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## **BREAKFAST SESSIONS** *All Sessions 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.*

**Thursday, February 17**

### **Central IRB, Engagement, and New Investigator Responsibilities for VA Human Research** **Annapolis 1**

*Moderators: K. Lynn Cates, M.D.; Annette R. Anderson, M.S., R.H.I.A., C.I.P.; Kevin L. Nellis, M.S., M.T. (A.S.C.P.)*

This session will provide basic information on VA Central IRB review of HSR&D multi-site studies, including what it means for a site to be “engaged” vs. “not engaged” in human research. It also will provide information on the new paragraphs on investigator responsibilities for VA human research in VHA Handbook 1200.05 (published October 15, 2010). Half the session will be left open for questions and discussion.

### **Achieving Equity in VA Healthcare: Updates and Future Directions** **Annapolis 2**

*Moderator: Leslie Hausmann, Ph.D.*

All HSR&D conference attendees interested in promoting equitable healthcare services and health outcomes for Veterans are encouraged to attend this informational and networking session hosted by the Center for Health Equity Research and Promotion (CHERP). We invite you to join us for a discussion of five key initiatives that address the high-priority goal of promoting equity in VA:

- 2010 Field-Based Conference, “VA Equity Research: Moving the Field Forward”
- Inter-QUERI Equity Improvement Workgroup
- Evidence Synthesis Disparities Project
- Analysis of race and gender differences in quality of care and patient satisfaction by the Office of Quality and Performance
- Center for Minority Veterans’ campaign to form an Office of Minority Health within VA

### **VERC/Systems Redesign/QUERI** **Annapolis 3**

*Moderator: David Atkins, M.D., M.P.H.*

This meeting will bring together investigators from the Veterans Engineering Resource Centers (VERCs), the QUERI program, the Systems Redesign program, and interested HSRD investigators to discuss possible areas of collaboration on research. It will build on last summer’s meeting in Indianapolis to try to identify some discrete areas where collaboration would be mutually beneficial.

### **Pain Research Working Group (Pain SIG)** **Baltimore 3**

*Moderator: Robert D. Kerns, Ph.D.*

The Pain Research Working Group (Pain SIG) was developed to support one of the key objectives of the VHA National Pain Management Strategy, namely “Identifying research opportunities and priorities in pain management and facilitating collaborative research efforts”.

Four specific objectives of this group have been articulated: (1) Establishment of a network of VHA pain-relevant scientists and scholars; (2) Increase number of VHA funded investigator-initiated and multi-site pain-relevant research projects; (3) Development of agenda for health systems/health policy research designed to support the National Pain Management Strategy objectives; and (4) Development of a VHA research policy agenda designed to establish pain-relevant research as a priority.

This session will provide a general opportunity to meet with other VA pain-relevant health services investigators in order to share current projects and to discuss potential new initiatives and collaborations. The session will specifically be structured to promote discussion of opportunities for enhancing partnerships and collaborations across HSR&D Centers, REAPs, and QuERI Centers, with other Clinical/Operations Program Offices in VA Central Office, and with non-VHA organizations (e.g., DoD, non-profit foundations).

# **BREAKFAST SESSIONS** *Friday, February 18, 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. (Cont.)*

**Friday, February 18**

## **Integrative/Complementary Therapy Research Special Interest Group**

### **Annapolis 1**

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*Moderator: Jill Bormann, Ph.D., R.N.*

Integrative and complementary therapies are of great interest to our Veterans but there is little research on these therapies in our Veteran population. With a greater emphasis on disease prevention and health promotion in the VHA, integrative therapies may be a cost-effective way to provide self-care strategies for promoting health and well-being. This is the first meeting of this new SIG, and anyone (junior or senior investigators, CDAs, fellows, clinicians, etc.) interested in integrative therapies for Veterans, families, professional or unpaid caregivers is invited. Discussion will include some of the obstacles in conducting research and getting funded. Better ways of networking and collaborating will be explored.

## **QUERI**

### **Annapolis 2**

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*Moderator: David Atkins, M.D., M.P.H.*

This breakfast session will provide a general opportunity to meet with QUERI leadership and other QUERI investigators to discuss new initiatives and collaborations. The session will specifically highlight the new eHealth Center, future directions, and opportunities for collaboration.

## **Using VA/CMS Data for Your Research – A Question and Answer Session**

### **Annapolis 3**

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*VA Information Resource Center (VIREC)*

*Moderators: Kristin de Groot, M.P.H.; Melissa Brown, M.P.H.; Kevin Stroupe Ph.D.; and Linda Kok, M.A.*

The VA/CMS Data for Research project team will answer your questions on using this important data source in your research.

Have you ever wondered...

- How can I add CMS data for a non-Veteran control group to my study?
- How can I find out whether my cohort includes subjects with Medicare Part D prescription coverage?
- Can I use Medicaid data to study younger Veterans?
- How can using MDS and OASIS patient assessment data benefit my research?
- What can I do to speed up the data request process for my study?

If you have questions similar to these, you will want to join us for this breakfast session.

## **VA Statisticians' Association (VASA)**

### **Annapolis 4**

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*Moderator: Roslyn Stone, Ph.D.*

This breakfast session provides a forum for statisticians across VA to interact and identify ways to become more active participants/contributors to VA HSR&D research. We will review our activities for the past year and our plans for the coming year. We also will discuss ways we can help to increase the statistical rigor of health services research within VA, visibility of VA health services statistical research outside VA, and cooperation and collaboration among statisticians across VA HSR&D.

## **Health Economics Resource Center (HERC)**

### **Baltimore 1**

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*Moderator: Paul Barnett, Ph.D.*

The Health Economics Resource Center will host a discussion for economic researchers and those interested in health economic studies. Meet other researchers, discuss your research, learn news about VA data, and ask the HERC economists about new products and services available from HERC.

# **BREAKFAST SESSIONS** *Friday, February 18, 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. (Cont.)*

## **HSR&D Career Development Program**

### **Baltimore 2**

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*Moderator: Robert Small*

A brief history of the HSR&D Career Development program will be presented, along with current efforts to evaluate its effectiveness and future directions. Site administrators and anyone considering applying for a CDA or sponsoring a candidate may be interested. There will be time for questions.

## **Mixed Methods**

### **Magnolia 1**

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*Moderator: Barbara Bokhour, Ph.D.*

This interest group is open to any researchers who participate in qualitative or mixed methods research or who would like to learn more about these methods in health services research.

## **Advanced Fellowships- Information for Fellows, Faculty, and Program Directors**

### **Magnolia 3**

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*Moderator: Stuart Gilman, M.D. M.P.H.*

An opportunity for advanced fellows, faculty, program directors, and others interested to meet with OAA Advanced Fellowship program officials, get a general overall review of the advanced fellowship portfolio, learn about 'hot topics' in program administration, meet colleagues engaged in the programs at other sites, and engage in dialogue about the program.

# **SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS**

**Wednesday, February 16**

## **VA Women's Health Research Interest Group and Consortium**

### **Annapolis 2**

*6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.*

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*Moderator: Linda Lipson, M.A.*

All investigators interested in learning about or conducting women's health research in the VA, or in expanding their research to include more women Veterans, are invited to join this dynamic, growing interest group focused on this high priority Veteran population and research area.

Building on the July 2010 national conference, "Using Research to Build the Evidence Base for Improving the Quality of Care for Women Veterans", as well as the findings of the recently published systematic review of women Veterans' health research, the VA Women's Health Research Interest Group and Consortium will be meeting to:

- Continue the dialogue, collaboration, and networking of VA researchers interested in advancing and improving the care of women Veterans through research;
- Learn about new research initiatives and efforts to build VA research-clinical partnerships, like the VA Women's Health Practice Based Research Network;
- Share knowledge about current and planned women's health research; and
- Identify VA resources and mentoring supporting women's health research.

**Friday, February 18**

## **Implementation Research Clinic**

### **Baltimore 5**

*Noon – 3:00 p.m.*

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*Attendance by prior arrangement only. Contact Deborah Jenkins at [deborah.jenkins@va.gov](mailto:deborah.jenkins@va.gov) for more information.*

# SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS *Friday, February 18 (Cont.)*

## PCS Caregiver Support Projects Research Meeting

**Magnolia 3**

*Noon – 4:00 p.m.*

*Moderator: Pauline Sieverding, M.P.A., J.D., Ph.D.*

This is an invitational meeting that is open to all HSR&D researchers who are interested in working with Patient Care Services (PCS) in doing evaluation and research on a number of caregiver support programs soon to be rolled out/developed. It will be a working meeting to analyze PCS caregiver program system needs and how best those needs can be supported using HSR&D researcher skills and interests. Background materials will need to be reviewed prior to the meeting. For an invitation to the meeting, please contact Dr. Pauline Sieverding at: pauline.sieverding@va.gov.

## **EXHIBITS** *(Woodrow Wilson / Annapolis / Baltimore Foyers)*

### **HSR&D**

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- *Exhibit hours: Feb 16 – Feb 18*
- *Staffed during breaks and poster sessions*

### **QUERI**

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- *Exhibit hours: Feb 16 – Feb 18*
- *Staffed during breaks and poster sessions*

### **Health Economics Resource Center (HERC)**

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- *Exhibit hours: Feb 16 (evening) – Feb 18*
- *Staffed during breaks and poster sessions*

### **VA/DoD Clinical Practice Guidelines**

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- *Exhibit hours: Feb 17 – Feb 18*
- *Staffed at all times*

### **Office of Research Oversight (ORO)**

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- *Exhibit hours: Feb 16 (afternoon) – Feb 18*
- *Staffed at all times*

### **Center for Implementation Practice and Research Support (CIPRS)**

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- *Exhibit hours: Feb 16 (afternoon) – Feb 18*
- *Staffed at all times*

### **Office of Health Information**

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- *Exhibit hours: Feb 16 (afternoon) – Feb 18*
- *Staffed at all times*

### **PRIDE**

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- *Exhibit hours: Feb 17*
- *Staffed 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.*

### **VA Information Resource Center (VIREC)**

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- *Exhibit hours: Feb 16 - Feb 18*
- *Staffed at all times*