

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

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

### **Center for Clinical Management Research (CCMR)**

*Director:* Eve Kerr, MD, MPH

CCMR works to implement and evaluate different ways to make healthcare more patient-centered, effective, safer, and more affordable.

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

### **Transforming Prevention into Action** (housed in Durham)

A project funded under this CREATE is housed in Ann Arbor:

- Stay Strong: A physical activity program for Afghanistan and Iraq Veterans – *Laura Damschroder, MPH*

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

### **Implementing Goals of Care Conversations with Veterans in VA Long-Term Care (LTC) Settings**

*Principal Investigator:* Anne Sales, PhD, RN

This QUERI program focuses on improving the provision of Veteran-centered care in VA Community Living Centers (CLCs) and Home-Based Primary Care Programs (HBPCs), and is designed to support a process that incorporates Veterans' preferences for care, particularly services and interventions that are typically used in the event of a life-threatening emergency.

### **ProVE: PeRsonalizing Options through Veteran Engagement**

*Principal Investigators:* Julie Lowery, PhD; Angela Fagerlin, PhD; Ann-Marie Rosland, MD, MS

This QUERI program will focus on individualizing prevention strategies and treatments to optimize care delivered to Veterans. Investigators will work to improve the appropriateness of care (e.g., decrease overuse and underuse), increase Veteran engagement in their healthcare, and enhance Veterans' experiences.

## **QUERI Partnered Evaluation Initiative:**

### **VA Nursing: Effectiveness and Entry**

*Principal Investigator:* Anne Sales, PhD, RN

The long-term objective is to support the work of the Office of Nursing Services by evaluating initiatives they have designated as key to supporting their mission. These include Staffing Methodology and RN Transition-to-Practice, both of which focus on supporting effective nurse staffing and retaining new graduate nurses in practice.

## **Currently Funded Projects at Ann Arbor**

- Optimizing Veteran-Centered Prostate Cancer Survivorship Care – *Sarah Hawley, PhD, MPH*
- Veteran College Students Mental Health and Academic Achievement – *Paul Pfeiffer, MD, MS*
- Technologically Enhanced Coaching (TEC): A Program for Improving Diabetes Outcomes – *Michele Heisler, MD, MPA*
- Promoting Veteran-Centered Colorectal Cancer Screening – *Sameer Saini, MD*

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- REcovery after in hoSpital Cardiac arrest: late outcomes and Utilization\_ResCU – *Brahmajee Nallamothu, MD*
- Identifying and Reducing Catheter-Related Complications – *Sarah Krein, PhD, RN*
- Veteran Peer-Assisted Computerized Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Depression – *Paul Pfeiffer, MD, MS*
- Comparative Outcomes of Pharmacologic Treatment for Veteran Smokers – *Sonia Duffy, PhD, MS, RN*
- Assessing Hypertension Care for Aged Veterans: Balancing Risks and Benefits – *Lillian Min, MD, MSHS*
- VA Response to Guidance Regarding Risks of Psychotropic Medication Use – *Anne Sales, PhD, RN*
- Engaging Veterans and Family Supporters in PACT to Improve Diabetes Management – *Ann-Marie Rosland, MD, MS*
- Primary Care Intervention to Reduce Prescription Opioid Overdoses – *Amy Bohnert, PhD, MHS*
- Patient-Centered Pain Care Using Artificial Intelligence and Mobile Health Tools – *John Piette, PhD*
- Facilitating Use of the Veterans Crisis Line in High-Risk Patients – *Mark Ilgen, PhD*
- Identifying, Measuring, and Facilitating Opportunities for De-intensification of Medical Services – *Eve Kerr, MD, MPH*
- Peer Support to Enhance Diabetes Shared Medical Appointments: Examining Comparative Effectiveness in VA Health Systems – *Michele Heisler, MD, MPA*
- Incorporating Treatment Outcomes into Quality Measurement of Depression Care – *Paul Pfeiffer, MD, MS*

## Current Career Development Awardees

- *Kipling Bohnert, PhD* – VA Healthcare Delivery for OEF/OIF Veterans with Mental and Substance Use Disorders
- *Jeffrey Kullgren, MD, MPH, MS* – Improving Veteran Engagement in Diabetes Prevention
- *Ted Skolarus, MD, MPH* – Improving the Prostate Cancer Survivorship Care of Veterans
- *Jeremy Sussman, MD, MS* – Implementation Research of Benefit-Based Treatment for Cardiovascular Disease
- *Akbar Waljee, MD, MSc* – Risk Stratification and Targeted Therapy for HELP Diseases in Veterans

## Research Career Scientists

- *Sarah Krein, PhD, RN*
- *John Piette, PhD*

## Highlighted Publications

- ***Neuroimaging Overuse More Common among Medicare Patients Compared to VA Patients***  
Burke J, Kerr E, McCammon R, et al. Neuroimaging Overuse is More Common in Medicare Compared to the VA. *Neurology*. August 23, 2016;87(8):792-98.
- ***Study Suggests National Program to Prevent Catheter-Associated Urinary Tract Infection is Successful in Non-ICU Settings***  
Saint S, Greene M, Krein S, et al. A Program to Prevent Catheter-Associated Urinary Tract Infection in Acute Care. *The New England Journal of Medicine*. June 2, 2016;374(22):2111-119.
- ***Increased Dose of Prescription Opioids Raises Risk of Suicide among Veterans with Chronic Non-Cancer Pain***  
Ilgen M, Bohnert A, Ganoczy D, Bair M, McCarthy J, and Blow F. Opioid Dose and Risk of Suicide. *Pain*. May 2016;157(5):1079-84.

- ***Study Examines Factors Associated with VA and Non-VA Mental Health Service Use among National Guard Soldiers***

Gorman L, Sripada R, Ganoczy D, Walters H, Bohnert K, Dalack G, and Valenstein M. Determinants of National Guard Mental Health Service Utilization in VA versus Non-VA Settings. Health Services Research. February 3, 2016;e-pub ahead of print.

- ***Article Discusses New Approach to Performance Measurement***

McGlynn E and Kerr E. Creating Safe Harbors for Quality Measurement Innovation and Improvement. JAMA (Viewpoint). January 12, 2016;315(2):129-30.

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