This is an abbreviated agenda featuring VA HSR&D-supported sessions, affiliated speakers, and presenters. For a complete description of all sessions, please refer to the formal print or online AcademyHealth ARM agenda. All sessions take place at the New Orleans Hyatt Regency Hotel.

**Sunday, June 25**

**Late Morning Sessions: 10:30am–12:00pm**

**Celestin G/H**

**Building Successful Careers in Academia**

- Rani Elwy, VA Boston Healthcare System (*Session Chair*)
- Courtney Van Houtven, Durham VA Medical Center (*Speaker*)
- Mary Jo Pugh, South Texas VA Healthcare System (*Speaker*)
- Steven Asch, VA Palo Alto Healthcare System (*Speaker*)

**Bolden 6**

**Examining the Relationship between the Health Workforce and Health Outcomes**

George Jackson, Durham VA Medical Center  
*Intermediate Diabetes Outcomes by Primary Care Provider Type: Are there Differences among Patients of Physicians, Nurse Practitioners, and Physician Assistants?*

**Strand 12**

**Prescription Drugs, Specialty Pharmacy Services, and the Roles of Public Policy**

Joshua Thorpe, VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System  
*Dual Use of VA and Medicare Drug Benefits and Prescribing Safety in Veterans with Dementia*

**Celestin F**

**Recent Developments in Evidence Synthesis for Policy and Practice**

- Mark Helfand, VA Portland Health Care System (*Speaker*)
- Susanne Hempel, VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System (*Speaker*)

**Afternoon Sessions: 2:00pm–3:30pm**

**Imperial 5A/B**

**Advancing Telehealth through Patient-Centered Comparative Effectiveness Research**

John Fortney, VA Puget Sound Health Care System (*Speaker*)

**Celestin 6**

**An Update to the HSR Doctoral Core Competencies**

James Burgess, VA Boston Healthcare System (*Speaker*)

**Strand 12**

**Politics, Policy, and Health**

Elizabeth Tarlov, Edward Hines Jr. VA Hospital  
*Convenience Stores and Fast Food Restaurants Close to Home: How do they Impact Weight Management Program Outcomes?*

**Celestin A**

**Strategies to Improve Prescribing Practices**

Alex Sox-Harris, VA Palo Alto Health Care System  
*Effects of a Multifaceted Implementation Strategy to Increase Utilization of Pharmacological Treatments for Alcohol Use Disorders*

**Celestin F**

**Understanding Behavioral Health Care Financing, Spending, and Service Use**

Kara Zivin, VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System (*Session Chair*)

**Late Afternoon Sessions: 4:00pm–5:30pm**

**VA Session**

**Partnering and Pragmatic Trials in a Learning Healthcare System: Lessons from the Private and Public Sectors**

4:00pm–5:30pm  |  Imperial 5A/B

**Session Chair & Discussant:** David Atkins, Director, VA Health Services Research and Development Service

**Speakers**

- Nicolae Done, VA Boston Healthcare System
- Melissa Garrido, James J. Peters VA Medical Center
- Nasia Safdar, William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital
- Anna Spier, Abdul Jameel Latif Poverty Action Lab, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

**Focus:** Researchers with experience designing and conducting randomized programmatic evaluations and other partnered evaluations will share lessons learned from their studies. Panelists will discuss 1) development and maintenance of partnerships among researchers and stakeholders, and 2) statistical and practical considerations when developing a research question and designing a partnered evaluation.
Sunday, June 25 (cont’d)

Late Afternoon Sessions: 4:00pm–5:30pm

Strand 12
A Critical Cross-Section: The Intersection of Health Care and Population Health
Stephan Fihn, Director, VA Office of Analytics and Business Intelligence
The Association of High-Performing Medical Homes with Population Health

Imperial 5C/D
Baking Dissemination Strategies Into the Research Process
Maria Souden, VA Information Resource Center (Speaker)

Celestin F
Integration, Coordination, and Transitions in Behavioral Health Care
Lucinda Leung, VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System
Primary Care-Mental Health Integration: Shifting Mental Health Services for Common Mental Illnesses to VA Primary Care

Strand 10
Methods to Improve Identification of the Mechanisms Underlying Disparities in Health and Healthcare
Paul Hebert, VA Puget Sound Health Care System (Speaker)

Monday, June 26

Breakfast with VA Leadership: 7:15am to 8:00am
Bolden 4 (Level 2)
Enjoy breakfast with HSR&D leadership and colleagues.

Morning Sessions: 9:30am–11:00am

Strand 12
Emerging Issues in Disparities: Thinking Outside the Box
Elizabeth Yano, VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System (Session Chair)

Celestin A
Identifying and Addressing Risk across the Spectrum
S. Nicole Hastings, Durham VA Medical Center
Discharge Information and Support for Veterans Receiving Outpatient Care in the Emergency Department: Results from a Randomized Controlled Trial

Imperial 5A/B
Improving Quality and Safety of Pain Management
Kathleen Carlson, VA Portland Health Care System
Factors Related to Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Queries for Veterans Prescribed Long-Term Opioid Therapy

VA Session
Optimizing Resources to Respond to the VA Access Crisis
3:15pm–4:45pm | Bolden 1

Session Chair: Amy Kilbourne, Director, VA Quality Enhancement Research Initiative

Speakers
• Kevin Griffith, Boston University School of Public Health
• Christine Yee, University of Maryland Baltimore County
• Megan E. Vanneman, VA Salt Lake City Health Care System
• Takeo Minegishi, Northeastern University

Focus: This session will examine the success of the Veterans Access, Choice and Accountability Act (VACAA) of 2014 on Veteran-centric outcomes, and access to VA and non-VA care. Presentations will focus on validating access metrics, scheduling policies, the frequency of non-VA utilization, and the potential allocation of resources for non-VA care.

Imperial 5A/B
Improving Quality and Value of Treatment of Chronic Conditions
• Matthew Maciejewski, Durham VA Medical Center
  Under-treatment, Over-treatment, and Deintensification in Older Adults with Diabetes
• Nicolae Done, VA Boston Healthcare System
  Prescribing Patterns, Geographic Variation, and Financing Sources for Oral Anticoagulants in Older Veterans with Atrial Fibrillation
Tuesday, June 27

Early Morning Sessions: 8:00am–9:30am

**VA Session**

**From Data to Implementation and Back Again: Lessons from VA's Emerging Learning Health System**
8:00am–9:30am | Imperial 5C/D

**Session Chair:** Maria Souden, Associate Director, VA Information Resource Center

**Discussant:** Stephan Fihn, Director, VA Office of Analytics and Business Intelligence

**Speakers**
- Mary Whooley, San Francisco VA Health Care System
- George Jackson, Durham VA Medical Center
- Steven Pizer, VA Boston Healthcare System

**Focus:** Successful learning health systems (LHS) must go beyond data collection and reuse to integrate infrastructures and practices supporting iterative learning, meaningful translation of data, and sociocultural aspects of collaboration, trust, and institutional alignment. This session presents a range of VA initiatives supporting development of a robust LHS within the nation's largest integrated health system.

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**Early Evening Sessions 5:00pm–6:30pm**

**Strand 11**

**Addressing Internal and External Validity Threats in EHR-based HSR**
Matthew Maciejewski, Durham VA Medical Center
(Session Chair, Panelist)

**Strand 12**

**Issues in Post-Acute Care: ACOs, Home Health, and Skilled Nursing**
Amol Navathe, Philadelphia VA Medical Center

The Impact of Accountable Care Organization Participation on Post-Acute Care Utilization among Medicare Beneficiaries

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**Bolden 5**

**Palliative and End-of-Life Care**
Courtney Van Houtven, Durham VA Medical Center (Session Chair)

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**Celestin A**

**Outcomes of Patient-Centered Interventions**
- Rachel Kimerling, VA Palo Alto Health Care System (Session Chair)
- Laura Damschroder, VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System

Online Health Risk Assessment (HRA) with Coaching to Activate Patient Enrollment in Behavior Change Programs: Randomized Controlled Trial Results

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**Celestin B/C**

**Contemporary Measurement Challenges in Health Services Research**
- Jean Yoon, VA Palo Alto Health Care System
  Chronic Condition Rates in VA Patients before and after ICD-10 Adoption
- Bo Kim, VA Boston Healthcare System
  Integrating Process Mapping and Stakeholder Interviews to Guide Implementation of Peer-Support Services: Connecting Veterans to Post-Incarceration Health Care

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**Celestin G/H**

**Poster Symposium #2**
Melissa Garrido, James J. Peters VA Medical Center
Who is Referred for Inpatient Palliative Care Consultation?

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**Imperial 5A/B**

**Strategies to Reduce Low Value Care: Informing Decisions at the Patient, Provider, and System Levels**
- David Atkins, Director, VA HSR&D (Session Chair)
- Kevin Volpp, Philadelphia VA Medical Center (Speaker)
- Eve Kerr, VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System (Speaker)
- Jeff Kullgren, VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System (Speaker)

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**Morning Sessions: 9:45am–11:15am**

**Celestin E**

**Differences That Matter: Women's Health Issues in 2017**
Carolyn Clancy, VA Central Office (Speaker)
Tuesday, June 27 (cont’d)

Imperial 5A/B
Improving Health Behaviors through Financial & Social Incentives
Mitesh Patel, Philadelphia VA Medical Center
Effect of a Social Incentive-Based Gamification Intervention Using Wearable Devices and Smartphones on Physical Activity: The BE FIT Randomized Clinical Trial

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Late Morning Sessions: 11:30am–1:00pm

Celestin A
Maximizing the Value of Implementation Facilitation
- Amy Kilbourne, Director, VA Quality Enhancement Research Initiative (Discussant)
- Bo Kim, VA Boston Healthcare System
  Using Direct Observation to Guide Implementation Facilitation

Workshops

Saturday, June 24
1:00pm–5:00pm | Bolden 5
Notes to Your Future Self: Data Documentation and Data Planning Through the Research Lifecycle
Session Chair: Linda Kok, VA Information Resource Center
Speakers
- Sarah Krein, VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System
- Denise Hynes, VA Information Resource Center
- Matthew Maciejewski, Durham VA Medical Center
- Peter Groeneveld, Philadelphia VA Medical Center
Focus: Findings are only as good as the data that support them. An increasing emphasis on leveraging data to drive health system improvement demands application of rigorous data practices throughout the research lifecycle. Seasoned researchers present critical data strategies to support reproducibility, transparency, and findings that can be published with confidence.

Announcements

CDA Networking Event & Dinner
6:00pm | Networking: Hotel Monteleone, 214 Royal Street
(Point of contact: Eric Schmidt @ 408.314.7912)

7:30pm | Dinner: Kingfish Restaurant, 337 Chartres Street
(Both in the French Quarter)

This is an opportunity for members of the HSR&D and CDA community to meet in a relaxed way, discuss shared interests, and become better acquainted with each other. Please RSVP for networking and/or dinner by June 21 to Barb Elspas at barbara.elspas@va.gov

For the latest on CDA resources and opportunities, bookmark the HSR&D CDA Toolkit at: www.hsrd.research.va.gov/cdp/toolkit

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VA Name Badge Ribbons
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Exhibits

HSR&D and QUERI Exhibit Booths: 315 & 317
The HSR&D and QUERI exhibit booths will be open during exhibit hall hours and staffed by Center for Information Dissemination & Education Resources (CIDER) team members. Available at the booth are a variety of informational resources, and CIDER staff will be happy to address HSR&D or QUERI-related inquiries.

VA Information Resource Center (VIReC): 313
VIReC is an HSR&D resource center focused on improving the quality of VA research that utilizes databases and information systems. VIReC staff will be onsite during exhibit hall hours.