Virtual Care CORE

June 2023 Newsletter

Quicklinks:

Recent News from OCC and the VC CORE

The VC CORE Directory is *Live!*
We are incredibly excited to share the VC CORE Directory in its current iteration (in the future, we hope for additional functionality that allows multi-selection within our response columns, and of course to add more of our members). Thanks to the level of engagement from our wonderful Network (read: you), the list is very impressive, at over 170 entries. We invite you all to find yourselves and quality check your entries, as well as to find each other and connect! If you wish to be added to the Directory, it's not too late! Please reach out to navid.dardashti@va.gov to receive a unique survey link we will use to populate your entry.

Funding Opportunity From the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI)
This Notice of Special Interest (NOSI) aims to support research that generates evidence on the real-world effectiveness of telehealth collaboration among healthcare providers for consultation, second opinions, and other

> ### Upcoming Study:
> ### *Assessing Collaborative Research Networks to Enhance Research Value*
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> To better understand what individual and environmental factors contribute to successful collaborative research, Dr. Elizabeth Stevens at NYU Langone Health is conducting a research study that will collect information about our consortium's members and their collaboration networks.
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> The study will last approximately 5 years and involve several parts including a baseline survey, the possibility of a one-time 60-minute interview, and four follow-up surveys. The surveys will ask about your background, personality, perceptions of collaborative research, research productivity, and collaboration network. Those on the consortium mailing list may be contacted in the coming weeks by email to participate in the study. All study activities are 100% optional. If you do not wish to be contacted, please reach out to Dr. Stevens at elizabeth.stevens@nyulangone.org.

purposes, referred to as provider-to-provider telehealth (PPT). PPT offers remote access to critical health expertise that might not exist locally in certain communities. The funding has co-participation of the National Cancer Institute (NCI) and the Office of Disease Prevention (ODP), and is inspired by the gaps and opportunities identified by the 2022 Federal Partners Meeting Report, and the NIH's "*Improving Rural Health Through Telehealth-Guided Provider-to-Provider Communication*" Workshop.
Research supported by this NOSI is expected to:
1. Contribute to the advancement of health equity and access to care in rural communities through implementation research focused on telehealth-guided provider-to-provider communication;

2. Stimulate evidence-based interventional and observational research to investigate the real-world effectiveness of provider-to-provider telehealth in managing the health of rural populations while observing, gathering, and assessing information on implementation;
3. In settings where evidence of clinical effectiveness of PPT is robust, develop and test implementation strategies while observing and gathering information on the intervention's impact on relevant outcomes.

REMOTE position open – Research Coordinator

The Bedford CHOIR group is seeking a full-time Research Coordinator to assist Principal Investigator Dr. Varsha Vimalananda with a remote patient monitoring (RPM) study of a novel FDA-approved device to predict cardiopulmonary decompensation among patients previously hospitalized with COVID-19. The Research Coordinator will work with the Project Manager and other team members to help administer study activities, recruit and track research participants, manage the study database, and collect qualitative and closed-ended survey data from participants. This project will last through April 2024, with opportunities to join other projects at this study's end. Please contact varsha.vimalananda@va.gov with inquiries.

Final Reminder: TeleHealth Research and Innovation for Veterans with Cancer (THRIVE) Associate Investigator Program RFA

Just under a week remains to submit an application for the THRIVE Associate Investigator Program RFA. This training program includes ~25k in *FY24* funding for early career investigators (pre-major award such as CDA, R01, K) and an extensive mentorship and foundational curriculum in areas of teleoncology and health equity research. Applications are due June 5th at 11:59 PM EST and are relatively brief and straightforward – please see the RFA PDF attached to the May Newsletter email for details. Applicants with a mentor with funded research at the VA will be preferred. For those who have advanced beyond this point in your careers, please consider forwarding to mentees or junior researchers to whom the AIP might be of interest!

VA Virtual Care Presentations at Recent and Upcoming Conferences

Attached to this email, we enclosed some of the posters we snapped pictures of from **SGIM** last month. If you presented at SGIM and would like to submit your work for dissemination, please send it to VHAVirtualCareCore@va.gov so we may share it broadly!

Thank you to those who submitted your upcoming presentations at **Academy Health** for inclusion. The VC CORE will have a tremendous showing at this conference, and we are certain there are more posters and oral presentations we have not unearthed from their Full Program. Please continue to send these in so we can spread the word. Below, you'll find the (working) list of VA Virtual Care research oral presentations and posters:

Oral Presentations

Title	Authors	Time
Access to Care in the Veterans Health Administration – Impact of Healthcare Access Expansions on Veterans' Use of VA and Non-VA Inpatient Behavioral Health	Megan Vanneman, PhD, MPH and Team	Saturday June 24, 2:30 PM
The Promise and Challenges of Wearable Devices in Clinical Research	Selene Mak, PhD, MPH will moderate a Panel Discussion with Speakers Garrett Ash, PhD, Lisa Fucito, PhD, and Terry Newton, MD	Saturday June 24, 2:30 PM
Providers' Perspectives about Telehealth in Integrated Primary Care at the US Department of Veterans Affairs	Claudia Der-Martirosian, PhD and Team	Sunday June 25, 11:15 AM
The Role of Telehealth in the Management of Type 2 Diabetes at the Veterans Health Administration	Cynthia Hou, MS and Team	Sunday June 25, 5:45 PM

Association Between Telehealth Provision and Provider Labor Supply	Sooyeon Song, BSN and Team	Monday June 26, 10:30 AM

Poster Presentations

Title	Authors	Time
Patient Reported Outcomes for Telehealth and in-Person Complementary and Integrative Health Therapies Among Veterans with Chronic Musculoskeletal Pain	Taona Haderlein, PhD and Team	Sunday June 25, 3:30 PM
Healthcare Professionals' Experience from Project Resilience: Perceptions of Factors Impacting Feasibility & Acceptability of a Fitbit Distribution Program at Veterans Health Administration	Selene Mak, PhD, MPH & Team	Sunday June 25, 3:30 PM
Integrating Consumer-Grade Wearable Devices into Clinical Care: Perspectives from Healthcare Professionals at Veterans Healthcare Administration	Garrett Ash, PhD & Team	Sunday June 25, 3:30 PM
Provider Characteristics Associated with Type of Telehealth Modality Used in Integrated Primary Care at the Veterans Health Administration	Claudia Der-Martirosian, PhD and Team	Sunday June 25, 3:30 PM
Association between Virtual Care Volume and Primary Care Clinician Burnout in the Veterans Health Administration: A National Survey Analysis during the COVID-19 Pandemic	Eric Apaydin, PhD, MPP, MS and Team	Monday June 26, 8:30 AM
Explaining Reduced Black-White Disparities in Video-Based Primary Care Visits in the Veterans Health Administration: A Decomposition Analysis of Geographic Access and Patient Factors	Lucinda Leung, MD, PhD, MPH and Team	Monday June 26, 2:45 PM
Disparities in Video Care Use Among Veterans with Cardiovascular Disease	Rebecca Tisdale, MD, MPA and Team	Monday June 26, 2:45 PM

Funding and Dissemination Opportunities and Deadlines

Opportunities	Contact	Deadline
TeleHealth Research and Innovation for Veterans with Cancer (THRIVE) Associate Investigator Program FY24 RFA	Navid.Dardashti@va.gov	6/5/2023
Notice of Special Interest: Assessing Real-World Effectiveness and Implementation of Telehealth-Guided Provider-to-Provider Communication among Rural Communities	See NOSI posting on nih.gov for full details and contact list	10/5/2023

Recent Virtual Care Publications

- Nothing to report this month! Please continue to submit your recent publications to elizabeth.duran@va.gov for dissemination through this newsletter.

Upcoming Presentations and Cyberseminars

Title	Presenter(s)	Date/Time
Leveraging Technology to Target PTSD and Moral Injury With Moral Elevation	Adam McGuire, PhD	6/14/2023 12:00- 1:00 PM EST
Mobile and Web-based Intervention for Veteran Couples With PTSD and Pain	Jolie Haun, PhD	7/12/2023 12:00- 1:00 PM EST

Past Presentations and Cyberseminars

Title	Presenter(s)	Date/Time
Technology-based Couples' Interventions for PTSD	Kayla Knopp, PhD	5/10/2023 12:00- 1:00 PM EST
The Center for Mobile Apps Research Resources & Services (CMARRS): Helping to Advance mHealth and Technology Research Across VA	Haijing Hallenbeck, PhD Eric Kuhn, PhD Lindsay Stanley, MHS	4/12/2023 12:00 – 1:00 PM EST
Informed Decision Making for App Selection: Research, Regulation and Real-World Approaches **VA employees** can register for CE credit in TMS here **Not a VA employee**? Register in TRAIN	John Torous, MD, MBI	4/12/2023 12:00 – 1:00 PM EST *(a regrettable double-booking)*

Links to Resources

Telehealth
- VHA Telehealth Services Website
- Telehealth Intranet Site
- VHA Mobile and Peripheral Devices for Facilities

VA Mobile
- VA Mobile | VA App Store
- New VA Mobile 'My App List' functionality/categories
- ANNIE Automated Texting System | SharePoint site
- VACO Mobile Mental Health & Technology | SharePoint site
- VA Mobile Health Practice Guide | SharePoint site

MyHealth*e*Vet
- MyHealth*e*Vet | Portal Homepage
- MyHealth*e*Vet | VA Intranet Product Homepage
- My HealtheVet Statistics - My HealtheVet Product (va.gov)
- My HealtheVet Secure Messaging Reports Guide

Data Reports, Measures, Definitions, and Training
- VHA Reports and Measures Portal (RAMP)
- Reporting and Analytics Field Training (RAFT)
- VSSC – Connected Care, Telehealth, Call Centers
- Data Definitions for VSSC Data Cubes

Patient Generated Health Data
- [Approved VA Policy on PGHD](#)
- [PGHD video for staff](#)

General Office of Connected Care
- [Connected Care Website](#)
- [Connected Care Outreach Toolkit](#)
- [Connected Care Academy](#) (VA Intranet Required)

Contact Information

- For any comments or questions about material in this newsletter or about the Virtual Care Consortium of Research, please email the CORE team at VHAVirtualCareCore@va.gov.
- Please let us know if you have news to share with the community! Email us and we will add it to the next newsletter.
- Finally, [follow us on Twitter](#) for regular, bird-sized bits of information!

The mission of the VA Virtual Care Consortium of Research is to facilitate research that evaluates and improves use of virtual care to enhance the accessibility, capacity and quality of VA health care and Veteran experience.