

HSR&D and QUERI Centers, projects, Career Development Awards, and highlighted publications in Providence include:

COIN (Center of Innovation):

Center of Innovation in Long-Term Services and Supports for Vulnerable Veterans

Director: James Rudolph, MD

This Center will stimulate and develop research that will enhance the implementation of programs to support the mission of VA's Geriatrics and Extended Care Service (GEC) in maximizing Veterans' social participation and quality of life in the least restrictive setting possible.

CREATE (Collaborative Research to Enhance and Advance Transformation and Excellence):

Long-Term Care

Director: Vincent Mor, PhD

The goal of this CREATE is to conduct research that will provide the tools, evidence, and evaluation information necessary for VHA Geriatrics and Extended Care (GEC) policymakers and staff to transform the spectrum of LTC services. CREATE projects include:

- Increasing Veterans' Use of Community-based LTC via Timely Discharge from VA CLCs – *Susan Allen, PhD*
- Medical Foster Homes: A Safe, Cost Effective Substitute for Nursing Homes? – *Cari Levy, MD, PhD* (housed in Denver)
- Implementing and Evaluating INTERACT in VA CLCs – *Vincent Mor, PhD*
- Developing and Implementing a Toolkit for Measuring CLC Cultural Transformation – *Christine Hartmann, PhD* (housed in Bedford)

QUERI Partnered Evaluation Initiative:

Disseminating a Dashboard for VA Purchased Community Nursing Homes

Principal Investigator: James Rudolph, MD

The overarching goal of this project is to improve the quality of care Veterans receive in purchased Community Nursing Home (CNH) facilities. To accomplish this, investigators will examine the process for purchased CNH selection and oversight, introduce the CNH dashboard as a tool to inform decision-makers about quality of purchased CNH care, and enhance Veteran-specific CNH quality measures on the CNH Dashboard.

Currently Funded Projects

- Can Concurrent Hospice Care and Cancer Treatment Achieve Superior Outcomes? – *Vincent Mor, PhD*
- Training and Coaching to Promote High Performance in VA Community Living Centers – *David Dosa, MD*
- Veterans Coping Long-Term with Suicide – *Jennifer Primack, PhD*
- The Veteran-Directed Home and Community-Based Services Program: Impact and Implementation – *James Rudolph, MD*
- Group Medical Visits in Heart Failure for Post-Hospitalization Follow-Up – *Wen-Chih Wu, MD*

Highlighted Publications

- ***Study Evaluates Timing and Duration of Hospice and Palliative Care across VA, Medicare, and VA-Purchased Care***
Gidwani R, Joyce N, Kinosian B, Faricy-Anderson K, Levy C, Miller S, Ersek M, Wagner T, and Mor V. Gap between Recommendations and Practice of Palliative Care and Hospice in Cancer Patients. *Journal of Palliative Medicine*. May 26, 2016;e-pub ahead of print.
- ***VA Captures More Complete Quality Performance Data Compared to Medicare Advantage***
Trivedi AN, Wilson IB, Charlton ME, and Kizer KW. Agreement between HEDIS Performance Assessments in the VA and Medicare Advantage: Is Quality in the Eye of the Beholder? *INQUIRY: The Journal of Health Care Organization, Provision, and Financing*. March 31, 2016;53.
- ***Study Shows No Evidence that Dual Use of VA and Medicare Advantage Results in Worse Patient Outcomes***
Cooper A, Jiang L, Yoon J, Charlton M, Wilson I, Mor V, Kizer K, and Trivedi A. Dual System Use and Intermediate Health Outcomes among Veterans Enrolled in Medicare Advantage Plans. *Health Services Research*. December 2015;50(6):1868-90.

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