

## Have you scheduled your performance review yet?

Visit the [HSPH Performance Management site](#) for forms and tips. All reviews must be submitted to HR by April 30.

## Routine mammograms may result in significant overdiagnosis of invasive breast cancer



New HSPH research suggests that routine mammography screening--long viewed as an essential tool in detecting early breast cancers--may also lead to a significant amount of

overdiagnosis of disease that would otherwise have proved harmless. Based on a study of women in Norway, the researchers estimate that between 15% and 25% of breast cancer cases are overdiagnosed. [Read more](#). For more discussion on the pros and cons of mammograms, view the Forum event from March 2011 [here](#).

## HSPH students seek to unravel the complexities of Chagas disease



**Callae Snively (l) and Jennifer Manne**

Chagas disease affects an estimated 8 to 11 million people worldwide. But because Chagas affects mostly the poor in Central and South America as well as immigrant populations in the U.S., it is one of the world's most neglected diseases. Many people haven't even heard of it. Now, two HSPH students are hoping to help move Chagas disease squarely onto the

world's radar screen. Jennifer Manne, a doctoral candidate in the Department of Global Health and Population, and Callae Snively, a master's candidate in the Department of Health Policy and Management, have been examining a host of Chagas-related issues--such as how best to control the bugs that transmit the disease and how to ensure patients can access available medicines. [Read more](#)

## Infant lungs prone to nanoparticle deposits

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**Dean Frenk co-authors op-ed in NY Times on universal health coverage**

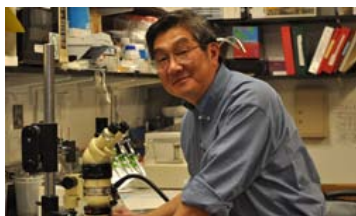


Dean Frenk and co-author David de Ferranti, a former vice president of the World Bank, outline ways in which the US can learn from the efforts of Mexico and other countries toward achieving universal health coverage. [Read Times op-ed](#)

**Student team heads to the State House**



Ten student teams



A new study led by Akira Tsuda, principal research scientist in the Molecular and Integrative Physiological Sciences Program in the Department of Environmental Health at HSPH, reveals for the first time how airflow patterns in infant lungs differ from those of adults. The discovery may explain why the lungs of babies are particularly susceptible to deposits of nanoparticles--whether beneficial particles, like inhaled medicines, or harmful ones, like air pollution. The discoveries one day could lead to improved ways to administer aerosol medications to infants and babies. [Read more](#)

competed in HSPH's first annual [Spring Challenge](#) on March 30. The winning team will present ideas on how to address prevention in health care payment reform to members of the Mass. House of Representatives on April 10.

## Around the School

### [HSPH community members to be honored at Green Carpet Awards](#)



The 3rd Annual Harvard Green Carpet Awards will be held April 12, 3:30-5:00 PM, in Sanders Theatre in Cambridge. HSPH staff members Jorge Ruiz, Custodial Services, and Jennifer Doleva, financial services, and student Devankush Saha, HSPH '12, will be honored for their individual contributions. [Jack Spengler](#), Akira Yamaguchi Professor of Environmental Health and Human Habitation, will be a presenter at this year's ceremony. Several projects at the School have been nominated in team categories:

- **Behavior Change/Admin Practices Project:** HR Employment Team's paperless new hire packet
- **Infrastructure/Green Building Project:** Kresge LED Retrofit (green house gas reduction)
- **Green Team Project:** Eco-Opportunity's Mission Grammar Recycling Project
- **Student Project:** Greening the Harvard Graduate Council Leadership Conference

### [Outings & Innings returns to Kresge](#)

Pick up movie tickets, museum passes, and more on April 11.

### [HSPH innovators submit 231 ideas](#)

Watch for news coming soon about the ideas submitted by HSPH community members and how some of them may be implemented.

### [Stair climbers, log your flights!](#)

In this year's Take the Stairs campaign, teams around the School are climbing to reach the summit of Antarctica's 16,067 ft. Vinson Massif.

## Event highlights

**Alice Hamilton Award Lecture**  
*Evolution of the Cancer Genome*

[Franziska Michor](#), associate professor of computational biology

April 11  
3:30-5:00 PM  
Kresge G-3  
Reception to follow

## Research news



[Moderate drinking may help men live longer after heart attack](#)

(U.S. News & World Report)

[No improvement in patient outcomes seen in hospitals with pay-for-performance programs](#) (HSPH release)