

## iSPARC Corner

### Featured Researcher



**Ekaterina (Kate) Pivovarova, Ph.D.** is an Assistant Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Massachusetts Medical School, a licensed clinical psychologist, and an iSPARC researcher. Dr. Pivovarova's research interests are broadly focused on two lines of work: 1) empirical study of bioethics and 2) improving access to treatment for drug addiction in criminal justice settings. Dr. Pivovarova is a recipient of the UMMS Career Award (KL2), which has provided her with an opportunity to study participants' experiences with and retention in drug treatment courts around MA. She is also a recipient of the UMass Life Sciences Moment Fund award to examine the impact of medication for opioid use disorder on health-related quality of life. Recently, Dr. Pivovarova was elected to the Board of Directors for the Academic Consortium on Criminal Justice Health, an organization that seeks to promote health research and influence changes in correctional settings to improve treatment and management of individuals involved with the criminal justice system. Dr. Pivovarova has a forthcoming article in the peer-reviewed journal *Academic Medicine* titled "Managing Conflicts of Interests of Single Institutional Review Boards".

You can learn more about her KL2 project by watching her webinar [here](#) or reading about it [here](#).