

PCAT HIGH RISK NETWORK NEWSLETTER

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News and resources to support evaluation and innovation
in Primary Care for High-Risk Veterans

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High Risk Investigator Network Meetings

Date	Presenter	Topic
Sept. 8, 2023	Melissa Wei, MD, MPH, MS	Measuring Multimorbidity in the Veteran Population
Oct. 6, 2023	PCAT High Risk Core	New investigator introductions

The PCAT VA Primary Care High Risk Investigator Network is a national network of VA experts with a broad range of expertise that supports high-risk Veterans' primary care through collaborative investigation and evaluation. Our meetings are held on the first Fridays of the month at 1005 AM PT / 105 PM ET. To join our meetings or present to the High Risk Investigator Network, please email the PCAT High Risk Core by clicking [here](#).

New High Risk Network Meeting Schedule

Reminder: we have updated our meeting schedule!

- There are no meetings over the summer (July-August)
- We will meet once per month during the academic year, starting September 8, 2023
- Our meetings will be held on VA Teams
- The new calendar invite has been sent out by Sophia.Garvin@va.gov

If you have any questions, please contact VHAPCATHighRisk@va.gov

Recent High Risk Investigator Network Publications

- [The Clinical Resource Hub Initiative: First-Year Implementation of the Veterans Health Administration Regional Telehealth Contingency Staffing Program](#). Burnett K, **Stockdale SE**, **Yoon J**, Ragan A, Rogers M, **Rubenstein LV**, Wheat C, Jaske E, Rose DE, **Nelson K. J** *Ambul Care Manage*. 2023 Jul-Sep 01;46(3):228-239. doi: 10.1097/JAC.0000000000000468. PMID: 37079357; PMCID: PMC10213110. [Link](#)
- [Peer-to-Patient-Aligned Care Team \(Peer-to-PACT; P2P\), a Peer-Led Home Visit Intervention Program for Targeting and Improving Long-term Care Services and Support for Veterans With High Needs and High Risk: Protocol for a](#)

Mixed Methods Feasibility Study. Garcia-Davis S, Palacio A, Bast E, Penney LS, Finley E, Kinosian B, Intrator O, **Dang S**. *JMIR Res Protoc*. 2023 Jun 12;12:e46156. doi: 10.2196/46156. PMID: 37307055. [Link](#)

- Primary Care Provider Perspectives on Virtual and In-Person Depression Management During the COVID-19 Pandemic. **Leung LB**, Chrystal JG, Dyer KE, Brayton CE, Karakashian MA, Yano EM, Young AS, Shekelle PG, Hamilton AB. *Fam Syst Health*. 2023 May 25. doi: 10.1037/fsh0000801. Epub ahead of print. PMID: 37227826. [Link](#)
- Use of High Cost Care Among Veterans with Comorbid Mental Illness and Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias. Shepherd-Banigan M, Miller KEM, Hastings SN, Schleiden LJ, **Thorpe JM**. *PLoS One*. 2023 May 12;18(5):e0282071. doi: 10.1371/journal.pone.0282071. PMID: 37172031; PMCID: PMC10180599. [Link](#)
- Changes in Primary Care Quality Associated With Implementation of the Veterans Health Administration Preventive Health Inventory. Wheat CL, Gunnink EJ, Rojas J, Shah A, **Nelson KM**, Wong ES, Gray KE, **Stockdale SE**, **Rosland AM**, **Chang ET**, **Reddy A**. *JAMA Netw Open*. 2023 Apr 3;6(4):e238525. doi: 10.1001/jamanetworkopen.2023.8525. PMID: 37067799; PMCID: PMC10111181. [Link](#)

Other High Risk Publications

- Estimated Costs of Intervening in Health-Related Social Needs Detected in Primary Care. Basu S, Berkowitz SA, Davis C, Drake C, Phillips RL, Landon BE. *JAMA Intern Med*. 2023 May 30:e231964. doi: 10.1001/jamainternmed.2023.1964. Epub ahead of print. PMID: 37252714; PMCID: PMC10230374. [Link](#)
- Multimorbidity and Social Determinants of Health in the US Prior to the COVID-19 Pandemic and Implications for Health Outcomes: A Cross-Sectional Analysis Based on NHANES 2017-2018. Mossadeghi B, Caixeta R, Ondarsuhu D, Luciani S, Hambleton IR, Hennis AJM. *BMC Public Health*. 2023 May 15;23(1):887. doi: 10.1186/s12889-023-15768-8. PMID: 37189096; PMCID: PMC10183688. [Link](#)
- Implementing a Social Needs Screening and Referral Program Among Veterans: Assessing Circumstances & Offering Resources for Needs (ACORN). Russell LE, Cohen AJ, Chrzas S, Halladay CW, Kennedy MA, Mitchell K, Moy E, Lehmann LS. *J Gen Intern Med*. 2023 May 10:1–8. doi: 10.1007/s11606-023-08181-9. Epub ahead of print. PMID: 37165261; PMCID: PMC10171907. [Link](#)
- Effect of Chronic Disease Home Telehealth Monitoring in the Veterans Health Administration on Healthcare Utilization and Mortality. Mohr NM, Vakkalanka JP, Holcombe A, Carter KD, McCoy KD, Clark HM, Gutierrez J, Merchant KAS, Bailey GJ, Ward MM. *J Gen Intern Med*. 2023 May 8. doi: 10.1007/s11606-023-08220-5. Epub ahead of print. PMID: 37157039. [Link](#)

High Risk Highlight

The High Risk Core generates informational and methodological resources to support the conduct of complex, high risk patient care research and evaluation. In each newsletter we'll bring your attention to one of our existing resources.

PCAT High Risk Evidence Briefs: To ensure the important work of our network is communicated to PCAT and the Office of Primary Care stakeholders, evidence briefs are created for all PCAT-related High Risk projects. View the collection of PCAT High Risk evidence briefs on our VA SharePoint: [Primary Care Analytics Team \(PCAT\) Evidence Briefs](#). Our recently added briefs are listed below.

- [Adherence to Diabetes Medications and Health Care Use During the COVID-19 Pandemic Among High-Risk Patients](#) (Yoon, 2023).

- [High-Risk Patient Experiences Associated with an Intensive Primary Care Management Program in the Veterans Health Administration](#) (Schuttner, 2023).
- [My Goals Are Not Their Goals – Barriers and Facilitators to Delivery of Patient-Centered Care for Patients with Multimorbidity](#) (Schuttner, 2023).
- [Primary Care Physician Perspectives on the Influence of Patient Values, Health Priorities, and Preferences on Clinical Decision-Making for Complex Patients with Multimorbidity – A Qualitative Study](#) (Schuttner, 2023).

Please reach out to VHAPCATHighRisk@VA.gov if you've recently published a PCAT-related High Risk project and need to complete an evidence brief.

View our other resources on our VA SharePoint: [High Risk Core Investigator Resources](#)

Cyberseminars

In case you missed it:

Overview of Primary Care Analytics Team (PCAT) – [Recorded session](#)

Presenter: Karin Nelson, MD, MSHS

Seminar date: 6/21/2023

[Primary Care Analytics Team \(PCAT\)](#) provides analytic resources for the Office of Primary Care for program evaluation, program planning, and innovation development. PCAT mission is to execute analysis related to VHA Primary Care and respond to the needs of Office of Patient Care (OPC)'s priorities (Fidelity to the PACT model, [high risk patients](#), virtual care). This presentation provides an overview of PCAT work and highlights select projects.

Contact Information

The mission of the VA High Risk Investigator Network is to collaborate and coordinate on projects evaluating VA Primary Care for Veterans with complex care needs who are at high risk for poor health outcomes. The Network spans VA research and evaluation centers across the U.S. The Network is funded by the Office of Primary Care through the Primary Care Analytic Team (PCAT).

For more information about the Network visit our external [webpage](#), internal [SharePoint](#) or contact the PCAT High Risk Core by clicking [here](#).

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