in Cancer Control Conference, Bethesda, Maryland, January 21, 1983.

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- 5) "Health Promotion and Disease Prevention in the Community." Presented at The Society of Behavioral Medicine 7th Annual Scientific Sessions, San Francisco, March 7, 1986.
- 6) "The Pawtucket Heart Health Program: An Update." Presented at the US-FRG Workshop on Cardiovascular Diseases, Stuttgart, Federal Republic of Germany, September 4, 1986.
- 7) "Pawtucket Heart Health Program Survey Methodology and Morbidity and Mortality Study Design", Bremen, FRG, September 19, 1986
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- 11) "Joint Analysis of Baseline Survey Data in Pawtucket and Bremen." Presented at the 1988 US-FRG Workshop on Cardiovascular Diseases, Bethesda, Maryland, March 21, 1988.
- 12) "Formative and Process Evaluation Strategies in the Pawtucket Heart Health Program." Presented at the 1988 US-FRG Workshop on Cardiovascular Diseases, Bethesda, Maryland, March 22, 1988.
- 13) "The Pawtucket Heart Health Program: Evaluation Methodology." Presented at the Institute of Social and Preventive Medicine, Zurich, Switzerland, June 9, 1988.
- 14) "Overview of the Pawtucket Heart Health Program Intervention and Evaluation Strategies." Presented at Lunds University, Dalby, Sweden, June 20, 1988.
- 15) "Evaluation of Community Intervention Programs: Integration of Traditional Behavioral Medicine Methodology and Microcomputer Technology." Society of Behavioral Medicine Tenth Anniversary Meeting, San Francisco, California, March 29- April, 1989.
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- 19) Overview of Project Low Fat Eating for American Now (LEAN) Evaluation Strategies presented at the Project LEAN Technical Assistance Meeting, Sponsored by Kaiser Family Foundation, San Francisco, CA, January 31, 1991.

- 20) "Process Evaluation Measures as Tools to Explain Changes in U.S. Community Intervention Studies." Presented at the US-FRG Bilateral Workshop on Cardiovascular Diseases, Bremen, Germany, April 22-24, 1991.
- 21) Pawtucket Heart Health Presentation at Centers for Disease Control Seminar, Atlanta, Georgia, May 20, 1991.
- 22) "An Overview of the Pawtucket Heart Health Program: Intervention and Evaluation Strategies", Presented at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, June 4, 1991.
- 23) Nutrition is Prevention/Sixth Conference on Chronic Disease Prevention and Control, Centers for Disease Control, Washington DC, Oct. 19-24, 1991.
- 24) "Coalitions for Community-Based Public Health: Evaluating the Project LEAN State and Community Campaigns." Presented at the American Public Health Association Meeting, November 11, 1992.
- 25) "Women's Health Initiative: Clinical Trials and Observational Study." Keynote Address Presented at the Special Needs of Mature Women - a Women's Wellness Workshop Sponsored by Congressman Jack Reed, Community College of Rhode Island, June 9, 1993.
- 26) "Outreach Planning in Designing and Implementing Clinical Research." Presented at the National Institutes of Health Scientific Meeting on Recruitment and Retention of Women in Clinical Studies, Bethesda, Maryland, July 11-13, 1993.
- 27) "The Women's Health Initiative." Presented at the Rhode Island Dietetic Association Annual Fall Meeting, Warwick, Rhode Island, October 13, 1993.
- 28) "Women's Health Issues" Community Wellness Program sponsored by Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island, November 16, 1993.
- 29) "America's Women: In Pursuit of Health". Dimension Cable broadcast narrated by Liz Morrissey, August 29, 1994.
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- 31) "New Perspectives on the Gender Gap: Women Try Harder, but Are Less Successful Than Men at Reducing Cardiovascular Disease Risk Factors." Presented at the American Heart Association Council on Epidemiology and Prevention Meeting, Tampa, Florida, March 17, 1994.
- 32) "Perspectives on the Women's Health Initiative" Presented at Community Health Fall Faculty Dinner and Discussion, Providence, Rhode Island, March 30, 1994.
- 33) "The Women's Health Initiative: Addressing the Uncertainties." Presented at the Women's Health in the 90's and Beyond: A Focus on Menopause Conference, General Hospital-Cranston, Rhode Island, May 17, 1994.
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- 35) "Women's Health Initiative" Presented at Cardiology Grand Rounds, Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island, July 26, 1994.
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- 39) "The Women's Health Initiative National Perspective." Presented at Texas Woman's University 3rd Annual Research Day, Houston, Texas, March 31, 1995.
- 40) "Hormone Replacement Therapy: Should I or Shouldn't I?" Presented at the Women's Health Collective program, Warwick, Rhode Island, October 10, 1995.
- 41) "Overview of the Women's Health Initiative" Presented at the Church of the Holy Spirit, Warren, Rhode Island, February 4, 1996.
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- 54) “Hearts and Hormones – Findings from the Women’s Health Initiative Clinical Trial” presented at the Community Health Seminar, Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island, September 18, 2002.
- 55) “The WHI and Hormone Replacement Therapy: What To Do Now.” Presented at Internal Medicine Grand Rounds, Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island, 2002.
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