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

**COIN (Center of Innovation):**

**Center for Health Services Research in Primary Care**  
*Director:* Gene Oddone, MD, MHSc  
This Center’s mission is to conduct high-quality research on strategies that enhance the delivery, access, quality, and cost-effectiveness of primary care for Veterans and the VA healthcare system.

**CREATE (Collaborative Research to Enhance and Advance Transformation and Excellence):**  
**Transforming Prevention into Action**  
*Director:* Gene Oddone, MD, MHSc  
This CREATE will use rigorous health services research methods to evaluate novel prevention strategies. Projects in this CREATE include:

- Will Veterans Engage in Prevention after HRA-guided Shared Decision Making? – Gene Oddone, MD, MHSc  
- Randomized Controlled Trial of Group Prevention Coaching – David Edelman, MD, MHS  
- Stay Strong: A Physical Activity Program for Afghanistan and Iraq Veterans – Laura Damschroder, MS, MPH (housed in Ann Arbor)  
- Risk Stratification and Tailoring of Prevention Programs – Matthew Maciejewski, PhD

**QUERI Partnered Evaluation Initiative:**  
**Caregiver Support (VA-CARES) Evaluation Initiative**  
*Principal Investigator:* Courtney Van Houtven, PhD  
The Caregivers and Veterans Omnibus Health Services Act of 2010 (Public Law:111-163) enacted legislation to ensure training, services, and assistance for Veteran caregivers in need through two landmark programs: Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers, and Caregiver Support Services. The VA-CARES Evaluation Initiative will evaluate the impacts of these programs on Veterans and caregivers.

**Evidence-Based Synthesis Center**  
*Director:* John Williams, Jr., MD, MHSc  
ESP Centers generate evidence syntheses on important clinical practice topics. These reports help: develop clinical policies informed by evidence; the implementation of effective services to improve patient outcomes and to support VA clinical practice guidelines and performance measures; and set the direction for future research to address gaps in clinical knowledge.

**Currently Funded Projects at Durham**  
- Randomized Trial of Titrated Disease Management for Patients with Hypertension – George Jackson, PhD  
- Discharge Information and Support for Patients Receiving Outpatient Care in the ED – Susan Hastings, MD
• Helping Invested Families Improve Veterans Experiences Study (HI-FIVES) – Courtney Van Houtven, PhD
• Abstinence Reinforcement Therapy (ART) for Rural Veteran Smokers – Patrick Calhoun, PhD
• Organization & Outcomes of Dialysis for Veterans with End Stage Renal Disease – Matthew Maciejewski, PhD
• Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants: Primary Care Roles and Outcomes – George Jackson, PhD
• Jump Starting Shared Medical Appointments for Diabetes with Weight Management – William Yancy, MD, MHS
• Impact of Family History and Decision Support on High-Risk Cancer Screening – Corrine Voils, PhD
• STepped Exercise Program for Knee Osteoarthritis (STEP-KOA) – Kelli Allen, PhD
• Adjunctive Mood Management for Telephone-based Smoking Cessation in Primary Care – Jennifer Gierisch, PhD
• Healthcare Utilization Patterns and Associated Costs for Gulf War I Era Veterans – Rebecca McNeil, PhD

Current Career Development Awardees

• Matthew Crowley, MD, MHS – Tailored, eHealth-based Management for Persistent Poorly-Controlled Diabetes
• Ziad Gellad, MD, MPH – Simulation-Guided Systems Redesign in GI Endoscopy
• Karen Goldstein, MD – Peer Support for Cardiovascular Risk Reduction in Female Veterans
• Christi Ulmer, PhD – Sleep Disturbance in OEF/OIF Veterans with PTSD: A CVD Risk Factor
• Leah Zullig, PhD – Colorectal Cancer Survivorship Care in the Veterans Affairs Healthcare System

Research Career Scientists

• Hayden Bosworth, PhD
• Matthew Maciejewski, PhD
• Corrine Voils, PhD

Highlighted Publications

• Study Shows Sustained Weight Loss Advantage among Obese Veterans Receiving Specific Bariatric Surgery

• Majority of Male VA Enrollees Similar to Medicare Beneficiaries, Suggesting Greater Generalizability of Research Findings

• Telemicine-Based Intervention Improves Outcomes for Veterans with Poorly Controlled Diabetes

• Study Suggests Having a Diet Option Assigned vs. Choosing a Diet Leads to Greater Weight Loss among Obese Veterans

• Sleep Difficulties Associated with Risk Factors for Cardiovascular Disease among Younger Veterans and Active Duty Personnel

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- **Study Suggests Bariatric Surgery Compared to Usual Care May Lower Mortality Rates among Obese Veterans**

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