HSR&D and QUERI Centers, projects, Career Development Awards, and highlighted publications in Pittsburgh/Philadelphia:

**COIN (Center of Innovation):**

*Center for Health Equity Research and Promotion (CHERP)*

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CHERP’s mission is to advance the quality and equity of health and healthcare for Veterans through rigorous health services research, collaborations, partnerships with operations and policy stakeholders, research training and mentoring, and service.

**Currently Funded Projects**

- Dual Use of VA-Medicare Drug Benefits and Unsafe Prescribing in Dementia Patients – Joshua Thorpe, PhD, MPH
- Costs and Outcomes of Chronic Heart Disease Care in the VHA – Peter Groeneveld, MD, MS
- Using Peer Mentors to Support PACT Team Efforts to Improve Diabetes Control – Judith Long, MD
- Staying Positive: An Intervention to Reduce Osteoarthritis Pain Disparities – Leslie Hausmann, PhD
- Safety of Opioid Use among Veterans Receiving Care in Multiple Health Systems – Walid Gellad, MD, MPH
- Comparison of E-Health vs. In-Person Delivered Family Psychoeducation Treatment – Armando Rotondi, PhD
- STORM Implementation Program Evaluation – Walid Gellad, MD, MPH
- Intimate Partner Violence: Patient Characteristics, Service Use, and Experiences – Melissa Dichter, PhD, MSW
- Effects of a Mindfulness Intervention Delivered within Diabetes Education on Diabetes-Related Outcomes in Military Veterans – Monica DiNardo, PhD
- De-Intensifying Unnecessary Medications in VA CLC Residents Nearing End of Life – Carolyn Thorpe, PhD, MPH
- Comparative Effectiveness of Delivery Methods for Caregiver Support and Education – Shahrzad Mavandadi, PhD
- Reducing Colorectal Cancer Death through Mailed Outreach Screening – E. Carter Paulson, MD, MSCE
- Pilot Testing Pre-habilitation Services Aimed at Improving Outcomes of Frail Veterans Following Major Abdominal Surgery – Daniel Hall, MD, MDiv, MHSc
- Remote Ambulatory Management of Veterans with Sleep Apnea – Samuel Kuna, MD
- Incorporating Veterans Preferences Into Lung Cancer Screening Decisions – Marilyn Schapira, MD, MPH
- PRIME Care (PRecision medicine In MEntal health Care) – David Oslin, MD

**Current Career Development Awardees**

- John Blosnich, PhD, MPH – Health Outcomes and Healthcare Use Among Transgender Veterans
- Adam Bramoweth, PhD – Implementation of Brief Treatments for Insomnia in Primary Care
- Mitesh Patel, MD, MBA, MS – Evaluating Connected Health Approaches to Improving the Health of Veterans
Highlighted Publications

- **Study Examines Unintended Pregnancy and Contraceptive Use among Women Veterans**  

- **Study Suggests Male Veterans at Greater Risk of Sexually Transmitted Infections Compared to Non-Veterans**  

- **Study Examines VA Pharmacy Use in the First Year of Choice Act**  

- **A Positive Psychological Intervention Improves Outcomes for Veterans with Knee or Hip Osteoarthritis**  

- **Addressing the Opioid Epidemic: Lessons Learned from VA**  

- **Frailty Screening Initiative Associated with Improved Post-Operative Survival among Veterans**  

- **Veterans with Dementia Using Both VA and Medicare More than Double their Odds of Exposure to Potentially Unsafe Medications**  

- **Study Identifies Safety Risk for Veterans Receiving Overlapping Buprenorphine, Opioid, and Benzodiazepine Prescriptions from VA and Medicare Part D**  