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**

- A Pilot Intervention to Help Homeless and At-Risk Veterans Manage their Money – *Jack Tsai, PhD*
- Discontinuing NSAIDs in Veterans with Knee Osteoarthritis – *Liana Fraenkel, MD, MPH*
- Women Veterans Cohort Study 2 – *Sally Haskell, MD*
- Hypertension Improvement Pilot Intervention in Post-Stroke Veterans – *Jason Sico, MD*
- Pain-related Anxiety Intervention for Smokers with Chronic Pain: A Comparative Effectiveness Trial of Smoking Cessation Counseling for Veterans – *Lori Bastian, MD, MPH*
- Promoting Advance Care Planning as a Healthy Behavior – *Terri Fried, MD*
- Weight Loss Treatment and CBT for Veterans with Binge Eating – *Robin Masheb, PhD*
Current Career Development Awardees
- Eric Hermes, MD – Implementing and Evaluating Computer-Based Interventions for Mental Health
- 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
- **VA Hepatitis C Care and Experiences with the Choice Program**

- **OEF/OIF/OND Veterans that Currently Smoke More Likely to Receive Opioid Prescription than Non-Smokers**

- **Study Assesses Self-Management Intervention for Chronic Pain**

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