



Featured news

Accelerating qualitative research with the Rap-GAP method

Clarissa Hsu and Jess Mogk share a new way for learning health systems to fast-track insights from qualitative data

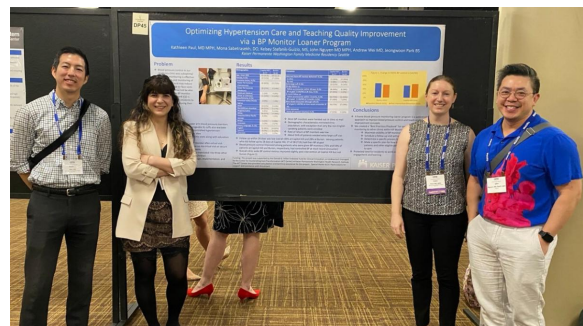


Qualitative data can yield rich results to help guide evidence-based strategies for improving health care, especially in learning health systems (LHSs). But many qualitative methods and analytic processes can't match the speed at which health care decision-makers must act. **Published recently** in the *International Journal of Qualitative Methods*, the new Rapid Group Analysis Process (Rap-GAP) is faster and more efficient than existing approaches, while also elevating diverse voices from key collaborators. In **this Q&A**, the ACT Center's **Clarissa Hsu** and **Jess Mogk** share more about what makes Rap-GAP unique and how other LHSs can use it to inform timely, evidence-based decisions.

[Read the Q&A](#)

Endowments support equity in hypertension care

How the ACT Center is leveraging its endowment funds and research expertise to explore ways to improve members' access to home blood pressure monitors



With support from the ACT Center and the Donald G. Miller, MD, Endowed Fund for Clinical Innovation, Kaiser Permanente Washington's **Family Medicine Residency Program** is leading a project to improve blood pressure control and address disparities in outcomes by loaning home blood pressure monitors to members and evaluating the impact. **This blog** from Collaborative Scientist **Kelsey Stefanik-Guizlo** describes promising early results — and how the ACT Center's strong relationship with the residency program paved the way for launching other endowment-funded projects to improve health equity within Kaiser Permanente Washington.

Read the
blog

Resources and opportunities

How to make research communications more inclusive

The ACT Center's new Checklist for Inclusive Communications encourages thoughtful language and design choices to advance equity



Soon after the ACT Center launched in 2021, the team prioritized the key goal of helping advance equity in health research — which led to the creation of a [Checklist for Inclusive Communications](#) to use across the center's many projects. Initially launched as an internal resource, the checklist is now available to anyone seeking guidance on language and design choices that promote inclusivity in research communications. In [this Q&A](#), ACT Center Communications Lead Jessica Ridpath shares how the team developed the checklist, what it offers, and how a personal connection helped inform her work on this project.

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Job opportunities at KP Washington Health Research Institute

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Are you looking for a new opportunity to collaborate on research that transforms care and improves health for communities everywhere? Kaiser Permanente Washington Health Research Institute ([KPWRHI](#)) is actively recruiting a director for our Investigative Science Division, as well as investigators across several domains — including **health equity, primary care, and mental health**. Visit the [Career Opportunities page](#) on KPWHRI's website to learn more.

People and programs

Congratulations to ACT Center partners Yates Coley and Claire Allen on their recent awards

[Yates Coley](#), the ACT Center's lead biostatistics investigator, was recently [recognized by the Puget Sound Business Journal](#) as 1 of 14 Health Care Heroes for 2024. The award recognizes work that improves personalized care across cultures and languages, and it is

given to health care professionals who "are going beyond their job descriptions to serve their communities." Yates was honored for their work to advance equity in the use of health care data for measuring treatment effectiveness, guiding treatment decisions, and predicting individual-level health risks.



ACT Center Collaborative Scientist [Claire Allen](#) was 1 of 2 KPWHRI researchers to receive the institute's [annual mentoring award for 2024](#). The award recognizes mentors who go above and beyond a typical supervisory role to help advance their colleagues' personal and professional growth. The honor is a fitting nod to Claire's positive influence as an ACT Center leader, a manager in KPWHRI's Collaborative Science Division, and an associate director in the Washington Learning Health System Embedded Scientist Training and Research ([LHS E-STAR](#)) Center.



Led by the ACT Center's Paula Lozano, the CATALyST program has a top-cited paper in *Learning Health Systems*

A paper led by ACT Center Director [Paula Lozano](#) was among the top-cited articles in *Learning Health Systems* from 2022 to 2023. Published in September 2022, the paper describes how the [CATALyST K12 Learning Health System Scholar Program](#) provided mentored research training and promoted partnerships between scholars and health system leaders. Read the paper here: [Training the next generation of learning health system scientists](#).



ACT Center team members gather to celebrate Pride

ACT Center Coordinator Robert Frazier invited his teammates to celebrate Pride with his community in Snohomish County. Sunday Brush joined him in biking along the Centennial Trail to the City of Snohomish's [2nd Annual Pride Parade](#) on June 1, where they were joined by Emily Westbrook and her family. The parade featured 61 groups showing their support for LGBTQIA+, and the weekend's festivities were attended by an estimated 10,000 people from across Central Puget Sound — marking a second great year for a small town doing big things.



Robert and several other ACT Center colleagues are looking forward to gathering next spring to support the [Seattle/King County Clinic](#). Hosted at Seattle Center, this 4-day clinic brings together

volunteers from across Washington state to provide free dental, vision, and medical services to any members of the community who have limited access to health care.

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