



Information for Non-VA Researchers



The VA Information Resource Center (VIREC) serves VA's research community by providing guidance and resources to researchers using VA data. Learn more about getting involved in VA research below.

Research in the VA

All Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) research is intramural, meaning only VA employees can conduct research under VA's sponsorship. However, VA researchers frequently collaborate with academic institutions and other agencies. **Non-VA researchers can only access VA data through collaborative research studies or by becoming a VA researcher with "Without Compensation" (WOC) status.** A WOC appointment can be arranged through a VA investigator or research center. This allows the researcher to participate in projects led by a VA Principal Investigator.

Getting Involved in VA Research

- **Search for VA researchers by location or research interest** in the [VA Health Services Research & Development \(HSR&D\) Directory](#).
- **Contact your local VA Medical Center** to speak with the Associate Chief of Staff for Research (ACOS-R) about possible collaborative opportunities. [A list of VA Medical Centers](#) is available from the VA website.
- **Current research positions** are advertised on VA's Office of Research and Development website.
[WOC Position Announcements](#)
[VA Research Positions and Fellowship Opportunities](#)

Learn More

- The [National Center for Veterans Analysis and Statistics website](#) provides **information about VA healthcare services**.
- [Data.gov](#) is an **information catalog of datasets maintained by the Federal Government**.
- VIREC cyberseminars are open to anyone and provide **expert discussion and guidance on key issues related to using VA data for research**. Visit the [Cyberseminars page](#) on our website to register for an upcoming session or to access previous sessions through our archive.

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