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Research Enhancement Award Program

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Executive Summary for Fiscal Year 2011

The mission of our Center is to conduct interdisciplinary research to improve processes and outcomes of care for veterans with serious illness and those using multiple health care systems (e.g. Medicare and VHA) and sites (e.g. acute care, hospice, Community Living Centers). During FY11, our research focused on improving continuity of care for veterans with complex conditions; interventions to reduce medication errors during transitions in care; appropriate use of carotid endarterectomy; appropriateness of diagnostic and therapeutic interventions for veterans for stroke; effects of palliative consultations on VA hospital costs; pain care for veterans using the emergency department; use of VA and Medicare by older veterans with new disability; and the use of a regional health information organization (RHIO) to improve care coordination for veterans using both VA and non-VA care.