

### **2007 VA HSR&D National Meeting**

#### **1. Agenda for 2007 VA HSR&D National Meeting**

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Health Services & Research (HSR&D) National Meeting agenda is available on the Internet at <http://www.hsrdata.research.va.gov/meetings/2007/agenda.cfm>.

#### **2. Visit the VIREC Exhibit Booth at the 2007 VA HSR&D National Meeting**

VIREC staff are available at the VIREC Exhibit Booth throughout the 2007 National Meeting (February 21-23) to answer questions about VA databases and information systems. Researchers can meet the faces behind the VIREC Help Desk, and, sign up for the HSRData-L Listserv. The HSRData Listserv is a discussion forum moderated by VIREC among HSR&D researchers using VA data, stewards of VA data and VA information system managers.

#### **3. VIREC Breakfast Session at 2007 VA HSR&D National Meeting**

This year's National Meeting includes a VIREC breakfast session to inform researchers about timely topics in data for VA research. Grab your breakfast and join VIREC for a discussion of these new data resources.

- Friday, February 23, 7:00 – 8:00 am
  - VIREC Breakfast Session: *VA Information Resource Center (VIREC): New Tools for VA Research*
  - Presenters: Koelling K, Bates J, Perrin R, Stevens J
  - Description: This breakfast session introduces participants to two new data sources available for research: (1) the VA Vital Status files, which contain mortality data from multiple VA sources and (2) data available through the Corporate Data Warehouse (CDW).

#### **4. National Meeting Sessions Relating to the Use of Medicare Data**

The 2007 National Meeting includes several sessions relating to the use of Medicare data in VA research. VIREC is sponsoring one of these sessions and is represented in the other two:

- Wednesday, February 21, 4:00 – 5:30 pm
  - Special Interest Group Meeting: *Policy Questions and Practical Research Problems: Combined Use of VA, Medicare, Medicaid and Private Insurance Data*
  - Hendricks A, Frakt A, **Hynes D**, Jonk Y, Maciejewski M

#### 4. National Meeting Sessions Relating to the Use of Medicare Data (continued)

- Friday, February 23, 10:00 – 11:30 am
  - Workshop (**VIReC**): *Combining Veterans' Health Care Data from VHA and Medicare: Methodological Issues and Research Examples*
  - Presenters: Mallin K, Koelling K, Jia H, Kwon S, Stroupe K
  - Description: This workshop is geared towards newer and intermediate users of Medicare data in VA health services research.
  
- Friday, February 23, 10:00 – 11:30 am
  - Workshop: *Working with VA and Medicare Data: Matching by Care Type*
  - Presenters: Maciejewski M, Liu C, Burgess J, Perkins M, Hendricks A, **Hynes D**, Weeks W, Wright S
  - Description: This workshop is geared towards more experienced users of Medicare data in VA health services research.

#### 5. National Meeting Informatics Session

HSR&D researchers, particularly in implementation research studies, are bringing developments in informatics to the forefront. VIReC is participating in one of this year's National Meeting sessions describing research focused on the use of information technology in health care delivery.

- Friday, February 23, 10:00 – 11:30 am
  - Workshop: *Developments in Information Health Technology: Integrating and Evaluating IT to Improve Management of Complexity in Chronic Care*
  - Presenters: Bonner L, Chaney E, Fortney J, Goldstein M, Nichol P, Oslin D, **Perrin R**
  - Description: Four research groups will describe motivations for quality improvement informatics development and approaches to the informatics design, development and evaluation process.

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