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

**COIN (Center of Innovation):**
**Center for Innovations in Quality, Effectiveness, and Safety (IQuEST)**
*Director:* Laura Petersen, MD, MPH
The IQuEST mission is to improve the quality, effectiveness, and safety of healthcare through patient-centered communication and coordination.

**CREATE (Collaborative Research to Enhance and Advance Transformation and Excellence):**
**Improving Quality and Safety through Better Communication in PACTs**
*Director:* Laura Petersen, MD, MPH
The goal of projects funded within this CREATE is to study the development and implementation of point-of-care interventions in PACT that improve healthcare quality and safety. Projects currently funded in this CREATE include:

- Identifying and Delivering Point-of-Care Information to Improve Care Coordination – *Laura Petersen, MD, MPH*
- Automated Point-of-Care Surveillance of Outpatient Delays in Cancer Diagnosis – *Hardeep Singh, MD, MPH*
- Automating Heart Failure Data for Patient Treatment Goals at the Point-of-Care – *Jennifer Garvin, PhD, MBA* (housed in Salt Lake City)
- Point-of-care Health Literacy and Activation Information to Improve Diabetes Care – *LeChauncy Woodard, MD, MPH*

**Currently Funded Projects at Houston**
- Linking Clinician Interaction and Coordination to Clinical Performance in VA PACT – *Sylvia Hysong, PhD*
- Effectiveness and Implementation of Brief Cognitive Behavioral Therapy in CBOCs - *Jeff Cully, PhD*
- A Multi-Level Intervention to Improve Cancer Care for Hepatocellular Carcinoma – *Jessica Davila, PhD, MS*
- Improving the Measurement of VA Facility Performance to Foster a Learning Healthcare System – *Laura Petersen, MD, MPH*
- Determining and Targeting Reasons for Low Statin Use to Improve Guideline-Concordant Statin Therapy in High-Risk Patients – *Salim Virani, MD*

**Current Career Development Awardees**
- *Natalie Hundt, PhD* – Integration of Peer Support Across the PTSD Continuum of Care
Highlighted Publications

- **Delivery of Brief Cognitive Behavioral Therapy in Primary Care Improves Mental Health Symptoms in Chronically Ill Veterans**

- **Pay-for-Performance Intervention Improves Blood Pressure Control among Black Veterans with Hypertension without Unintended Consequences**

- **VA Makes Significant Improvements in Surgical Care for Veterans**

- **VA Diabetes and Cardiovascular Care Quality Comparable between Physicians and Advanced Practice Providers**

- **Application of Triggers on VA “Big Data” may Help Identify Patients Experiencing Delays in Diagnostic Evaluation of Chest Imaging**

- **Antiviral Treatment Reduces Risk of Cirrhosis, Hepatocellular Cancer and Mortality among Veterans, Irrespective of Age**

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