

Virtual Care CORE



March 2024 Newsletter

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Recent News from OCC and the VC CORE

Upcoming Cyberseminar from CHOIR and OCC:

On Monday March 4 from 12-1 PM EST, Investigators Stephanie Shimada and Mark Zocchi will host a partnered Cyberseminar with OCC's Director of Analytics Terry Newton on [Understanding and Accessing the Office of Connected Care's Patient-Generated Health Data \(PGHD\) Database](#). This Cyberseminar will introduce researchers to the new Patient-Generated Health Data (PGHD) database from the VA Office of Connected Care (OCC). The session is designed to provide researchers with an overview of PGHD and how this database may be leveraged for research and operations purposes. Presenters will explore the database's structure, the types of data it contains, and important considerations when using these data. The presentation will also cover how to access the database for human-subjects research and QI/non-human subjects research.

Objectives:

- 1) Participants will learn what PGHD are currently being collected in this database, and VA's vision for PGHD in research and clinical operations.
- 2) Attendees will learn how to access and navigate the PGHD database, including insights into its structure and contents.

FY25 THRIVE Scholar RFA

On behalf of the Telehealth Research and Innovation for Veterans with Cancer (THRIVE) Center, please see their FY25 Health Equity Scholars (previously *Associate Investigator*) Program RFA. This training program includes ~\$25k in FY25 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 consist of a cover letter (½ page max), personal statement (700-word max), [NIH Biosketch](#) (see example in link), and Letter of Support from one mentor or supervisor. Detailed requirements, eligibility criteria, application timeline, and program curriculum can be found in the attached PDF. Applications (**deadline April 22**) and any questions can be directed to Janeth Juarez Padilla (Janeth.JuarezPadilla@nyulangone.org).

For those who have advanced beyond this point in your careers; **please consider forwarding to mentees or junior investigators to whom the program might be of interest.**

The VC CORE/Palo Alto Ci2i is Hiring

Our VC CORE teammates in Palo Alto are seeking a full-time GS 9 or 11 Project Coordinator to support multiple research and quality improvement (QI) evaluation projects. In addition to working with the VC CORE on

programmatic initiatives, this hire will work with Dr. Donna Zulman’s team in their research, which focuses on redesigning and evaluating health care interventions and eHealth technology for patients with complex medical, social, and behavioral needs. This is an excellent opportunity for an individual who is interested in gaining health services research skills and experience. For more details related to the role, please see the position description attached to the email with this newsletter. The VC CORE and Palo Alto Ci2i appreciate any referrals – please direct potential candidates to Cindie Slightam (cindie.slightam@va.gov) with the subject: Coordinator Position.

Funding and Dissemination Opportunities and Deadlines

| Opportunities | Contact | Deadline |
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| FY25 THRIVE Scholar RFA | Janeth Juarez Padilla Janeth.JuarezPadilla@nyulangone.org | 4/22/24 |

Recent Virtual Care Publications

- Gujral, K., Van Campen, J., Jacobs, J., Lo, J., Kimerling, R., Blonigen, D.M., Wagner, T.H., Zulman, D.M., 2023. [Sociodemographic Differences in the Impacts of Video-Enabled Tablets on Psychotherapy Usage Among Veterans](https://doi.org/10.1176/appi.ps.20230134). PS appi.ps.20230134. <https://doi.org/10.1176/appi.ps.20230134>
- Dhanani, Zainub, et al. "[Adoption and Sustained Use of Primary Care Video Visits Among Veterans with VA Video-Enabled Tablets](#)." Journal of medical systems 48.1 (2024): 16.
- Ferguson JM, Wray CM, Van Campen J, Zulman DM. [A New Equilibrium for Telemedicine: Prevalence of In-Person, Video-Based, and Telephone-Based Care in the Veterans Health Administration, 2019–2023](#). Ann Intern Med. 2024 Jan 23.

Upcoming Virtual Care Conference Presentations

- Faiz J, Toyama J, Yuan, A, Jackson, N, Patel, N, Zhao, L, Fermin, P, Washington, D, Cordasco, K. “Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Utilization of Tele-Emergency Care.” Oral abstract presentation at the Western Regional Society for Academic Emergency Medicine Conference, Long Beach, CA. March 8, 2024.
- Bucki FM, Wallert C, Tom J. Scoping review of cervical mechanical traction protocols, effectiveness and use in virtual care. [Poster Presentation]. ACCRAC2024. March 23-25, 2024.
- Chohan, M., Mak, S., Ash, G., Ghadimi, S., Der-McLeod, E., Naeem, S., Moore, V., Zeidler, M., Fung, C. *Utilizing Consumer Wearables to Empower and Engage Patients Prescribed Non-PAP Obstructive Sleep Apnea Therapy*. [Poster presentation]. SLEEP, Houston, TX. June 1-5, 2024.
- Mak, S., Ghadimi, S., Der-McLeod, E., Naeem, S., Moore, V., Chohan, M., Zeidler, M., Ash, G., Fung, C. Promoting Shared Decision Making with A Novel Self-Monitoring Program for Veterans with Obstructive Sleep Apnea. [Poster presentation]. SLEEP, Houston, TX. June 1-5, 2024.
- Goldstein KM, Rushton S, Lewinski A, Shapiro A, Lanford T, Coleman J, Chawla N, Patel D, Van Loon K, Shepherd-Banigan M, Sims C, Alton Dailey S, Gierisch JM. Examining the impact of virtual care for women on the clinician-patient relationship: A qualitative evidence synthesis. Oral abstract presentation at 2024 Society for General Internal Medicine Annual Conference; Included in Top Scientific Abstract Oral Presentations in Women’s Health. Boston, MA, May 2024.
- Faiz J, Toyama J, Yuan, A, Jackson, N, Patel, N, Zhao, L, Fermin, P, Washington, D, Cordasco, K. “Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Utilization of Tele-Emergency Care.” Oral abstract presentation at the Society for Academic Emergency Medicine Annual Meeting, Phoenix, AZ. May 15, 2024.

Upcoming Presentations and Cyberseminars

| Title | Presenter(s) | Date/Time (EST) |
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| <u>Understanding and Accessing the Office of Connected Care's Patient-Generated Health Data (PGHD) Database</u> | Terry Newton, MD Stephanie Shimada, PhD Mark Zocchi, PhD, MPH | March 4, 2024 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM |
| <u>Can Wearables and Nearables Help Us Understand Whether Service Dogs Benefit Veterans with PTSD?</u> | Steven Woodward, PhD | March 13, 2024 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM |
| <u>Social Cognitive Predictors of and Engagement in Web-Based Trauma Recovery Interventions</u> | Carolyn Yeager, PhD Charles Benight, PhD | April 10, 2024 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM |
| <u>State of the Science on Machine Learning and PTSD Treatment</u> | Philip Held, PhD | May 8, 2024 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM |

Recent Presentations and Cyberseminars

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| <u>A New Equilibrium for Telemedicine & an Evaluation of Concurrent Heart Failure Care</u> | Jacqueline Ferguson, PhD Boback Ziaeeian, MD | January 25, 2024 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM |

Links to Resources

General Office of Connected Care

- [Office of Connected Care News SharePoint](#)
- [Connected Care Website](#)
- [Letter of Support Portal](#)
- [Connected Care Outreach Toolkit](#)
- [Connected Care Academy](#) (VA Intranet Required)

Telehealth

- [VHA Telehealth Services Website](#)
- [Telehealth Intranet Site](#)
- [VHA Mobile and Peripheral Devices for Facilities](#)

Patient Generated Health Data

- [Patient-Generated Health Data Community in Connected Care Academy](#)
- [Compatible Devices with Share My Health Data](#)
- [OCC PGHD Dashboards - Home](#)
- [Approved VA Policy on PGHD](#)
- [PGHD video for staff](#)

VA Mobile

- [VA Health Chat SharePoint](#)
- [Tech into Care SharePoint](#)
- [Developer Resources | 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](#)

MyHealthVet

- [MyHealthVet | Portal Homepage](#)
- [MyHealthVet | VA Intranet Product Homepage](#)
- [My HealthVet Statistics - My HealthVet Product \(va.gov\)](#)
- [My HealthVet Secure Messaging Reports Guide](#)

Data Reports, Measures, Definitions, and Training

- [Office of Connected Care Power BI Dashboard](#)
- [Virtual Health Resource Center Power BI Dashboard](#)
- [Virtual Care Scorecard in Power BI](#)
- [VA Pulse Analytics Mobile Utilization Dashboard](#)
- [VHA Reports and Measures Portal \(RAMP\)](#)
- [Reporting and Analytics Field Training \(RAFT\)](#)
- [VSSC – Connected Care, Telehealth, Call Centers](#)
- [Data Definitions for VSSC Data Cubes](#)

Virtual Care Best Practices

- [Virtual Care University \(VCU\)](#)
- [Virtual Care Best Practices Community in Connected Care Academy](#)
- [Virtual Health Resource Centers](#)
- [Connected Care Discussion Series SharePoint](#)
- [Let's Talk Virtual Care VLOG](#)
- [Office of Connected Care GPO site](#)
- [NCPTSD Mobile Mental Health GPO Site](#)

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.
