



East Orange

Research Enhancement Award Program

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Executive Summary for Fiscal Year 2009

The VA New Jersey Health Care System's Center for Healthcare Knowledge Management for Chronic Complex Illness is based at the East Orange VAMC. It was initially funded in July 2003, and refunded beginning October 1, 2008. The major collaborating academic institutions include the Rutgers University Institute for Health's Division of Health Behaviors, and the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey-New Jersey Medical School Department of Preventive Medicine. The are three strategic goals framing our work during the current funding period:

1. Evaluation of effectiveness of care by assessing how care for one condition (or clusters of conditions) affects the care for other comorbid conditions, thus impacting overall morbidity, mortality, and expenditures.
2. Evaluation of quality, costs, and efficiency of care by developing composite quality measures linked with costs (efficiency).
3. Development and evaluation of care coordination strategies that will improve veterans' adherence to and outcomes of care.