



Breakfast Sessions Friday Feb 15 7-8AM

AcademyHealth: THE FUTURE HSR WORKFORCE

Moderator: Patricia Pittman, PhD

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As demand for certain types of health services research (HSR) rises, there is a real question as to whether the field has the capacity, in terms of its size, competencies, and distribution, to adequately respond. The strengths and weaknesses of the HSR workforce and HSR training models was the subject of a high level invitational summit organized and held by AcademyHealth in November of 2007. At this breakfast session, findings and recommendations from the summit will be shared and open discussion encouraged. A possible outcome of the session is the potential inclusion of a VA perspective in the final report on the future of the HSR workforce to be published in HSR later in the spring of 2008.

Career Development

Moderators: Robert Small and Kate Bent, RN, PhD

Grand Ballroom Salon VII

This session provides an opportunity for researchers to learn about the Career Development Programs available in VA.

Genomics

Moderator: Pauline Sieverding, JD, PhD

Laurel A

Health Services Genomics: Meet other interested researchers and discuss with the HSR&D Genomics portfolio manager recent developments and ORD research funding directions.

Health Economics Resource Center

Moderator: Paul Barnett, PhD

Grand Ballroom Salon X

The Health Economics Resource Center will host a round table discussion for economic researchers. Meet other researchers, discuss your research, learn news about VA data, and find out about new products and services available from HERC.

HSR&D/RR&D Qualitative and Mixed Methods Research Group

Moderators: Laura Damschroder, MS, MPH and Heather Reisinger, PhD

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The Mixed Methods Special Interest group is open to HSR&D researchers who are interested in mixed methods and qualitative research. Anyone affiliated with HSR&D is invited to join. We meet yearly at the HSR&D National Meeting, hold periodic conference calls, and are planning CyberSeminars.

HSR&D Post-doctoral Fellows

Moderator: Stuart Gilman, MD, MPH

Kent B

This meeting will enable VA postdoctoral fellows (post-residency MD and PhD) and fellowship directors to meet and network with other fellows and fellowship directors. Stuart Gilman, the fellowship program director in the Office of Academic Affiliations in VA Central Office will participate in the discussion and answer questions. Open discussion will be encouraged.

QUERI

Moderator: Linda McIvor, MA

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This is an opportunity to meet VA's Quality Enhancement Research Initiative (QUERI) new Director. QUERI is designed to translate research discoveries and innovations into better patient care and systems improvements. QUERI staff will provide information on the QUERI program, new directions, and Service Directed Projects. This meeting is for QUERI coordinators, investigators, and others with an interest in the QUERI program.

VA Statisticians' Association (VASA)

Moderators: Andrew Zhou, PhD and Roslyn Stone, PhD

Grand Ballroom Salon IX

This breakfast session provides a forum for statisticians across the VA to interact and identify ways to become more active participants/contributors to VA HSR&D research. We will review our activities for the past year (Invited and topic contributed sessions at national statistics meetings, increasing participation at the VA HSR&D meeting, grant review, study monitoring, and the VASA website). We also will discuss ways we can help to increase the statistical rigor of health services research within the VA, increase the visibility of VA health services statistical research outside the VA, and identify VASA priorities for the next year.

VIREC

Moderator: Tim Weddle, PhD

Grand Ballroom Salon VIII

The VA Information Resource Center will host a round table discussion for HSR&D researchers. Learn news about VA data, find out about new products and services available from VIREC, and meet other researchers.

Women's Health

Moderator: Linda Lipson, MA

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This session will include an informal discussion of currently funded HSR&D women's health research by investigators, recent publications and findings, plans to update current VA women's health research on the R&D web site, and future directions for VA women's health research, networking, cyberseminars and dissemination.