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

**COIN (Center of Innovation):**

**Center of Innovation for Veteran-Centered and Value-Driven Care**

*Directors:* Michael Ho, MD, PhD and David Au, MD, MS

This Center’s mission is to conduct outstanding health services research that promotes Veteran-centered and value-driven care, generate and disseminate knowledge that contributes to the well-being of Veterans, partner with VA policy and operational leaders to implement research findings into clinical care, and train the next generation of health services researchers and leaders.

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

**Long-Term Care**

*Director:* Vincent Mor, PhD (Providence)

A project funded under this CREATE that is housed in Denver is:

- Medical Foster Homes: A Safe, Cost Effective Substitute for Nursing Homes? – *Cari Levy, MD, PhD*

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

**Triple Aim QUERI Program**

*Principal Investigator:* Michael Ho, MD, PhD

The Triple Aim QUERI Program will leverage healthcare data to identify actionable care gaps, and to implement innovative healthcare delivery interventions to improve the Triple Aims of VA healthcare. The Program will work to enhance the patient care experience, improve the health of populations, and reduce per capita costs of care.

**Improving Safety and Quality through Evidence-Based De-Implementation of Ineffective Diagnostics and Therapeutics**

*Principal Investigator:* David Au, MD, MS

The Choosing Wisely initiative is a program to de-implement low-value practices that can provide an effective message to simultaneously improve quality and value. However, while Choosing Wisely identifies targets for de-implementation, it does not speak to what strategies may help achieve this goal. Working with PBM and SCS partners to de-implement low-value practices, this program will work to improve healthcare delivery, safety, and value for Veterans and the VA healthcare system.

**Virtual Specialty Care QUERI Program: Implementing and Evaluating Technology Facilitated Clinical Interventions to Improve Access to High Quality Specialty Care for Rural Veterans**

*Principal Investigator:* John Fortney, PhD

While CBOCs have dramatically improved access to first-class primary care services, it has been more challenging to deliver specialty care to rural Veterans. Evidence-based specialty care practices developed for large VA medical centers are often not feasible to deploy in small CBOCs, and thus not accessible to rural Veterans. This QUERI Program will work to implement and evaluate technology-facilitated clinical interventions designed to improve outcomes for rural Veterans.
QUERI Partnered Evaluation Initiative:
Denver-Seattle Specialty Care Evaluation Initiative
Principal Investigator: Michael Ho, MD, PhD
VA’s Office of Specialty Care Services/Office of Specialty Care Transformation (SCS/OSCT) implemented a number of transformational initiatives designed to improve access and delivery of specialty care, incorporating the essential elements of being Veteran-centered, team-based, efficient, and evidence-based. The main goals of this QUERI Initiative are to partner with SCS/OSCT to evaluate the impact of the specialty care transformation initiatives, as well as to inform decisions about maintaining, modifying, and/or expanding the programs.

Partnered Evaluation of the Social Determinants of Health and Healthcare Resource Needs of Rural Veterans
Principal Investigator: Alyson Littman, PhD, MPH
The overarching goal of this evaluation is to provide VA’s Office of Rural Health with data, including recommendations from Veterans and community stakeholders, to inform strategic planning for policies and programs that will improve the health of Veterans living in rural areas.

Currently Funded Projects
- Hybrid Effectiveness-Implementation Study to Improve Clopidogrel Adherence – Michael Ho, MD, PhD
- A Novel Approach to Measuring Costs and Efficiency: Lung Nodules as a Case Study – Steven Zeliadt, PhD, MPH
- Advance Care Planning in Veterans with Kidney Disease – Ann O’Hare, MD
- Integrating Care after Exacerbation of COPD (InCasE) – David Au, MD, MS
- Optimizing the Value of Primary Care Delivered by Nurse Practitioners – Chuan-Fen Liu, PhD, MPH
- Improving Statistical Disclosure Methods for Protecting Confidential VA Data – Xiao-Hua Zhou, PhD, MSc
- Palliative Care to Improve Quality of Life in CHF and COPD – David Bekelman, MD, MPH
- Vet COACH (Veteran peer Coaches Optimizing and Advancing Cardiac Health) – Karin Nelson, MD, MSHS
- Understanding Patient Management of COPD Exacerbations – Vincent Fan, MD, MPH
- Appropriate Use of Cardiovascular Procedures to Optimize Healthcare Value – Steven Bradley, MD, MPH
- Secondary Event Prevention using Population Risk Management after PCI – Liron Caplan, MD, PhD

Current Career Development Awardees
- Steven Bradley, MD, MPH – Appropriateness of Percutaneous Coronary Intervention
- Robert Burke, MD – Improving Transitional Care for Veterans Discharged to Post-acute Care Facilities
- Lisa Callegari, MD – Reproductive Planning for Women Veterans
- Joseph Frank, MD, MPH – Development and Testing of a Prescription Opioid Tapering Intervention
- Katherine Hoerster, PhD, MPH – MOVE! UP: Improving MOVE! for Veterans with PTSD Using Peer Support
- Jodie Katon, PhD, MS – Women Veterans’ VA Maternity Care Utilization, Satisfaction, and Health Outcomes
- Emily Williams, PhD, MPH – Implementation Research for Evidence-based Care for Alcohol Dependence
- Edwin Wong, PhD, MA – Economic Impact of Dual Use and Patient Choice in Primary Care
Research Career Scientists

- Xiao-Hua (Andrew) Zhou, PhD, MSc

Highlighted Publications

- **JAMA Viewpoint: Incorporating Health Status into Routine Care**

- **Study Evaluates Use of Contraindicated Medications among Veterans Undergoing Percutaneous Coronary Intervention**

- **Significant Decrease in Rates of Non-Acute Percutaneous Coronary Intervention since Release of Appropriate Use Criteria**

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