

HSR&D and QUERI Centers, projects, Career Development Awards, and highlighted publications in Pittsburgh/Philadelphia:

## COIN (Center of Innovation):

### Center for Health Equity Research and Promotion (CHERP)

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CHERP's mission is to advance the quality and equity of health and healthcare for Veterans through rigorous health services research, collaborations, partnerships with operations and policy stakeholders, research training and mentoring, and service.

## Currently Funded Projects

- Examining Contraceptive Use and Unmet Need Among Women Veterans – *Sonya Borrero, MD, MS*
- Development of a Multidimensional Pain Measure for Persons with Dementia – *Mary Ersek, PhD, RN*
- Dual Use of VA-Medicare Drug Benefits and Unsafe Prescribing in Dementia Patients – *Joshua Thorpe, PhD, MPH*
- Costs and Outcomes of Chronic Heart Disease Care in the VHA – *Peter Groeneveld, MD, MS*
- Using Peer Mentors to Support PACT Team Efforts to Improve Diabetes Control – *Judith Long, MD*
- Staying Positive: An Intervention to Reduce Osteoarthritis Pain Disparities – *Leslie Hausmann, PhD*
- Safety of Opioid Use among Veterans Receiving Care in Multiple Health Systems – *Walid Gellad, MD, MPH*
- Comparison of E-Health vs. In-Person Delivered Family Psychoeducation Treatment – *Armando Rotondi, PhD*
- STORM Implementation Program Evaluation – *Walid Gellad, MD, MPH*
- Intimate Partner Violence: Patient Characteristics, Service Use, and Experiences – *Melissa Dichter, PhD, MSW*
- Effects of a Mindfulness Intervention Delivered within Diabetes Education on Diabetes-Related Outcomes in Military Veterans – *Monica DiNardo, PhD*
- De-Intensifying Unnecessary Medications in VA CLC Residents Nearing End of Life – *Carolyn Thorpe, PhD, MPH*
- Comparative Effectiveness of Delivery Methods for Caregiver Support and Education – *Shahrazad Mavandadi, PhD*

## Current Career Development Awardees

- *John Blosnich, PhD, MPH* – Health Outcomes and Healthcare Use Among Transgender Veterans
- *Adam Bramoweth, PhD* – Implementation of Brief Treatments for Insomnia in Primary Care

## Highlighted Publications

- ***VA National Transplant System Shows No Racial/Ethnic Disparities in Evaluating Veterans for Kidney Transplant***

Freeman M, Pleis J, Bornemann K, Crowell E, Dew M, Chang C-C, Switzer G, Langone A, Mittalhenkle A, Saha S, Ramkumar M, Flohr J, Thomas C, and Myaskovsky L. Has the Department of Veterans Affairs Found a Way to Avoid Racial Disparities in the Evaluation Process for Kidney Transplantation? *Transplantation*. August 1, 2016; e-pub ahead of print.

- ***Higher Risk of Suicidal Ideation among Veterans Seeking Mental Health Treatment from both VA and non-VA Facilities Compared to Veterans Seeking VA Treatment Only***  
 Blossnich J, Brenner L, and Bossarte R. Population Mental Health among U.S. Military Veterans: Results of the Veterans Health Module of the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, 2011-2012. *Annals of Epidemiology*. August 2016;26(8):592-96.
- ***Racial and Ethnic Differences in Primary Care Experiences for Veterans with Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders***  
 Jones A, Mor M, Cashy J, Gordon A, Haas G, Schaefer J, and Hausmann L. Racial/Ethnic Differences in Primary Care Experiences in Patient-Centered Medical Homes among Veterans with Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders. *Journal of General Internal Medicine*. June 20, 2016;e-pub ahead of print.
- ***Investigators Establish Typology for Veterans with Diabetes who Utilize Both VA Healthcare and Medicare***  
 Radomski T, Zhao X, Thorpe C, Thorpe J, Good C, Mor M, Fine M, and Gellad W. VA and Medicare Utilization among Dually-Enrolled Veterans with Type 2 Diabetes: A Latent Class Analysis. *Journal of General Internal Medicine*. May 2016;31(5):524-31.
- ***Potential Problems and Suggested Solutions for VA as Veterans Take Advantage of Dual Use Care via the “Choice Act”***  
 Gellad WF. The Veterans Choice Act and Dual Health System Use. *Journal of General Internal Medicine, Commentary*. February 2016;31(2):153-54.

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