

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

## **COIN (Center of Innovation):**

### **Pain Research, Informatics, Multi-morbidities, and Education (PRIME) Center**

*Director:* Lori Bastian, MD

PRIME's mission is to study the interactions between pain and associated chronic conditions and behavioral health factors.

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

### **Pain Management and Patient-Aligned Care**

*Director:* Joseph Goulet, PhD

This CREATE program has three specific goals: enhance Veterans' access to empirically validated and guideline-concordant pain care; leverage health information technology to promote better pain care for Veterans; and build sustainable improvements in pain care that are applicable beyond the life of the CREATE. CREATE projects include:

- Musculoskeletal Diagnoses Cohort: Examining Pain and Pain Care in the VA – *Joseph Goulet, PhD*
- Effective Screening for Pain – *Karl Lorenz, MD* (housed in Los Angeles)
- Comprehensive Opioid Management in Patient Aligned Care Teams (COMPACT) – *Alicia Heapy, PhD*

### **Women Veterans Healthcare** (housed in Los Angeles)

A project funded under this CREATE is housed in West Haven:

- Evaluation of Quality and Coordination of Outsourced Care for Women Veterans – *Lori Bastian, MD, MPH*

## **QUERI (Quality Enhancement Research Initiative):**

### **Improving Pain-Related Outcomes for Veterans**

*Principal Investigator:* William Becker, MD

The primary goal of this Program is to improve safe and effective pain management through partnered implementation of personalized, proactive, patient-centered interventions that optimize access to care.

## **Currently Funded Projects**

- A Pilot Intervention to Help Homeless and At-Risk Veterans Manage their Money – *Jack Tsai, PhD*
- Discontinuing NSAIDs in Veterans with Knee Osteoarthritis – *Liana Fraenkel, MD, MPH*
- Women Veterans Cohort Study 2 – *Sally Haskell, MD*
- Hypertension Improvement Pilot Intervention in Post-Stroke Veterans – *Jason Sico, MD*
- Pain-related Anxiety Intervention for Smokers with Chronic Pain: A Comparative Effectiveness Trial of Smoking Cessation Counseling for Veterans – *Lori Bastian, MD, MPH*
- Promoting Advance Care Planning as a Healthy Behavior – *Terri Fried, MD*
- Weight Loss Treatment and CBT for Veterans with Binge Eating – *Robin Masheb, PhD*

## Current Career Development Awardees

- *Eric Hermes, MD* – Implementing and Evaluating Computer-Based Interventions for Mental Health
- *Jason Sico, MD* – Improving Cerebrovascular Risk Factor Management in Post-Stroke Veterans
- *Jack Tsai, PhD* – Evaluation of VA's Supported Housing Program for Homeless Veterans

## Highlighted Publications

- ***VA Hepatitis C Care and Experiences with the Choice Program***  
Tsai J, Yakovchenko V, Jones N, et al. "Where's My Choice?" An Examination of Veteran and Provider Experiences with Hepatitis C Treatment through the Veteran Affairs Choice Program. *Medical Care*. July 2017;55(Suppl 7 Suppl 1):S13-19.
- ***OEF/OIF/OND Veterans that Currently Smoke More Likely to Receive Opioid Prescription than Non-Smokers***  
Bastian L, Driscoll M, Heapy A, et al. Cigarette Smoking Status and Receipt of an Opioid Prescription among Veterans of Recent Wars. *Pain Medicine*. June 1, 2017;18(6):1089-97.
- ***Study Assesses Self-Management Intervention for Chronic Pain***  
Heapy A, Higgins D, Goulet J, et al. Interactive Voice Response-Based Self-management for Chronic Back Pain: The COPES Noninferiority Randomized Trial. *JAMA Internal Medicine*. June 1, 2017;177(6):765-73.

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