

Meet Cooper, the Countway Library Therapy Dog



Countway Library began a dog therapy program this summer. On Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 AM-5:00 PM, Cooper -- a friendly, energetic Shih-Tzu puppy who neither barks nor bites -- will be available to play and snuggle with library visitors for 30-minute sessions. Harvard ID

required. When not at Countway, Cooper works with Caring Canines as a registered therapy dog visiting hospitals, rehabilitation centers, and assisted living facilities in the Boston area. [Learn more](#)

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Study finds care disparities at small rural hospitals



In the first national study to examine care at critical access hospitals (CAHs) in rural areas of the U.S., HSPH researchers found that CAHs have fewer clinical capabilities, lower quality of care, and worse patient outcomes

compared with other hospitals. The researchers found that patients admitted to a CAH for heart attack, congestive heart failure, or pneumonia were at greater risk of dying within 30 days than those at other hospitals.

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Nearly 350 million adults have diabetes, study finds



A major international study collating and analyzing worldwide data on diabetes since 1980 has found that the number of adults with the disease reached 347 million in 2008, more than double the number in 1980. The research,

published reveals that the prevalence of diabetes has risen or at best remained unchanged in virtually every part of the world over the last three decades.

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Did you know?

HSPH's Kresge entrance now has new hours:

Mon-Fri:

7:00 AM-9:00 PM

Sat: 7:00 AM-3:00 PM

Sun: CLOSED

Please note that the FXB entrance is always open for access to the Kresge Building

AIDS in 1982: Buried in the Back Pages



In this podcast, HSPH's [Robin Herman](#) describes reporting the first story in the *New York Times* to use the word AIDS -- and why the *Times* editors chose to bury it.

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Patient safety experts call for shorter resident physician shifts



As of July 1, new rules limit first-year residents to shifts of no longer than 16 straight hours, but do not restrict hours for more experienced residents. These guidelines do not go far enough to protect patients from fatigue-related errors by residents, say the authors, according to a group of physicians and patient safety experts, including HSPH's [Lucian Leape](#). [Read more](#)

Read more [AIDS at 30](#) coverage from the *Harvard Public Health Review*.

Around the School

Administrative leadership changes

- **Mary Jane Curran** has been promoted to senior director of operations.
- **Michael Kan** will begin as executive dean of administration on July 18.
- **Linda Picard** has been promoted to senior director of human resources.

Faculty hires and promotions

- **Kristen Davison** was appointed Donald and Sue Pritzker associate professor of nutrition.
- **Margaret McConnell** joined the faculty as an assistant professor of global health economics in the Department of Global Health and Population.
- [Meredith Rosenthal](#) was promoted to professor of health economics and policy.