

Virtual Care CORE



May 2023 Newsletter

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Recent News from OCC and the VC CORE

VA Virtual Care Presentations @ Upcoming Conferences

We are exceptionally proud of the VA/VC CORE investigators whose abstracts have been accepted to the upcoming SGIM and Academy Health Conferences. While we list the VC related presentations below, many other investigators from the VA will be presenting and hosting workshops at both conferences, and we encourage all to attend each other's sessions!

See the attached SGIM VA Sessions PDF for a more thorough accounting of our presence at that conference; and please let us know if you plan to present VC related work at Academy Health, so we can spotlight your presentations in June!

@ SGIM

- *Necessary but Not Sufficient: Implementation and Effectiveness of VA's Digital Divide Initiative During the COVID-19 Pandemic*; Donna Zulman, MD; **Thursday May 11, 2:30 PM**
- *A Novel Short-Term Staffing and Telehealth Program with Implications for Primary Care Wait-Times in the VHA*; Peter Kaboli, MD; **Saturday May 13, 11:20 AM**

@ Academy Health

- *The Promise and Challenges of Wearable Devices in Clinical Research*; Panel Discussion led by Garrett Ash, PhD, Lisa Fucito, PhD, and Terry Newton, MD; **Saturday June 24, 2:30 PM**
- *Healthcare Professionals' Experience from Project Resilience: Perceptions of Factors Impacting Feasibility & Acceptability of a Fitbit Distribution Program at Veterans Health Administration*; Selene Mak, PhD, MPH & Team; **Sunday June 25, 3:30 PM**
- *Integrating Consumer-Grade Wearable Devices into Clinical Care: Perspectives from Healthcare Professionals at Veterans Healthcare Administration*; Garrett Ash, PhD & Team; **Sunday June 25, 3:30 PM**

Funding Opportunity: TeleHealth Research and Innovation for Veterans with Cancer (THRIVE) Associate Investigator Program RFA

The TeleHealth Research and Innovation for Veterans with Cancer (THRIVE) center (PIs: Drs. Scott Sherman Danil Makarov of the VA NYH HCS and Dr. Leah Zullig of the Durham VA ADAPT COIN) recently released its second Associate Investigator Program RFA. This training program includes ~25k in FY24 funding for early career investigators (pre-major award such as CDA, R01, K) and an extensive mentorship and foundational curriculum in

areas of teleoncology and health equity research. Applications are due June 5th at 11:59 PM EST and are relatively brief and straightforward – please see the RFA PDF attached to the May Newsletter email for details. Applicants with a mentor with funded research at the VA will be preferred. For those who have advanced beyond this point in your careers, please consider forwarding to mentees or junior researchers to whom the AIP might be of interest!

May 9 & 10 TeleBehavioral Health Summit: Emerging Challenges and Innovations in Virtual Care

The TeleBehavioral Health (TeleBH) Summit is a free two-day, CME-accredited virtual conference, solely focused on today’s emerging topics in digital and TeleBehavioral Health care. Building on the Behavioral Health Institute’s TeleBH Training series, the Summit brings together national subject matter experts and thought leaders to address the challenges and innovations in the new digital landscape brought on by the dramatic changes caused by the COVID public health emergency, which will be lifted on May 11, 2023.

Though the Summit is not an official VA training program, many lead speakers are from the VA. It is also free, has affordable CME for most professions, and will not promote any commercial products. Anyone providing services or leading programs for individuals who live with mental health and substance use issues is encouraged to attend. For the event schedule, speaker profiles, and registration, please visit the Summit [website](#).

Funding and Dissemination Opportunities and Deadlines

Opportunities	Contact	Deadline
TeleHealth Research and Innovation for Veterans with Cancer (THRIVE) Associate Investigator Program FY24 RFA	Navid.Dardashti@va.gov	6/5/2023

Recent Virtual Care Publications

- Nothing to report this month! Please continue to submit your recent publications to elizabeth.duran@va.gov for dissemination through this newsletter.

Upcoming Presentations and Cyberseminars

Title	Presenter(s)	Date/Time
Technology-based Couples' Interventions for PTSD	Kayla Knopp, PhD	5/10/2023 12:00- 1:00 PM EST
Leveraging Technology to Target PTSD and Moral Injury With Moral Elevation	Adam McGuire, PhD	6/14/2023 12:00- 1:00 PM EST
Mobile and Web-based Intervention for Veteran Couples With PTSD and Pain	Jolie Haun, PhD	7/12/2023 12:00- 1:00 PM EST

Past Presentations and Cyberseminars

Title	Presenter(s)	Date/Time
The Center for Mobile Apps Research Resources & Services (CMARRS): Helping to Advance mHealth and Technology Research Across VA	Haijing Hallenbeck, PhD Eric Kuhn, PhD Lindsay Stanley, MHS	4/12/2023 12:00 – 1:00 PM EST
Informed Decision Making for App Selection: Research, Regulation and Real World Approaches VA employees can register for CE credit in TMS here Not a VA employee? Register in TRAIN	John Torous, MD, MBI	4/12/2023 12:00 – 1:00 PM EST (a regrettable double-booking)

Links to Resources

Telehealth

- [VHA Telehealth Services Website](#)
- [Telehealth Intranet Site](#)
- [VHA Mobile and Peripheral Devices for Facilities](#)

VA Mobile

- [VA Mobile | VA App Store](#)
- [New VA Mobile 'My App List' functionality/categories](#)
- [ANNIE Automated Texting System | SharePoint site](#)
- [VACO Mobile Mental Health & Technology | SharePoint site](#)
- [VA Mobile Health Practice Guide | SharePoint site](#)

MyHealtheVet

- [MyHealtheVet | Portal Homepage](#)
- [MyHealtheVet | VA Intranet Product Homepage](#)
- [My HealtheVet Statistics - My HealtheVet Product \(va.gov\)](#)
- [My HealtheVet Secure Messaging Reports Guide](#)

Data Reports, Measures, Definitions, and Training

- [VHA Reports and Measures Portal \(RAMP\)](#)
- [Reporting and Analytics Field Training \(RAFT\)](#)
- [VSSC – Connected Care, Telehealth, Call Centers](#)
- [Data Definitions for VSSC Data Cubes](#)

Patient Generated Health Data

- [Approved VA Policy on PGHD](#)
- [PGHD video for staff](#)

General Office of Connected Care

- [Connected Care Website](#)
- [Connected Care Outreach Toolkit](#)
- [Connected Care Academy](#) (VA Intranet Required)

Contact Information

- For any comments or questions about material in this newsletter or about the Virtual Care Consortium of Research, please email the CORE team at VHAVirtualCareCore@va.gov.
- Please let us know if you have news to share with the community! Email us and we will add it to the next newsletter.
- Finally, [follow us on Twitter](#) for regular, bird-sized bits of information!

The mission of the VA Virtual Care Consortium of Research is to facilitate research that evaluates and improves use of virtual care to enhance the accessibility, capacity and quality of VA health care and Veteran experience.
