Hiding in Plain Sight: Research Opportunities for Emergency Care Researchers in the Veterans Health Administration
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Overview of VHA Emergency Medicine

- 9 million Veterans
- 19 VISNs, 172 Medical Centers
- 1,069 outpatient clinics
- 141 EDs/UCCs
- 2.5 million annual VA ED visits
- ~500K non-VA ED visits
VA Funding Mechanisms

- Career Development Award
- Investigator Initiated Research
- Service Directed Research
- QUERI (Programs, Hubs, Partnered Evaluation Centers)
- Special funding solicitations
- Operational partnerships
Research Priority Areas

- Access to care
- Mental health
- Suicide Prevention
- Women’s health
- Primary care practice and complex chronic disease
- Disability
- Opioid use disorder and pain management
- Long-term care, aging

- Health care informatics
- Health equity
- Quality and safety of health care
- Population health and whole health
- Virtual care
- Implementation science
- Health systems engineering
Panel of Individual Experiences
Panelist Questions

• How did you get to the VA?

• What are you studying now and how was it funded?

• What are the biggest challenges of working in VA?

• What are the biggest opportunities working in the VA?
Other Opportunities for Getting Started within the VA

- VA EM Research community engagement: *Every other Thursday*
- Fellowships: Innovation, Informatics, Quality Scholars
- VA Cyber Seminars: [https://www.hsrd.research.va.gov/cyberseminars/](https://www.hsrd.research.va.gov/cyberseminars/)
- Funding: CDA/Pilot/Merit: [https://www.hsrd.research.va.gov/](https://www.hsrd.research.va.gov/)
- VA Academic Affiliates: [https://www.va.gov/oaa/](https://www.va.gov/oaa/)
Thank You!

Questions?

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