



Special Interest Group Meetings

Thursday, February 14

Pain Special Interest Group

Contact: Bob Kerns, PhD robert.kerns@va.gov

7:00-8:00 am

Grand Ballroom Salon VIII

The Pain Special Interest Group is a national network of VA investigators with focused interests in pain and pain management. The meeting will focus on continued discussion of several ongoing projects including development of plans for multisite treatment effectiveness and efficacy studies, development of a special scientific journal issue on pain and OEF/OIF service members, and further development of special topic working group clusters such as pain and substance abuse, pain and psychiatric comorbidities, ethnic/racial disparities, pain and the cognitively impaired, and pain and polytrauma. Ongoing and developing collaborations with QUERI and other HSRD Centers will also be addressed. All interested investigators are invited to attend.

Health Professions Education Research

Moderator: Seth Eisen, MD, MSc

Contact: Kate Bent, PhD katherine.bent@va.gov

7:00-8:00 am

Grand Ballroom Salon IX

Join HSR&D staff for information about this exciting new HSR&D program area and to learn about ongoing collaborative efforts with the Office of Academic Affiliations (OAA) and the Employee Education System (EES) to advance the science of health professions education. We will be discussing overall objectives and funding opportunities for this new program of research and answering questions about ways HSR&D researchers can take advantage of many unique opportunities within VA to answer important questions about clinical outcomes of provider education.

Dysphagia: Filling in the Pieces for a Systematic Line of Research from Translation to Clinical Practice

Moderator: Nan Musson, MA nan.musson2@va.gov

7:00-8:30 pm

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The goal of this session is to review current EBP projects from HSR&D, ASHA, AHRQ, and Translational Initiatives and then identify existing research focusing on dysphagia in adult populations within the VA to identify future research needs and develop a plan for future research focus. This will be an open forum and all are welcome to attend and participate in the discussion process.

Friday, February 15

Management Research Interest Group

Contact: Carol VanDeusen Lukas, EdD carol.vandeusenlukas@va.gov

12:15-2:30 pm

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This year's meeting is co-hosted by HSR&D's Center for Organization, Leadership and Management Research and Center of Excellence on Implementing Evidence-Based Practice. The main topic will be research on organizational transformation in health care systems -- defining a research agenda and understanding the challenges of conducting it. There will also be time for announcements and sharing other information relevant to management research in VA. The meeting is open to all National Meeting participants. Feel free to bring your lunch.

Benefits and Facilitators of VA/DoD Collaboration

Moderator: Seth Eisen, MD, MSc

Contact: Martha Bryan, EdD martha.bryan@va.gov

12:15-2:00 pm

Grand Ballroom Salon VII

Researchers in both VA and the Department of Defense are studying common conditions such as traumatic brain injury, mental health (particularly PTSD), polytrauma, pain, amputation and prosthetics, and burns. Collaborations across DoD and VA would help advance this research but there are many challenges such as: inability to identify pre-deployment risk and resilience factors; substantial risk for sample selection bias and inadequate control cohorts; inability to examine the longer term outcomes of military experience; and challenges to obtaining approvals for collaborative projects across departments with different systems for IRB and OMB approvals and issues with data availability.

This special interest group will provide an opportunity for interested VA researchers and invited DoD researchers and leaders to discuss cross-department research objectives, benefits and challenges. Please join us for a discussion to facilitate joint VA/DoD research endeavors and to learn from the collaboration experiences of others. The session will be informal. Feel free to bring your lunch.

Informatics Research Interest Meeting

Moderator: Mary Goldstein, MD, MSc

Contact: Merry Ward, PhD merry.ward@va.gov

12:30-1:30 pm

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Researchers interested in healthcare informatics will discuss future directions in healthcare informatics research and the challenges this research area presents. Contact Merry Ward, PhD (merry.ward@va.gov) if you would like to participate in planning this meeting and/or if you plan to attend.