HSR&D and QUERI Centers, projects, Career Development Awards, and highlighted publications in Providence include:

**COIN (Center of Innovation):**

**Center of Innovation in Long-Term Services and Supports for Vulnerable Veterans**

*Director: James Rudolph, MD*

This Center will stimulate and develop research that will enhance the implementation of programs to support the mission of VA’s Geriatrics and Extended Care Service (GEC) in maximizing Veterans' social participation and quality of life in the least restrictive setting possible.

**CREATE (Collaborative Research to Enhance and Advance Transformation and Excellence):**

**Long-Term Care**

*Director: Vincent Mor, PhD*

The goal of this CREATE is to conduct research that will provide the tools, evidence, and evaluation information necessary for VHA Geriatrics and Extended Care (GEC) policymakers and staff to transform the spectrum of LTC services. CREATE projects include:

- Increasing Veterans’ Use of Community-based LTC via Timely Discharge from VA CLCs – *Susan Allen, PhD*
- Medical Foster Homes: A Safe, Cost Effective Substitute for Nursing Homes? – *Cari Levy, MD, PhD* (housed in Denver)
- Implementing and Evaluating INTERACT in VA CLCs – *Vincent Mor, PhD*
- Developing and Implementing a Toolkit for Measuring CLC Cultural Transformation – *Christine Hartmann, PhD* (housed in Bedford)

**QUERI Partnered Evaluation Initiative:**

**Disseminating a Dashboard for VA Purchased Community Nursing Homes**

*Principal Investigator: James Rudolph, MD*

The overarching goal of this project is to improve the quality of care Veterans receive in purchased Community Nursing Home (CNH) facilities. To accomplish this, investigators will examine the process for purchased CNH selection and oversight, introduce the CNH dashboard as a tool to inform decision-makers about quality of purchased CNH care, and enhance Veteran-specific CNH quality measures on the CNH Dashboard.

**Currently Funded Projects**

- Veterans Coping Long-Term with Suicide – *Jennifer Primack, PhD*
- The Veteran-Directed Home and Community-Based Services Program: Impact and Implementation – *James Rudolph, MD*
- Group Medical Visits in Heart Failure for Post-Hospitalization Follow-Up – *Wen-Chih Wu, MD*
- The Effect of Reduction and Standardization of Reimbursements in the VA Fee-Basis Program: Impact on Quality of Care and Health Outcomes – *Vincent Mor, PhD*
- Risk-Adjusting Hospital Outcomes for Veterans’ Socioeconomic Status – *Amal Trivedi, MD, MPH*
- Improving Antimicrobial Stewardship in Veterans Affairs (VA) Community Living Centers – *David Dosa, MD*
Current Career Development Awardees

- Kali Thomas, PhD – Evaluating Cash Benefit Programs for Veterans' Long Term Care

Highlighted Publications

- Study Examines Engagement in Hepatitis C Virus Care among Homeless and non-Homeless VA Patients

- Effects of Homeless Veterans’ Use of Peer Mentors

- Study Evaluates Timing and Duration of Hospice and Palliative Care across VA, Medicare, and VA-Purchased Care

- VA Captures More Complete Quality Performance Data Compared to Medicare Advantage

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