

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

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

### **Center for the Study of Healthcare Innovation, Implementation and Policy**

*Director:* Elizabeth Yano, PhD, MSPH

This Center's mission is to develop and test innovations for improving the effectiveness and value of VA healthcare.

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

### **Women Veterans Healthcare**

*Director:* Elizabeth Yano, PhD, MSPH

This CREATE will examine the essential factors that facilitate (or slow) the pace, effectiveness, and outcomes of delivery of comprehensive care for women Veterans within the VA healthcare system. Projects funded in this CREATE include:

- Lost to Care: Attrition of Women Veterans New to VHA – *Susan Frayne, MD, MPH* (housed in Palo Alto)
- Impacts of Delivery of Comprehensive Women's Healthcare in the VA – *Danielle Rose, PhD, MPH*
- Implementation of VA Women's Health Patient Aligned Care Teams (WH-PACTs) – *Elizabeth Yano, PhD, MSPH*
- Controlled Trial of Tele-Support and Education for Women's Healthcare in CBOCs – *Donna Washington, MD, MPH*
- Evaluation of Quality and Coordination of Outsourced Care for Women Veterans – *Lori Bastian, MD, MPH* (housed in West Haven)

### **Improving Therapeutic Decision-Making through Veteran-Centered Population Analytics**

*Director:* Matthew Samore, MD (Salt Lake City)

A project funded under this CREATE that is housed in Los Angeles is:

- Cognitive Support Informatics for Antimicrobial Stewardship – *Peter Glassman, MBBS, MSc*

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

### **Enhancing Mental and Physical Health of Women through Engagement and Retention (EMPOWER) QUERI**

*Principal Investigator:* Alison Hamilton, PhD, MPH

EMPOWER QUERI is designed to improve women Veterans' engagement and retention in evidence-based care for three high-priority health conditions: diabetes, cardiovascular disease, and anxiety/depression.

## **Improving Patient-Centered Care Coordination for High-Risk Veterans in PACT (Patient-Aligned Care Team)**

*Principal Investigator:* Lisa Rubenstein, MD, MSPH

The Care Coordination QUERI aims to learn how to improve coordination between the Veteran, his or her primary care team, and the specialty care, emergency department, hospital, and home community resources the Veteran may need.

## **QUERI Partnered Evaluation Center:**

### **QUERI-Office of Health Equity Partnered Evaluation Center**

*Principal Investigator:* Donna Washington, MD, MPH

This Partnered Evaluation Initiative will use a population health approach to examine the distribution of diagnosed health conditions, mortality, and healthcare quality across the entire VA healthcare system, as defined by Veterans' membership, or not, in vulnerable population groups.

## **Evidence-Based Synthesis Center**

*Director:* Paul Shekelle, MD, PhD

ESP Centers generate evidence syntheses on important clinical practice topics. These reports help develop clinical policies informed by evidence, the implementation of effective services to improve patient outcomes and to support VA clinical practice guidelines and performance measures, and set the direction for future research to address gaps in clinical knowledge.

## **Currently Funded Projects at Los Angeles**

- Improving Quality of Care in Parkinson's Disease: A Randomized Controlled Trial – *Karen Connor, PhD, RN, MBA*
- Women's Health Research Consortium/Practice-Based Research Network – *Elizabeth Yano, PhD, MSPH*
- VHA-Indian Health Service Collaborations in Rural Health: HBPC – *B. Josea Kramer, PhD, MS*
- Novel Treatment of Comorbid Insomnia and Sleep Apnea in Older Veterans – *Cathy Alessi, MD*
- Exploring Exits From Homelessness for Veterans with Serious Mental Illness – *Sonya Gabrielian, MD, MPH*
- Motivationally Enhanced Mobile Delivery of MOVE! to Veterans with Mental Illness – *Amy Cohen, PhD*
- The Cost Effectiveness of Complementary and Alternative Treatments to Reduce Pain – *Stephanie Taylor, PhD, MPH*
- A Patient-Focused Approach to Insomnia Treatment for Women Veterans – *Jennifer Martin, PhD*
- Adherence to the Use of Home Telehealth Devices by Veterans with Heart Failure – *Jenice Ria Guzman, PhD, MSN*
- PACT to Improve Health Care in People with Serious Mental Illness (SMI-PACT) – *Alexander Young, MD, MSHS*

## **Current Career Development Awardees**

- *Katherine Hoggatt, PhD, MPH* – Improving Care for Women Veterans with Substance Use Disorders

## **Research Career Scientists**

- *Elizabeth Yano, PhD, MSPH*

## Highlighted Publications

- ***The Gerontologist Supplement Highlights VA Research on Health Issues Affecting Older Women Veterans***  
The Gerontologist. Women Veterans in the Women's Health Initiative. February 1, 2016; 56:1:115-125.
- ***Study Suggests Mental Health Conditions are Common among Patients Seeking and Undergoing Bariatric Surgery***  
Dawes AJ, Maggard-Gibbons M, Maher AR, Booth MJ, Mlake-Lye I, Beroes JB, and Shekelle PG. Mental Health Conditions Among Patients Seeking and Undergoing Bariatric Surgery: A Meta-analysis. JAMA. January 12, 2016;315(2):150-63.
- ***Study Suggests Data from Electronic Health Records Can Predict and Possibly Prevent Missed Patient Appointments***  
Reid M, Cohen S, Wang H, Kaung A, Patel A, Tashjian V, Williams D, Martinez B, and Spiegel B. Preventing Patient Absenteeism: Validation of a Predictive Overbooking Model. American Journal of Managed Care. December 2015;21(12):902-910.
- ***Wide Variation Documented Among VA Providers in Potential Overuse of Antibiotics for Acute Respiratory Infections***  
Jones B, Sauer B, Jones M, Campo J, Damal K, He T, Ying J, Greene T, Goetz M, Neuhauser M, Hicks L, and Samore M. Variation in Outpatient Antibiotic Prescribing for Acute Respiratory Infections in the Veteran Population. Annals of Internal Medicine. July 21, 2015;163(2):73-80.
- ***Prevalence of Alcohol Misuse among Women Veterans High Regardless of Care Setting***  
Hoggatt K, Williams E, Der-Martirosian C, Yano E, and Washington DL. National Prevalence and Correlates of Alcohol Misuse in Women Veterans. Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment. May 2015;52:10-16.
- ***A Systematic Review: EHR-based Interventions for Reducing Inappropriate Imaging in the Clinical Setting***  
Goldzweig C, Orshansky G, Paige N, Mlake-Lye I, Beroes J, Ewing B, and Shekelle P. Electronic Health Record-Based Interventions for Improving Appropriate Diagnostic Imaging. Annals of Internal Medicine. April 21, 2015;162(8):557-64.
- ***VA Healthcare for Women Veterans: Medical Care Supplement***  
Women Veterans' Health and Health Care. Medical Care April 2015;53(Suppl 4):S1-164.
- ***Pilot Study Implements HIV Rapid-Testing in Homeless Shelters***  
Anaya HD, Butler J, Knapp H, et al. Implementing an HIV Rapid-Testing/Linkage to Care Project among Homeless Individuals in Los Angeles County: A Collaborative Effort between Federal, County, and City Government. American Journal of Public Health. January 2015;105(1):85-90.

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