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**Leah L. Zullig, PhD, MPH** is a health services researcher at the Durham Veterans Affairs Medical Center (VAMC) and, beginning July 2014, an Assistant Professor in the Department of Medicine at Duke University. Dr. Zullig completed her doctoral training at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in Health Policy and Management. Previously, Dr. Zullig worked as a research project director and earned a competitive pre-doctoral fellowship in cancer care quality before becoming a Core Investigator with the Center for Health Services Research in Primary Care at the Durham, North Carolina VAMC. Her research, supported by a five-year Veterans Affairs Health Service Research & Development Career Development Award, focuses on improving colorectal cancer survivors' care quality through a self-management intervention bridging cancer surveillance and chronic disease management. The goal of this work is to motivate patients' adherence to cancer surveillance, lifestyle change, and medication management, culminating in the implementation of an adherence intervention. In addition to her Career Development Award, Dr. Zullig's research focuses on the reduction of healthcare disparities, and promoting patient chronic disease self-management through medication adherence. She has authored over 35 peer-reviewed publications, including an editorial in *JAMA* that discusses ingredients of successful medication adherence improvement interventions. Dr. Zullig completed her BS in Health Promotion and her MPH in Public Health Administration.