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 D. Woodard, MD, MPH

Currently Funded Projects at Houston
- Behavioral Activation Therapy for Rural Veterans with Diabetes and Depression – Aanand Naik, MD
- Use of Predictive Modeling to Improve Operating Room Scheduling Efficiency – Panagiotis Kougias, MD
- Care for Women Veterans with Hepatitis C Virus Infection – Fasiha Kanwal, MD, MBBS
- 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

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

- **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**

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

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

- **NEJM Perspective Discusses Impact of New Institute of Medicine Report on Patient Safety**

- **Influence of Military Sexual Trauma among Male Veterans**

- **Study Compares Data Sources for Provider Financial Incentives**

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