Development in Adolescence

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Research Interests: The links among parents' own eating and weight status, parenting practices, and child outcomes from infancy through adolescence, with a current focus on the emergence of dieting and problems of energy balance in girls during middle childhood and early adolescence.

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Research Interests: Sociocultural factors influencing the development of obesity in low-income and minority children, including family environment, neighborhood characteristics and socioeconomic status; family-based interventions to reduce and prevent obesity and related morbidities in children; understanding biobehavioral, family environmental and cultural factors that influence self-regulation of energy intake and body weight in young children.

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Mechanisms and consequences of interactions between the central nervous and immune systems in animals and man; behavioral and cognitive correlates of children's adrenocortical reactivity to naturalistic psychosocial challenges; role of cytokines in the emergence of, and continuity in atypical development. |
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Disparities in child and adolescent health; effects of context on health and health-related behavior; disparities in children's health care access and utilization; provider-family interaction in health care encounters; chronic conditions among children and adolescents including asthma and |
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Development during adolescence and emerging adulthood, with a focus on sexual attitudes and behaviors, gender role development, romantic relationships, religiosity, ethnic identity, body image, and communication; communication between adults and their parents. |
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Typical and atypical language development; children with specific language impairment; cognitive processes in communication disorders, with emphasis on speed of processing in children and adults with language disorders. |
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