

ORLANDO VA MEDICAL CENTER RESEARCH SERVICE

Mission

To advance the state of the art in health care by fostering a culture of safe and professional medical inquiry that enhances the quality of life and needs of all Veterans. The Strategic plan for 2012-2016 focuses on conducting research that best addresses this mission and ensures that research professionalism and protection of our Veterans' rights are top priorities.

About the program

Our Research Service provides multidisciplinary cutting edge medical capabilities in oncology, investigational drugs, hand/orthopedic surgery and internal medicine among others. The scientific environment at the Orlando VA Medical Center (OVAMC) is setup to foster the implementation and successful completion of clinical research. OVAMC is the nation's 4th largest VA Medical Center providing world-class healthcare for 105,000 unique VA eligible beneficiaries within the central Florida area. Our new 1.2 million square foot facility has 134-inpatient beds, a 120-bed Community Living Center and a 60-bed Residential Rehabilitation Program. As part of the new "Medical City", we have affiliations with the Sanford-Burnham Medical Research Institute, the Nemours Children's Hospital, the University of Florida Academic and Research Center and the University Of Central Florida College Of Medicine.

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Research Service (151)

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Active Studies:

Study Number	Project Title	Project Status
12-00004	CSP: MVP-Million Veterans Program – (G)	OPEN ENROLLMENT
12-00005	CSP: CONFIRM – Colonoscopy vs. Fecal Immunochemical Test in Reducing Mortality from Colorectal Cancer – (O)	<i>follow up only</i>
13-00014	Torsional Stiffness Properties of Orthotics – (Pr)	<i>material testing</i>
14-00018	The Effects of Social Support and Working Alliance on Latino-American Male Combat Veterans – (MH)	OPEN ENROLLMENT
14-00021	Long-Term Use of Anti-Hypertensives and Risk of Breast Carcinoma – (O)	OPEN ENROLLMENT
14-00024	Clinical Validation Study of a New Molecular Test for Prostate Cancer Detection– (O)	OPEN ENROLLMENT
14-00025	Assessment of Antibiotic Prescribing Patterns for Acute Respiratory Tract Infections (RTIs) in the Ambulatory Care Clinics of Multi-Campus Veterans Affairs (Vas) Ambulatory Care System – (HCD)	OPEN ENROLLMENT
14-00026	Phase IIb, Prospective Single-Blinded, Randomized Controlled Trial of the Micronized dHACM Injection as Compared to the Saline Placebo Injection in the Treatment of Plantar Fasciitis – (Pd)	OPEN ENROLLMENT

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14-00027	CSP: Planning Palliative Care for Homeless Veterans at the End of Life – (Hs)	<i>institutional</i>
15-00033	Evaluating the Acute Care Needs of HBPC Patients: A Retrospective Review – (HCD)	ONGOING
15-00034	Dissemination of a Simulation-Based Mastery Learning Curriculum for Central Venous Catheter Insertion at Veteran’s Affairs Hospitals – (MS)	OPEN ENROLLMENT
15-00035	Renal Nuclear scan (TC-99m DTPA) & Renal artery stenosis: A retrospective evaluation of imaging usage at Orlando VA – (O)	OPEN ENROLLMENT
15-00038	Vitamin D and Type 2 Diabetes – (Db)	OPEN ENROLLMENT
15-00039	The Retrospective and Prospective Analyses of Anterior Approach for Anterior Subcutaneous Transposition of the Ulnar Nerve – (S)	OPEN ENROLLMENT
15-00040	Anal Cancer Screening: A Pilot study at the Orlando VA Medical Center – (O)	OPEN ENROLLMENT
15-00041	A Pilot Study on Treatments of AIN at the Orlando VA Medical Center – (O)	OPEN ENROLLMENT
15-00042	CSP: Double-Blind Placebo Controlled Study of Lithium for Preventing Repeated Suicidal Self-directed Violence in Patients with Depression or Bipolar Disorder – (SP)	OPEN ENROLLMENT
16-00044	Significance of Screening for Paraprotein Related Disorders in Kidney Disease – (K)	ONGOING
16-00046	Dental Implant Failure Evaluation– (D)	ONGOING
16-00047	Surgical Technique for the Repair of Iridodialysis and Lens Subluxation– (VL)	ONGOING
16-00048	The detection of the renal manifestations in patients with Hepatitis C viremia and their response to therapy– (HpC)	ONGOING

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16-00049	MRI utilization/prescription rates & efficacy: Primary Care Physicians & Specialists (Who's is ordering more MRIs?) – Lumbar Vertebrae (S)	ONGOING
16-00050	MRI utilization/prescription rates & efficacy: Primary Care Physicians & Specialists (Who's is ordering more MRIs?) – Knee (S)	ONGOING
16-00051	MRI utilization/prescription rates & efficacy: Primary Care Physicians & Specialists (Who's is ordering more MRIs?) – Cervical Vertebrae (S)	ONGOING
16-00052	Prognostic Markers and Clinical Severity of Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia with History of Exposure to Agent Orange	ONGOING
16-00053	Is Degree of Spirituality Associated with Dyspnea?	OPEN ENROLLMENT
16-00055	Exploration of Efficiencies of Various Ear-Level Tinnitus Management Technologies in the Veteran Population	ONGOING

Studies Awaiting Approval:

Study Number	Project Title	Topic Area
15-00032	The Effectiveness of Art Therapy Group in Reducing Symptoms of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder	Mental Health
16-00045	Treatment of Proteinuria Due to Treatment Resistant or Treatment Intolerant Idiopathic Focal Segmental Glomerulosclerosis: A Two Part Prospective Study of HP ACThar® GEI (PODOCYTE)	Kidney Diseases
16-000XX	The effects of the ESRD payment reforms (PPS and QIP) on anemia care in patients on dialysis.	Health Care Delivery

Studies in Planning:

Study Number	Project Title	Topic Area
16-000XX	Prevalence of Penicillin Allergy on OVAMC Veterans	Allergy
16-000XX	To study the use of PO clonidine (orally one to two hour prior to surgery) vs dexmedetomidine (IV post-induction) for the prevention of emergence delirium	Anesthesiology
16-000XX	Evaluation of Rapatha (cholesterol lowering drug) and Omecamtive Mecarbil for Heart Failure	Cardiology
16-000XX	Entresto (LCZ696) In Hospitalized Advanced Heart Failure (LIFE).	Cardiology
16-000XX	CSP: Metformin - Cholesterol Lowering	Cardiology
16-000XX	Precision (Genomics-Based) Medicine for Veterans: A Collaboration with Coriell Institute to enhance patient-centered care in the VA	Genomics
16-000XX	Initiatives to Affect Physician Behavior at a New Academic VA (Role of a Medical Librarian)	Health Care Delivery
16-000XX	Optimal Management of Transient Ischemic Attacks to Attenuate Subsequent Stroke Risk	Health Care Delivery
16-000XX	Initiatives to Affect Physician (foreign-born) Behavior at a New Academic VA (Role of a Linguistics Expert)	Health Care Delivery
16-000XX	Optimal Outpatient Facility Planning and Healthcare Provider Scheduling for VA Hospitals	Health Care Delivery
16-000XX	A Retrospective National Cohort Study to Evaluate the Adherence Rates Among Men and Women with Nine Osteoporosis Drug Treatments	Health Care Delivery
16-000XX	Exploration of Efficiencies of Various Ear-Level Tinnitus Management Technologies in the Veteran Population	Hearing Loss

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16-000XX	Hepatitis C Therapeutical Evaluation	Hepatitis C
16-000XX	Hepatitis C Treatments and Long Term Outcomes in VA Patient Populations	Hepatitis C
16-000XX	Oritavancin for Treatment of Acute Infections	Infectious Diseases
16-000XX	Novel Surveillance Methods to Track Development of Antimicrobial Resistance of Microorganisms in a New Hospital: Biomarkers of Infection	Infectious Diseases
16-000XX	Understanding the Neuro-Morphological Effects of Zika Virus on the Developing Fetus	Infectious Diseases
16-000XX	Monitoring and Bone Health in Users of Vitamin K Antagonist Type Anticoagulants	Internal Medicine
16-000XX	Diabetic Nephropathy (VINCI @ Salt Lake City, UT)	Kidney Diseases
16-000XX	A Retrospective Evaluation of Abdominal Ultrasound Examinations in Cirrhotic Patients at the Orlando VA	Liver Diseases
16-000XX	A modular framework platform that allows for configuration and deployment of modules to support 'Just in Time Training'	Modeling & Simulation
16-000XX	Google Glass Simulation in OR Setting	Modeling & Simulation
16-000XX	Novel Methods for Nutritional Needs and Malnutrition Screening at OVAMC's Inpatient Facility	Nutritional Medicine
16-000XX	Targeting Cytotoxic Peptides to Tumor Vasculature to Treat Breast Cancer	Oncology
16-000XX	Breast Cancer Risk Identification and Reduction for Female Veterans	Oncology

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16-000XX	Prevention and Treatment for Breast Cancer: Meeting the Challenges of Breast Cancer Immunotherapy with Novel Treatments that Stimulate Innate Immunity	Oncology
16-000XX	A Sero-Epidemiologic Survey and Cost-Effectiveness Study of Screening for Human Immunodeficiency Virus, Hepatitis B Virus and Hepatitis C Virus Among Newly Diagnosed Cancer Patients	Oncology
16-000XX	Research on Patterns of Prescription Opioid Pain Reliever (OPR) Use and Misuse, and Initiation of Heroin use During and/or After OPR Misuse.	Pain Medicine
16-000XX	Identify system configurations best suited for testing of patients with mTBI & PTSD using VR pared with physiologic data collection	Rehabilitation
16-000XX	New solutions for prolonged Damage Control Resuscitation (pDCR)	Rural Health
16-000XX	Double-blind, Placebo Controlled Study Looking at the Effects of Single Dose Ketamine plus Treatment as Usual vs. Treatment as Usual in Patients with Depression and Suicidal Ideation	Suicide Prevention
16-000XX	Secondary Physical Health Effects: Robotic and navigation assisted surgery to optimize care for veterans with post-traumatic arthrosis in the short term and long term	Surgery
16-000XX	Development of biologic coated suture for musculoskeletal soft tissue healing	Surgery
16-000XX	Prosthetic and/or Orthotic Device Function: affordable prosthesis technology in a highly customizable and replaceable 3D printed body	Surgery
16-000XX	Identify carpal ligament injuries in military personnel to provide early treatment to prevent the long term debilitating and costly effects of the consequences of this diagnosis by preventing post-traumatic arthritis	Surgery
16-000XX	The Defense and Veterans Eye Injury and Vision Registry (DVEIVR) – Biomechanics of Indirect Traumatic Optic Neuropathy	Vision Loss
16-000XX	Evidence-based Vulvodynia Assessment	Women's Health