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

**COIN (Center of Innovation):**

*Pain Research, Informatics, Multi-morbidities, and Education (PRIME) Center*

*Director: Lori Bastian, MD*

PRIME's mission is to study the interactions between pain and associated chronic conditions and behavioral health factors.

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

*Pain Management and Patient-Aligned Care*

*Director: Joseph Goulet, PhD*

This CREATE program has three specific goals: enhance Veterans' access to empirically validated and guideline-concordant pain care; leverage health information technology to promote better pain care for Veterans; and build sustainable improvements in pain care that are applicable beyond the life of the CREATE. CREATE projects include:

- Musculoskeletal Diagnoses Cohort: Examining Pain and Pain Care in the VA – *Joseph Goulet, PhD*
- Effective Screening for Pain – *Karl Lorenz, MD* (housed in Los Angeles)
- Comprehensive Opioid Management in Patient Aligned Care Teams (COMPACT) – *Alicia Heapy, PhD*

**Women Veterans Healthcare** (housed in Los Angeles)

A project funded under this CREATE is housed in West Haven:

- Evaluation of Quality and Coordination of Outsourced Care for Women Veterans – *Lori Bastian, MD, MPH*

**QUERI (Quality Enhancement Research Initiative):**

*Improving Pain-Related Outcomes for Veterans*

*Principal Investigator: William Becker, MD*

The primary goal of this Program is to improve safe and effective pain management through partnered implementation of personalized, proactive, patient-centered interventions that optimize access to care.

**Currently Funded Projects**

- Automated, Mobile, Ancillary Care for Substance Abuse Treatment – *Brent Moore, PhD*
- Understanding Advance Care Planning as a Dyadic Process – *Terri Fried, MD*
- Evaluation and Treatment of Substance Use in Veterans with PTSD Disability Claims – *Marc Rosen, MD*
- Discontinuing NSAIDs in Veterans with Knee Osteoarthritis – *Liana Fraenkel, MD, MPH*
- Women Veterans Cohort Study 2 – *Sally Haskell, MD*

**Current Career Development Awardees**

- *Jason Sico, MD* – Improving Cerebrovascular Risk Factor Management in Post-Stroke Veterans
- *Jack Tsai, PhD* – Evaluation of VA's Supported Housing Program for Homeless Veterans
Highlighted Publications

- **Substantial Proportion of Homeless and Unstably Housed Veterans with Minor Children has Serious Mental Illness**

- **Study Examines Gender Differences in Chronic Pain among Veterans**

- **Study Shows No Significant Association between Public Support Income, VA Disability Compensation, and Money Spent on Alcohol and Drugs among Homeless Veterans**

- **VA Healthcare for Women Veterans: Medical Care Supplement**
  Bastian L (Guest Editor). Women Veterans’ Health and Health Care. Medical Care April 2015;53(Suppl 4):S1-164.

- **Study Suggests High Rates of Post-Traumatic Growth among Veterans with PTSD**

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