

Description of Research	<p>Elaine Morrato, DrPH MPH is an Professor in the Department of Health Systems, Management and Policy and Associate Dean for Public Health Practice at the Colorado School of Public Health. Board-certified in public health and trained as an epidemiologist, her research focuses on accelerating the translation of pharmaceutical innovation into clinical practice, with a particular emphasis on FDA warnings. She uses her background launching new indications and drugs in the pharmaceutical industry to inform her research. Dr. Morrato has advised the FDA on issues of drug safety and risk management in over 50 advisory committee meetings and expert panels. At the University of Colorado, she directs the Dissemination and Implementation Research program and the Innovation-Corps training program for commercialization in the Colorado Clinical &amp; Translational Sciences Institute.</p> <p>Dr. Morrato’s research has focused on understanding the effects of FDA drug safety warnings on physician behaviors using administrative claims data and mixed qualitative and survey methods. She is currently a visiting scientist with the FDA. Over the past decade, she has been a national leader in understanding the uptake of metabolic screening practices in patients with serious mental illness receiving antipsychotics. Both the medical condition and the medications prescribed increase a patient’s risk of cardiovascular disease and early mortality. She has been PI on several federal and private industry-funded studies in collaboration with Missouri Medicaid and the Department of Mental Health investigating the adoption of diabetes and lipid screening. These studies demonstrated little effect of drug warnings on screening behaviors and highlighted a gap in adherence to regulatory and medical guidelines. She recently completed an NIMH-supported study to identify how best to improve screening among Medicaid beneficiaries.</p> <p>Mentorship with Dr. Morrato through the DPRG training program would examine these issues within the context of developmental psychopathology.</p>
Methodology	Dissemination and Implementation Science, Health Services Research, Epidemiology and Outcomes
Clinical and special developmental populations	Adolescents; Bipolar; Depression; Schizophrenia
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