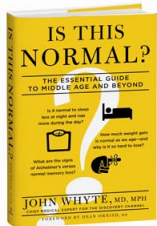


Do we shrink as we grow older?

HSPH alumnus pens book on middle-aged health issues



You used to sleep soundly for hours, but now you wake up once or twice a night. You're losing a small patch of hair on your scalp. You can't hear too well out of one ear. You have trouble remembering people's names. But you're middle-aged, so it's probably normal

--right? Harvard School of Public Health alumnus John Whyte offers advice on these and many other issues facing folks in their 40s, 50s, and 60s in his new book, *Is This Normal? The Essential Guide to Middle Age and Beyond*. [Read more](#)

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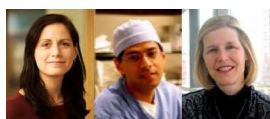
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Join the live comments, which will be featured on The Forum's 2012 [Farm Bill web page](#).

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Around the School

Three HSPH faculty members elected to IOM



HSPH faculty members [Katherine Baicker](#), [Atul Gawande](#), and [JoAnn Manson](#) are among the 65 new Institute of Medicine members announced by the IOM on October 17, 2011, in conjunction

with its 41st annual meeting. Election to the IOM is considered one of the highest honors in the fields of health and medicine and recognizes individuals who have demonstrated outstanding professional achievement and commitment to service. [Read more](#)



Prof. [Barry Bloom](#) talks about HSPH Assoc. Dean [Jay Winsten's](#) role in launching the designated driver campaign in the U.S. as part of Harvard's 375th anniversary video series. [Watch video](#)

Join the HSPH community at Fall public health conferences

Visit the [HSPH Office for Alumni Affairs](#) website to learn more about HSPH events at the [American Public Health Association Annual Meeting](#) in Washington, DC, on Oct. 31 and the [European Public Health Conference](#), held Nov. 9-12 in Copenhagen, Denmark.

Unlocking the secrets of drug resistance in malaria parasites



New research at HSPH is

HSPH's Williams honored



HSPH Prof. [David Williams](#) received the prestigious Leo G. Reeder Award from the American Sociological Association's Medical Sociology section in honor of his "outstanding and distinguished career in medical sociology." It was presented in August at the annual meeting of the ASA. [Read more](#)

HSPH partners with Mass. on childhood obesity prevention in New Bedford, Fitchburg

Pilot programs to fight childhood obesity will be launched in New Bedford and Fitchburg, thanks to a \$1.7 million federal grant awarded to the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. The Harvard School of Public Health is a partner in the effort, as is Harvard Medical School's Department of Population Medicine and the National Initiative for Children's Healthcare Quality. [Read more](#)

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applications due Nov. 1.

[Harvard University CFAR request for proposals](#)

The Harvard University Center for AIDS Research is accepting proposals for feasibility projects and scholar awards. The deadline is November 14.

[Algorithm development through crowdsourcing](#)

Harvard Catalyst announced a unique, time-limited opportunity for the Harvard community to use crowdsourcing to identify solutions to computational algorithmic problems with a health-related application.

Crowdsourcing, in this case, will be done by engaging a world-wide online community of highly-skilled problem solvers competing for prize money. Algorithms developed through crowdsourcing tend to outperform solutions derived through conventional means, sometimes by orders of magnitude. Harvard Catalyst will provide assistance in formulating the final prize statement as well as prize money for several challenges to be run on a crowdsourcing platform.

Harvard Catalyst invites faculty, associates, students, and other members of Harvard University and its affiliated institutions to submit an algorithmic problem with health-related applications for consideration. The submission deadline is November 18, 2011, with rolling decisions as of October 30.

Energized, global effort needed to target noncommunicable diseases

The United Nations, the World Health Organization, and

addressing an urgent need: early warning methods to detect the first signs of drug-resistant malaria strains, so that a swift response might keep them from gaining a foothold.

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Felicia Knaul, Harvard Global Equity Initiative (I), and Srinath Reddy

disease-specific non-governmental organizations need help to address the mounting toll of noncommunicable diseases--such as cancer, cardiovascular disease, diabetes, stroke, and chronic respiratory disease--that already annually claim an estimated 36 million lives around the globe, Visiting Prof. [Srinath Reddy](#) told an HSPH audience on September 27. He said a "grand coalition" of governments, public-private partnerships, academia, and others is needed to address NCDs, which are predicted to rise significantly in the coming years. [Read more](#)