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

**COIN (Center of Innovation):**

Center for Healthcare Organization and Implementation Research (CHOIR)

*Directors:* Allen Gifford, MD (Acting, Bedford) and Martin Charns, DBA (Boston)

CHOIR's mission is to improve Veterans' health outcomes by developing, studying, and applying evidence-based practices that will be widely implemented and sustained.

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

**Long-Term Care** (housed in Providence)

A project funded under this CREATE is housed in Boston:

- Developing and Implementing a Toolkit for Measuring CLC Cultural Transformation – *Christine Hartmann, PhD*

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

**Bridging the Care Continuum QUERI**

*Principal Investigator:* Allen Gifford, MD

The goal of Bridge-QUERI is to improve vulnerable Veterans' use of services across the Care Continuum, "bridging" the Continuum by improving outreach and diagnosis, as well as linkage and engagement with specialty care, which will lead to better health outcomes.

**QUERI Partnered Evaluation Initiative:**

**Veterans Engineering Resource Center Lean Enterprise Transformation Evaluation Center**

*Principal Investigator:* Martin Charns, DBA

Partnered Evaluation Centers involve primary funding from an operations partner in order to conduct specific evaluations of potential high impact on VHA national policy.

**Capitalizing on Quantitative Metrics to Advance the Implementation and Evaluation of the Clinic Management Training Program**

*Principal Investigator:* Julia Prentice, PhD

Investigators in this Partnered Evaluation Initiative will rigorously evaluate the implementation of the group practice manager model (GPM) to identify the causal effect of this intervention on VA patient outcomes.

**eHealth Partnered Evaluation Initiative**

*Principal Investigator:* Tim Hogan, PhD

eHealth is a model for the delivery and receipt of healthcare services with an expanding evidence base and great potential to increase access and support the transition from episodic to continuous care. This Partnered Initiative will support the further implementation of eHealth technologies and measure their impacts on dimensions of access and other outcomes.
Evaluating VA Patient-Centered Care: Patient, Provider, and Organizational Views
Principal Investigator: Barbara Bokhour, PhD

This partnered evaluation initiative, Evaluating Patient-Centered Care at VA (EPCC-VA), evaluates the experience and practice of patient-centered care at VA hospitals throughout the United States.

Advancing Healthcare Innovation: A Partnered-Evaluation of Geriatric Patient-Aligned Care Team (GeriPACT) Implementation
Principal Investigator: Jennifer Sullivan, PhD

The Geriatric Patient Aligned Care Team (GeriPACT) model offers an alternative to standard Patient-Aligned Care Teams (PACTs) by providing frail, elderly Veterans and their caregivers with access to the most appropriate care for their healthcare needs with a single point-of-contact for multidisciplinary Geriatric Care. This Partnered Initiative will examine how GeriPACTs are structured, how variations in programs across VAMCs influence the care that Veterans receive, and whether GeriPACTs improve the patient and provider experience.

Partnered Evidence-Based Policy Resource Center
Principal Investigators: Julia Prentice, PhD; Austin Frakt, PhD

The core mission of this Partnered Initiative includes refining VA measurements of access to care, productivity, demand, and capacity, as well as investigating relationships among them to improve policy and planning.

Resource Center:
Center for Information Dissemination and Education Resources (CIDER)
Director: Rani Elwy, PhD

CIDER provides a critical conduit for the national dissemination of health services research and provides HSR&D with dissemination support through a variety of channels. By distributing important HSR&D findings to policy makers, clinicians, researchers, managers, and the general public, CIDER plays a pivotal role in supporting implementation of evidence-based research throughout VA.

Currently Funded Projects
- Improving Anticoagulation Control in VISN 1 – Adam Rose, MD, MSc
- Using Stories to Address Disparities in Hypertension – Thomas Houston, MD, MPH
- MISSION-Vet HUD-VASH Implementation Study – David Smelson, PsyD
- Organizational and Patient Factors Related to Polytrauma/TBI Patient Outcomes – Terri Pogoda, PhD
- Examining the Relationship of Culture Change, Adverse Events, and Costs in CLCs – Jennifer Sullivan, PhD, MS
- Mobile Sleep and Pain Intervention for OEF, OIF and OND Veterans – Karen Quigley, PhD
- Identifying mTBI Subtypes and their Implications for Recovery and Reintegration – Mark Meterko, PhD
- A Telemedicine Intervention to Improve Physical Function in Patients with PD – David Sparrow, DSc
- Comparative Effectiveness and Cost of Surgical Prophylaxis Regimens – Kalpana Gupta, MD, MPH
- Implementing a Home Safety Toolkit for Veterans with Dementia – Scott Trudeau, PhD, OT-R
- External Determinants of Non-Elderly Veterans’ Demand of VA Health Care – Nancy Kressin, PhD
- Work and Family Functioning in Women Veterans: Implications for VA Service Use – Dawne Vogt, PhD
• Patient-Experienced Integrated Care for Veterans with Multiple Chronic Conditions – Mark Meterko, PhD
• Leveraging Front-Line Expertise in Quality and Safety – Michael Shwartz, MBA
• Improving Outcomes for Homeless Veterans with Peer Support – Marsha Ellison, PhD, MSW
• Relational Agent to Improve alcohol Screening and Treatment in Primary Care: RCT – Steven Simon, MD, MPH
• Integrating HIV Care in VA: Extending PACT Principles to Specialty Care – Barbara Bokhour, PhD
• Military Sexual Trauma Screening: Examining Patient Satisfaction and Preferences – Amy Street, PhD
• Adherence to Surveillance in Lung Cancer Screening – Christopher Gillespie, PhD
• The Secure Messaging for Medication Reconciliation Tool (SMMRT) Trial – Steven Simon, MD, MPH
• Developing a Roadmap for Best Practices in CLC Resident-Centered Care – Christine Hartmann, PhD
• Explaining Variation in Dabigatran Prescription Rates by VA Sites – Adam Rose, MD, MSc

Current Career Development Awardees
• Justin Benzer, PhD – Multi-Specialty Intervention for Antipsychotic-Related Metabolic Risk Management
• Katherine Iverson, PhD, MA – Intimate Partner Violence, Health, and Health Care among Female Veterans
• Amy Linsky, MD, MSc – Patient and Provider Perceptions of Intentional Medication Discontinuation
• Hillary Mull, PhD, MPP – Development of an Adverse Event Surveillance System for Outpatient Surgery
• Stephanie Shimada, PhD – Optimizing Veterans Use of eHealth Technologies

Research Career Scientists
• Nancy Kressin, PhD
• Amy Rosen, PhD

Highlighted Publications
• Study Suggests Veterans Do Not Receive Appropriate Testing for Testosterone Therapy within VA Healthcare System

• The Effect of ACA’s Medicaid Expansion on Demand for VA Care

• VA Maintains Access to Care as Need for SUD Treatment Grows

• Withholding of CMS Data Related to Substance Use Disorder and Its Impact on Research

• Study Examines the Consequences of Notifying VA Patients about Potential Exposure to Large-Scale Adverse Events