

**2008 National VA Research Week Events
May 11 - 17**

VAMC	Dates	VACO REP	ACOS	Contact/Event Coordinator	Phone #	Events	Confirmed VIPs/ Congressional Reps
Albany	23-May		Don Pasquale, MD	Judy K. Shaw	518.626.6421	Veteran-centric activities: talks and posters.	
Albuquerque			Thomas Byrd, MD	Annie D. Cook	505.256.2810		
Baltimore	15-May		Christopher T. Bever, Jr. MD, MBA	Ann Kimball	410.605.7000 x6506	12th annual VAMHCS Research Day; 1:30pm-"Postdeployment Health in Returning OEF/OIF Veterans" talk by Dr. Sonja Batten; 3-4:30pm-Poster session and vendor show.	
Boston	May 14,16,17		Terence Keane, PhD	Liza Catucci	857.364.2952	5/14: poster session 3-7pm; 5/16 "A celebration of translational research in cardiothoracic surgery: Dr. Khuri, 30 years of VA research contributions; OEF/OIF Veterans' Welcome Home Celebration on Saturday 5/17 - research info booth setup.	
Bedford	May 14-15		PB Cipolloni, MD	Joe Squicciarini	781.687.2838	Plans and dates to be finalized; tentatively poster displays, open house of new space, and seminars by new research staff.	
Bronx			Mary Sano, PhD	Diane Mason	718.741.4228		
Buffalo			Steven Spaulding, MD	Nancy Evans	716.862.6528		
Chicago	May 12-13		Kenneth Grasing, MD	Karen Lenehan	312.569.6343	Poster session in the atrium and open house of new research lab space.	
Clarksburg	29-May		Maria Kolar, MD	Kathy Keener	304.623.7617	Speakers, poster displays and presentations.	
Columbia SC		Patricia Dorn	Donnie Powell, PhD	Christine Moore	803.695.6825	Speakers to include Patricia Dorn, VA Rehab R&D; Ret Maj Gen Livingston; Congressional Medal of Honor winner at SC Res Authority, and VP for Research at USC.	

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Columbia MO	16-May			John Whited, MD	573.814.6550	Poster displays, speakers, a VA Research education seminar for VA staff and veterans, and tours of the research facility and the Biomolecular Imaging Center.	
Cleveland			Neal Peachey, PhD	Holly Henry	216.719.3800 x4657		
Denver	15-May			Marc Goalstone, PhD	303.399.8020 x3610	Open house, poster presentations, veterans outreach booth, microscopy core display, speakers.	
Detroit	16-May		Richard Miller, MD	Ryann Wolan	313.576.1000 x64475	Annual Research Week Poster Symposium.	
Durham	May 11-17		Timothy Hammond, MB	Brad Olson	919.286.6926	Banners and newsletter highlights	
East Orange	14-May	Kate Bent	Richard Wedeen, MD	Heather Middleton	973.676.1000 x1340	Speakers, poster presentations, and a luncheon.	
Fargo	15-May			Laurie Leonhart	701.239.3700 x3508	Poster session; presentation-"Role of Selenium in Cancer Prevention" by Dr. Gerald Combs, Center Director for USDA Human Nutrition Research.	
Gainesville	May 8-9		Charles Wingo, MD	Marie Johnson	352.376.1611 x6476	May 8: Poster Fair; May 9: Scientific presentations and refreshments.	
Hines	14-May		Dale Gerding, MD	Ed Clark	708.202.5691	Poster day session and printed abstracts of all research projects.	
Houston	May 13-14	Michael Selzer	Holly H. Birdsall, MD, PhD	Mary Abbott	713.794.7566	Poster display of studies recruiting patients; symposium on 5/14 in Town Hall format; a clinical/neuroscience consortium; tour of research facilities and clinical neuroscience imaging lab at Baylor College of Medicine.	
Indianapolis	8-May			Peggy Hannon	317.988.3032	Poster session from 11am-2pm featuring the Foundation's VA Young Investigator Award Winners, and speakers.	

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Iowa City	April 1-2,		Patricia Winokur, MD	Mark Yorek	319.338.0581 x7696	Activities in conjunction w/UICM and CPH; to be held on the health sciences campus of UI. Speakers on the topic of innate immunity; poster sessions incl poster competition for medical and grad students and one for post-doc fellows and staff. See website: http://www.healthcare.uiowa.edu/research/researchweek/	
Kansas City	early June		Kenneth Grasing, MD	Dr. Grasing	816.922.2756	Speakers	
Las Vegas			Samer Nakhle, MD R&D Coordinator	Dianoda Lewis	702.636.3000 x4453		
Lexington	May 14 or 16			Caroly Brown	859.381.5947	A continuous slide show in conference room and a tour of a designated research area.	
Loma Linda			Alan Jacobson	Anne MacMurray	909.825.7084 x2779		
Long Beach			Chris Reist, MD	Deborah Ludhe	562.826.8000 x4715		
Louisville				Linda Keithley	502.287.4000 x55118	Possible poster displays and human studies representatives.	
Madison			Theodore Goodfriend, MD	Marvin Rupp	608.280.7222		
Martinez	May 14-15			Karen Sigvardt	925.372.2003	Research open house at the Center for Rehab and Extended Care with a focus on campus programs such as veterans with stroke, Alzheimer's disease and traumatic brain injury. Speakers will include researchers and veterans; hands-on participation of computerized testing; movies on big-screen and presentations regarding brain disorders, briefing materials and promo items.	
Miami	13-May		Robert M. Jackson, MD	Isabel Perez	305.575.7000 x3722	To host a Mental Health Awareness Day, by Dr. Maria D. Llorente, Chief of Psychiatric Service; refreshments.	

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Minneapolis			Michael Levitt, MD	Debra McKeehen	612.467.5655		
New Orleans	May 16 or 17	Marisue Cody		Richard Mirabelli	504.565.4866	Speakers and discussions regarding accomplishment in R&D and the associated health affects of veterans and a session reaching out to veterans and community members regarding benefits of volunteering in research studies.	
Oklahoma City	May 12-16			Lannis Wallace	405.270.1545	Annual sessions on coordinator study training; lab safety; research displays, posters, handouts, and brochures.	
Omaha	May 11-17		Debra Romberger, MD	Kusum Kharbanda, PhD	402.995.3752	Poster displays, research employees appreciation lunch on 5/14; seminar on 5/16 on "Innate Immune Mechanisms in Toxin Induced Liver Injury" by Dr. Gace Su, followed by Friends of Omaha VA Research award ceremony, tour of research service and clinical research unit, and meeting with VSOs, commanders and any congressional representatives present.	
Philadelphia	May 13-15,29	Michael Selzer	Joel Maslow, MD, PhD	Yvette Roberts	215.823.6020	5/14-Med Res and CHERP, in order to raise awareness among PVAMC Community, will present a preview of a short documentary titled "Unnatural Causes", a PBS documentary series, explaining how public policy affects the health of US citizens; 5/13&15-"What it means to be a research subject" video and discussion with patients; 5/29-annual poster presentation; 5/12-16-Distribution of Research Handbook outlining all research at PVAMC.	
Phoenix			John Bagdade, MD	Ellen Lancaster	602.277.5551 x5104		
Pittsburgh			Ali Sonel, MD	Barbara Strelec	412.365.4266		

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Richmond			Frank Zieve, MD, PhD	Robert Dresch	804.675.5151		
St. Cloud	15-May		Lois M. Thesing, OTR/L, MAM	Lois M. Thesing	320.255.6480 x6192	Poster displays, presentations, investigator/management staff meeting.	
St. Louis			Stephen Giddings, MD	Sheila Nothdurft	314.289.6333		
Sacramento			Andrew Vaughn, PhD	Brian J. O'Neill Bev Atherton-Pierce	925.372.2018 916.843.9046	Plans for a traumatic brain injury workshop with UofCA Davis Med School.	
Salem VA	15-May	Mary Sue Cody	Ali Iranmanesh, MD	Lynne Moffitt	540.982.2463 x1207	Research posters and displays; thank you to subjects at 10 am; medical ground rounds on 5/23 and Mary Sue Cody speaking on AAHRPP at luncheon.	
Salt Lake City	June 11-12		Mark R. Elstad, MD	Donna Fry	801.582.1565 x4865	Speakers and displays.	
San Diego	15-May		Stephen Baird, MD	Janet Payton, AO	858.552.8585 x3657	Research staff and investigators' appreciation day.	
San Francisco			Lynn Pulliam, PhD	David Doll	415.221.4810 x2141		
San Juan			Julio Banabe, MD	Lourdes Gomez	787.641.7582 x10135		
Syracuse			Bernadette Kalman, MD PhD	Dr. Kalman	315.425.2471		
Tampa			Robert Farese, MD	Frank DiPaola	813.972.2000 x7008		
Temple	May 12-15			Debbie Boyd	254.743.2409	Research educational seminar and poster displays.	
Tucson	May 7-8	?		Jayendra Shah	520.629.1815	VISN 18 Research Forum; would like an ORD rep as key note speaker.	
Tuscaloosa	May 12,13,15		Lori Davis, MD	Julie Wakefield	205.554.3674	Open house, poster displays, a Lunch-and-Learn presentation to VAMC staff on the 13th and 15th by Dr. Lori Davis.	
Wh River Jnct			Leo Zacharski, MD	Laura Miraldi	802.296.6339		