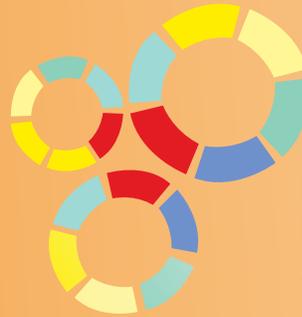


SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS AND EXHIBITORS



**HSR&D/QUERI
NATIONAL
CONFERENCE 2012**

Tuesday, July 17, 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

Homelessness

Magnolia 2

Moderator: Robert O'Brien, PhD

The Veteran Homelessness Research Special Interest Group is hosting an open meeting for all who are interested in homelessness research. This is intended as an opportunity to learn about HSR&D's relevant research priorities as well as to meet other researchers and learn about their research interests. We hope investigators take advantage of this chance to network with other HSR&D researchers who share and/or compliment their particular interests.

Transition of Data to CDW

Annapolis 1

Moderator: Jaclynn Lippe Berez, MPH

Representatives from HSR&D's VA Information Resource Center (VIREC) and VINCI (VA Informatics and Computing Infrastructure) will discuss new developments in the Corporate Data Warehouse (CDW) and VINCI. They also will lead an open forum around research experiences using data from CDW and other sources. As more national data become available on the CDW, researchers need information on available alternative data formats, analysis approaches, and venues. Members of National Data Systems (NDS) will help VIREC present and answer questions. This breakfast session will offer researchers knowledge about using data from CDW and an opportunity to share their experiences and learn from others. The session is open to anyone.

Informatics: VINCI, hi2 (System Facing)

Annapolis 2

Moderators: Jonathan Nebeker, MS, MD; Michael Rubin, MD, PhD

VA Informatics and Computing Infrastructure (VINCI), Health Informatics Initiative (hi2), and Office of Informatics and Analytics are working together to create platforms for advanced analysis. The platforms will be used for both research and operations. Near-term projects include tools for: epidemiological research and surveillance and exploration, chart review, and natural language processing (NLP) and information retrieval. This session will feature 20 minutes of introductory presentations followed by discussion and networking. The session is open to anyone.

Career Development Program

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Moderator: Robert Small

A panel of current and former Career Development awardees, review committee members, and the HSR&D CDA Program Manager will discuss what it takes to build a successful HSR&D research career and answer questions about the CDA program and what reviewers look for in a proposal.

Identifying and Implementing Evidence-Based Programs/Practices for Suicide Prevention

Annapolis 3

Moderator: Rob Bossarte, PhD

Mental Health QUERI's new Suicide Prevention Coalition benefits from strong collaborations with the VISN 2 Center of Excellence on Suicide Prevention at Canandaigua, as well as the VISN 19 MIRECC (Mental Illness

Research, Education and Clinical Centers). The primary emphasis of the Suicide Prevention Coalition is to identify, develop, and enhance implementation of organizational public health and clinical practices expected to decrease suicidal behaviors among Veterans. This interest group session will describe current emphases, plans, and related projects within MH-QUERI's Suicide Prevention Coalition to stimulate discussion among participants about related implementation research interests and potential opportunities for collaboration.

Tuesday, July 17, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Complementary and Integrative Medicine Research

Chesapeake 8

Moderator: Leila Kozak, PhD

Complementary and Integrative Medicine (CIM) are of great interest to our Veterans, but there is little research on these therapies in our Veteran population. The HAIG report update published in 2011 showed an increased use of CIM across VA facilities, with almost 90% of VA hospitals offering or referring to complementary modalities. Recent studies suggest that CIM may be a cost-effective way for promoting health and well-being. This is the second meeting of this new SIG and anyone (junior or senior investigators, CDAs, fellows, clinicians, etc.) interested in CIM for Veterans, families, professional or unpaid caregivers are invited. Topics to be discussed will include: issues regarding credentialing complementary providers in VA, areas of research offering the most opportunity for CIM research, challenges in conducting research, and funding. Better ways of networking and collaborating also will be explored.

Tuesday, July 17, 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Implementation Research Clinic

Chesapeake 9

Moderator: Brian Mittman, PhD

Attendance by prior arrangement only. Contact Deborah Delevan at deborah.delevan@va.gov for more information.

Tuesday, July 17, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

VA Women's Health Research

Annapolis 1

Moderator: Ruth Klap, PhD

All investigators interested in learning about or conducting women's health research in 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. 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, such as the VA Women's Health Practice-Based Research Network.
- Share knowledge about current and planned women's health research, including the newly approved Women's Health CREATE.
- Detail development of VA resources and mentoring that supports women's health research, and identify new areas for cyberseminars.
- Learn about the Secretary's Task Force on women Veterans and the possible implications for research.
- Provide updates on research findings and publications including the *Women's Health Issues* VA Women's Health Supplement and the upcoming *JGIM* VA Women's Health Supplement.

Wednesday, July 18, 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

VA Central IRB

Annapolis 4

Moderators: K. Lynn Cates, MD; Annette Anderson, MS, RHIA

This session will focus on information that will help HSR&D and QUERI investigators with the VA Central IRB (Institutional Review Board) process. It will focus on common causes of delays in IRB approval for HSR&D and QUERI studies, and how to overcome them. The session also will provide an opportunity for open discussion between investigators and VA Central IRB staff, with a goal of identifying ways to make the process go faster and more smoothly for everyone.

Informatics: CHIR/eHealth, hi2 (Patient Facing)

Annapolis 2

Moderators: Matthew Samore, MD; Susan Woods, MD, MS; Thomas Houston, MD, MPH

This session will feature 20 minutes of introductory presentations followed by discussion and socialization regarding two research projects and one innovation project: Consortium for Healthcare Informatics Research (CHIR), eHealth QUERI, and the Health Informatics Initiative's Patient Facing Health Management Platform. This session is open to everyone.

Achieving Equity in VA Healthcare

Annapolis 1

Moderators: Michael Fine, MD; Saïd Ibrahim, MD

This informational and networking session will highlight key initiatives to promote equity in health and healthcare in VA. The Director of HSR&D's Center for Health Equity Research and Promotion (CHERP), Michael Fine, M.D., M.Sc., will give an update on the work he has been doing as Co-Chair of the VA Health Equity Workgroup and his activities with the Office of Health Equity. Other investigators will present new results from funded projects, as well as the implementation of ongoing initiatives and collaborations. All researchers interested in issues of equity are encouraged to attend.

Pain Research Working Group

Chesapeake 8

Moderator: Robert D. Kerns, PhD

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) Establish a network of VHA pain-relevant scientists and scholars;
- (2) Increase the number of VHA funded investigator-initiated and multi-site pain-relevant research projects;
- (3) Develop an agenda for health systems/health policy research designed to support the National Pain Management Strategy objectives; and
- (4) Develop 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). It is expected that other senior investigators and leaders from HSR&D Centers will attend to lend their perspectives, advice, and counsel about opportunities for advancing pain research.

VA/CMS Data for Research

Annapolis 3

Moderator: Melissa Brown, MPH

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 early bird session.

Mixed Methods and Qualitative Research

Magnolia 3

Moderator: Barbara Bokhour, PhD

The mixed-methods interest group is dedicated to examining the use of qualitative and mixed methods in health services research. We will discuss current trends in HSR&D and QUERI research and how qualitative and mixed methods are being used. The group is dedicated to the advancement of the use of these methods throughout VA. The meeting is open to anyone interested in the use of qualitative and mixed methods.

Implementing Evidence-Based Programs/Practices for PTSD

Magnolia 2

Moderators: Craig Rosen, PhD; Joe Ruzek, PhD

Mental Health QUERI's new PTSD (post-traumatic stress disorder) Coalition benefits from strategic collaboration with VA's National Center for PTSD, as well as several other QUERI Centers. The primary emphasis of the PTSD Coalition is to identify, develop, and enhance the implementation and dissemination of evidence-based practices for PTSD. This interest group session will describe current emphases, plans, and related projects within MH-QUERI's PTSD Coalition to stimulate discussion among participants about related implementation research interests and potential opportunities for collaboration.

Wednesday, July 18, 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Implementation Research Clinic

Chesapeake 9

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Thursday, July 19, 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

Informatics: iEHR, MVP-POC-R

Annapolis 2

Moderators: Jonathan Nebeker, MS, MD; J. Michael Gaziano, MD, MPH; Charlene Weir, RN, PhD

This session will feature 20 minutes of introductory presentations followed by discussion and socialization on three large ORD projects: 1) VINCI, 2) the Million-Veteran Project (MVP), and 3) Point of Care Research (POC-R) Project. Although the latter two projects are funded by the Clinical Research Service, they have implications for epidemiologists and health services researchers. MVP targets the genotyping of a million veterans. POC-R uses clinical EHR data to identify patients in the course of normal care who might benefit from enrollment in clinical trials that compare interventions with equipoise. This session is open to everyone.

Rural Health

Annapolis 1

Moderators: Peter Kaboli, MD; Alan West, PhD

This session will provide a forum to discuss current and potential research topics relating to the delivery of healthcare to Veterans living in rural and highly rural areas across the country. Anyone with an interest in the study of rural healthcare is welcome to attend.

Advanced Fellowship: Information for Fellows, Faculty, and Program Directors **Annapolis 3**

Moderator: Jeffrey Cully, PhD

This session will provide an opportunity for advanced fellows, faculty, program directors, and others interested in meeting with VHA's Office of Academic Affiliations (OAA) Advanced Fellowship program officials. Participants will 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.

Implementing Evidence-Based Programs/Practices that Promote Mental Health Recovery

Annapolis 4

Moderators: Alex Young, MD; David Smelson, PsyD

VA is committed to transforming its mental health services into a recovery-oriented model of care across the full spectrum of mental illness. Accordingly, Mental Health QUERI's Recovery Workgroup focuses its implementation research agenda and related efforts on implementing evidence-based programs or practices that promote recovery for Veterans with mental illness. This interest group session will describe current emphases and projects within the MH-QUERI Recovery Workgroup portfolio to stimulate discussion among participants about related implementation research interests and potential opportunities for collaboration.

Primary Care Mental Health Integration

Magnolia 2

Moderators: Lisa Rubenstein, MD; Ed Chaney, PhD

VA's Primary Care – Mental Health Integration initiative focuses on integrating care for Veterans' physical and mental health conditions, improving access and quality of care across the spectrum of illness severity, and allowing treatment in mental health specialty settings to focus on persons with more severe mental illnesses. In contributing to these efforts, MH-QUERI's Primary Care – Mental Health (PCMH) Workgroup focuses on supporting and enhancing implementation of mental health services in primary care settings. This interest group session will describe current emphases and projects within the MH-QUERI PCMH Workgroup portfolio to stimulate discussion among participants about related implementation research interests and potential opportunities for collaboration.

QUERI

Magnolia 3

Moderator: David Atkins, MD, MPH

This early bird session will offer a chance to meet with Quality Enhancement Research Initiative (QUERI) leadership to discuss new directions for the program and new opportunities for funding. The two new Request for Applications (RFAs) for Rapid Response Project (RRP) research will be discussed, including a new RFA for partnered research outside of existing QUERI areas. We also will discuss the first year's experience of the new review procedures for Service-Directed Projects (SDPs).

Exhibits

Monday - Wednesday

(Potomac Foyer)

VA Health Services Research & Development Service (HSR&D)
Quality Enhancement Research Initiative (QUERI)
VA Office of Research Oversight
Health Economics Resource Center (HERC)
Center for Implementation Practice and Research Support (CIPRS)
VA Emergency Management Evaluation Center
Evidence-Based Clinical Practice Guidelines

(Woodrow Wilson Foyer)

VA Information Resource Center (VIREC)
VA Informatics and Computing Infrastructure (VINCI)
Consortium for Healthcare Informatics Research (CHIR)
National Data Systems/Health Information Access
National Institute on Disability & Rehabilitation Research

Thursday

(Woodrow Wilson Foyer)

Quality Enhancement Research Initiative (QUERI)
Health Economics Resource Center (HERC)
VA Information Resource Center (VIREC)

Shared exhibit:

VA Informatics and Computing Infrastructure (VINCI)
Consortium for Healthcare Informatics Research (CHIR)
National Data Systems/Health Information Access