Welcome to VA's Health Services Research and Development Service. VA HSR&D has many online resources to support investigators' work within the VA research community.

**Using the HSR&D Website**
The HSR&D website is the go-to resource for information for investigators, staff, and the general public. This guide offers a brief overview to key sections and resources.

**HSR&D Main Landing Page**
The HSR&D website's main landing page is updated regularly with a monthly feature and corresponding topic spotlight with links and a rotating slide show banner. Check out the “What's New” section in the center, where new announcements, news, publications, research briefs, and research impacts are regularly posted.

**Targeted Search**
The search feature at the top of every page on the HSR&D website is different than site search in many VA websites. HSR&D's site search tool is optimized to return more targeted, relevant results.

**Left Navigation Bar and Sections Menu**
The left navigation is regularly updated and houses the main site sections.
Updates from Central Office, the research portfolio with Central Office contacts, VA priorities, employment opportunities across the service, and the HSR&D Directory.

COVID-19 Efforts
Research projects, funding opportunities, bibliography, highlights, and resources.

Research Impacts & Awards
Notable contributions from both HSR&D and QUERI-funded research. The Impacts section describes research findings and implementation that contribute to the health and care of Veterans. The Awards section includes the latest information on national awards of significance given to HSR&D investigators.

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Research Impacts
Following are examples of HSR&D research and collaborative efforts with clinical and operational partners that resulted in impacts which have made significant contributions to VA policy, practice, or directly on Veterans' health outcomes.

COVID Highlights
Two Studies Show Positive Impact of COVID-19 Vaccinations on Nursing Home Residents. Findings from the two studies below indicate that COVID-19 vaccinations can decrease the pandemic-related isolation of Veterans living in VA community living centers. Learn more.

Quality Improvement: HSR&D Research Provides Foundation for National Center to Improve Nursing Home Care

Access: Referral Coordination Teams Improve Timeliness of Specialty Care Delivery. Patient Experience, and Quality of Care

COVID-19: Veterans with Social Care Injuries at Increased Risk of Death from COVID-19

Women Veterans: Gender-Informed Practices Enhance Diabetes, Cardiovascular, and Mental Healthcare for Women Veterans

Women Veterans: Congressional Committee Heals HSR&D Investigator's Testimony on Women Veterans, Mental Health and Homelessness Research

Suicide: Veterans at Higher Risk of Overdose/Suicide Death After Stopping Opioid Treatment

Suicide: The Role of Pandemic-Related Social Distancing in Suicide Risk Increases National Need for Attention

Quality Improvement: VA-Published Veterans' Deadly Care-Releases 99% of the Time and New Measure Offers Further Improvements

Chronic Disease: VA Telehealth Program Improves Control of Type 2 Diabetes. Even in Treatment Resistant Cases

COVID-19: HSR&D Investigator's Model for Examining COVID-19 Treatment With Disseminated COVID-19 Infection
Career Development Program
Guidelines and resources; lists and bios of current awardees and research career scientists; projects and publications lists; and Office of Academic Affiliations Fellowship information and links.

Research Centers and Networks
Many useful links to collaborative research across HSR&D: Centers of Innovation (COINS); CONsortia of REsearch (COREs); HSR&D Resource Centers; and research networks in areas such as community care, Veterans’ caregivers, EHRM, mobile applications, and women Veterans’ health.

HSR&D Research Topics
Curated access to 25 discrete topics of importance in VA health services research. These topics are continuously (automatically) updated with current HSR&D studies, citations, publication briefs, reports, newsletters, topic spotlights, Cyberseminars, videos, or other resources.

Today’s Career Development Awardees are tomorrow’s research leaders.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT AWARDS
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CDA CYBERSEMINAR SERIES

The COIN program rewards research innovations and partnerships to ensure that research has the greatest possible impact on VHA policies, healthcare practices, and health outcomes for Veterans. A unique feature of the COINS is that they include one or more focused areas of research that addresses questions of significance to VHA clinical and operational partners, and these partners will be engaged in the research activities of the COINS.

- Ann Arbor, MI: Center for Clinical Management Research (CCMR)
- Bedford, MA and Boston, MA: Center for Healthcare Organization and Implementation Research (CHOR)
- Charleston, SC: Charleston Health Equity and Rural Outreach Innovation Center (HEROIC)
- Durham, NC: Center of Innovation to Accelerate Discovery and Practice Transformation (AIDAPT)
- Hines, IL: Center of Innovation for Complex Chronic Healthcare (CICCH)
- Houston, TX: Center for Innovations in Quality, Effectiveness and Safety (IQuaS)
- Indianapolis, IN: Center for Health Innovation and Communication (CHIC)
- Iowa City, IA: Center for Comprehensive Access & Delivery Research and Evaluation (CADERE)
- Los Angeles, CA: Center for the Study of Healthcare Innovation, Implementation and Policy (CCHIP)
- Minneapolis, MN: Center for Care Delivery and Outcomes Research (CDDOR)
Cyberseminars
Free training, education, and updates on HSR&D’s state-of-the-art research and data use via WebEx live. All presentations are archived and available 24/7. Registration links for upcoming Cyberseminars, along with detailed series and session descriptions.

Partnered Research
HSR&D supports partnered research training, embedded research activities, and fellowships. HSR&D also supports the Researchers and Evaluators in Residence program with partners in VISNs and VA Central Office.

For Managers
Provides links to research by topic and center, by Veterans Integrated Service Networks (VISNs). Also includes recent research impacts, publication briefs, and citations.
For Researchers

A variety of resources of interest to VA-funded researchers, including:

- Funding announcements, policies, and guidance; clinical trials registration links; publication notification and attribution/disclaimer; awards to researchers;
- A searchable HSR&D directory; the Dimensions for VA research analytics tool; searchable databases of HSR&D studies and citations; and Veterans’ engagement toolkit.

Dimensions for VA

Research analysis and profile tool that allows for highly targeted search to identify research experts; find published research and its associated grants; clinical trials; policy documents; authors; and coauthors.

- If on the VA network (including VPN), log-in is not needed to access the tool. However, logging in with a va.gov email address allows for saving searches.
- Creating a login with a VA email—and using a verification code sent to that email—allows access to the VA version of Dimensions from any web browser/location.

For an overview of Dimensions, visit the Dimensions Resources page on the VA intranet.

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Want to get started right away?

https://va dimensions.ai

Access Dimensions for VA directly from anywhere (it’s on the Internet).

1. From the VA network (incl. VPN) you don’t even need to log in with your @va.gov email
2. When on any web browser/URL (e.g., Google, Safari, Edge) simply navigate to https://va.dimensions.ai

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Resources

- VA Quick Start Guide (specific to VA’s version of the tool)
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For Veterans
Highlights HSR&D research in various media, showcasing the importance of research for Veterans and the importance of Veterans for research.

Funding
Provides links to funding opportunities (investigator-initiated and service directed); how to apply; administrative processes; intent to submit website; merit review; and reporting guidelines.

Meetings
Links to materials from HSR&D-QUERI National Conferences that foster collaboration and planning, and State of the Art (SOTA) expert conferences to synthesize knowledge, as well as provide practice and policy recommendations.
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**News | Features | Multimedia**

- Find the latest HSR&D research news and monthly features; subscribe to the HSR&D electronic newsletter; and listen to investigator podcasts or watch videos.

**Publications & Briefs**

- Links to the Evidence Synthesis Program.
- Search and subscribe to CIDER publications including FORUM, In Progress, Management Briefs, and Veterans' Perspectives.

**Studies & Citations**

- Search studies and implementation projects (newly funded, current, completed); portfolios with descriptions and contacts; citations (by center, journal, keyword, or QUERI projects and evaluations); and related publication briefs summarizing the findings.

**HSR&D Research Studies and Implementation Projects**

**NOTE:** data kept current with daily downloads

- Search Projects:  

**Database of HSR&D Citations**

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- Search HSR&D Citations: 

- Author:
- Title words:
- Year: any year

**HSR&D News**

- Latest research news, monthly features, and publications.

**Publications and Briefs**

- **HSR&D Publications**
  - **Primary Care Engagement among Veterans with Experiences of Homelessness and Serious Mental Illness: An Evidence Map - Management Brief**
  - **Mental Health**
  - **HSR&D Investigator Receives Health Services Research Article of the Year Award**
  - **Systematic Review: Population and Community-based Interventions to Prevent Suicide - Management Brief**
  - **VOICE Study Partners with Veteran Engagement Panel to Improve Pain Care, Reduce Harms of Opioid Therapy - Veterans' Perspectives**

**Recent Publications**

- Management Brief: Primary Care Engagement among Veterans with Experiences of Homelessness and Serious Mental Illness: An Evidence Map (05-04-2021)
- Management Brief: Systematic Review: Population and Community-based Interventions to Prevent Suicide (05-03-2021)
### Additional Resources

**HSR&D Resource Centers**

HSR&D-funded national Resource Centers are the go-to resources for information on data access, data use, data resources, econometrics data, and dissemination resources.

- **Center for Information Dissemination and Education Resources** (CIDER). CIDER is the major conduit for dissemination and educational support services for HSR&D. CIDER products range from publications to webinars to conference organization and production.

- **Health Economics Resource Center** (HERC): HERC helps VA researchers determine the cost of VA care, assess cost-effectiveness, and evaluate the efficiency of VA programs and providers. HERC offers a variety of products and services including consulting, resolutions to common data issues, and analytic methods guidance.

- **VA Information Resource Center** (VIReC). VIReC’s mission is to advance VA capacity to use data effectively for research and quality improvement and to foster communication between research data users and the VA healthcare community.

In addition to these three HSR&D Resource Centers, the Office of Research and Development (ORD) hosts the **VA Informatics and Computing Infrastructure** (VINCI). VINCI seeks to continually improve researchers’ access to VA data and facilitate the analysis of those data while ensuring Veterans’ privacy and data security. Additional information about VINCI, as well as applications and data access portals, can be found on the VA intranet.

**For More VA Research Information**

- Visit the [Quality Enhancement Research Initiative](https://www.healthquality.va.gov) (QUERI) website to find implementation science resources, project descriptions, and subscribe to QUERI News.

- Visit the [Office of Research and Development’s website](https://www.research.va.gov) to learn more about VA's overall research program, and other [VA research services](https://www.research.va.gov).