

PCAT HIGH RISK NEWS & RESOURCES

RECENT PUBLICATIONS AND RESOURCES TO SUPPORT THE EVALUATION OF PRIMARY CARE FOR HIGH-RISK VETERANS

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High Risk Investigator Network Meeting

Date	Presenter	Topic
June 2, 2023	Colleen McQuown, MD	Intermediate Care Technicians Supporting Community, Outpatient, Urgent Care, Telehealth Services (ICT SCOUTS) Project
Sept 1, 2023	TBD	<i>New monthly meeting series begins – more info in next newsletter</i>

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

We are updating our meeting schedule!

- We will pause meetings over the summer (July-August)
- We will meet once per month during the academic year, starting September 1st, 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 Sophia.Garvin@va.gov.

2023 SGIM Annual Meeting High Risk Presentations (May 10-13, Aurora, CO)

There are many sessions at the 2023 SGIM Annual Meeting related to high risk patient care, many of them led by members of the High Risk Investigator Network. If you are attending the conference, please consult the list below, support the work of our members, and network with others who are working to evaluate and improve the care of high risk patients.

**Starred Name = High Risk Network Investigator*

Posters

Michael McCann May 10 500-630PM	<i>Development of a Patient Reported Outcome Measure via Moderated Focus Groups for the High Need Medically and Socially Complex Hospitalized Patients</i>
Melissa Wei* May 11 1020-1150AM	<i>Readmissions and Post-Discharge Mortality by Race and Ethnicity Among Medicare Beneficiaries With Multimorbidity</i>
Timothy Bober* May 11 440-610PM	<i>Area Deprivation and Walkability Influence Cardiovascular Outcomes Among Individuals With Health Failure With Reduced Ejection Fraction</i>
Evelyn Chang* May 11 440-610PM	<i>Impact of Referring High-Risk Veterans to Primary Care Intensive Care Management Services on Healthcare Utilization and Costs</i>
Paige Dobalian May 12 1020-1150AM	<i>Assessing the Impact of Short-Term Therapy in High Risk and High Utilizing Populations</i>
Michelle Frits May 12 1020-1150AM	<i>A Novel Risk Prediction Algorithm for Elderly Patients at High Risk of Medication-Related Adverse Events</i>
Lucinda Leung* May 12 440-610PM	<i>Explaining Reduced Black-White Disparities in Video-Based Primary Care Visits in the Veterans Health Administration: A Decomposition Analysis of Geographic Access and Patient Factors</i>
Ashok Reddy* May 13 1010-1100AM	<i>Changes in High-Cost Utilization Associated With Growth of Home Telehealth Services for Diabetes Care in Veterans Health Administration</i>
Linnaea Schuttner* May 13 1010-1100AM	<i>COVID-Related Primary Care Disruptions Among High-Risk Patients in the Veterans Health Administration</i>

Oral Presentations

Reshma Gupta May 12 150-205PM	<i>Evaluating for Bias in a Population Health Risk Model: Identifying the Association Between Predicted Probability of Hospital use and Actual Hospital use Across Patients' Race, Zip Codes, Language and Gender</i>
Amol Navathe* May 12 315-330PM	<i>Uncovering and Mitigating Racial Bias in Mortality Prediction Models Using Health Care Data</i>

Interest Group

Melissa Wei* May 11 1200-100PM	<i>Multimorbidity, Complexity, and High Utilizers Interest Group</i>
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Recent High Risk Investigator Network Publications

- [Adherence to Diabetes Medications and Health Care Use During the COVID-19 Pandemic Among High-Risk Patients.](#) **Yoon J**, Chen C, Chao S, Wong E, **Rosland AM**. *J Am Board Fam Med*. 2023 Apr 3;36(2):289-302. doi: 10.3122/jabfm.2022.220319R1. Epub 2023 Mar 3. PMID: 36868867. [Link](#)
- [Rates of Primary Care and Integrated Mental Health Telemedicine Visits Between Rural and Urban Veterans Affairs Beneficiaries Before and After the Onset of the COVID-19 Pandemic.](#) **Leung LB**, Yoo C, Chu K, O'Shea A, Jackson NJ, Heyworth L, Der-Martirosian C. *JAMA Netw Open*. 2023 Mar 1;6(3):e231864. doi: 10.1001/jamanetworkopen.2023.1864. PMID: 36881410; PMCID: PMC9993180. [Link](#)
- [Intensive Care Management for High-Risk Veterans in a Patient-Centered Medical Home - Do Some Veterans Benefit More Than Others?](#) Swankoski KE, **Reddy A**, Grembowski D, **Chang ET**, Wong ES. *Healthc (Amst)*. 2023 Feb 8;11(2):100677. doi: 10.1016/j.hjdsi.2023.100677. Epub ahead of print. PMID: 36764053. [Link](#)

Other High Risk Publications

- [Approach to Multimorbidity Burden Classification and Outcomes in Older Adults With Heart Failure](#). Tisminetzky M, Gurwitz JH, Tabada G, Reynolds K, Smith DH, Sung SH, Goldberg R, Go AS. *Med Care*. 2023 May 1;61(5):268-278. doi: 10.1097/MLR.0000000000001828. PMID: 36920167; PMCID: PMC10079617. [Link](#)
- [Multimorbidity: Addressing the Next Global Pandemic](#). PLOS Medicine Editors. *PLoS Med*. 2023 Apr 4;20(4):e1004229. doi: 10.1371/journal.pmed.1004229. PMID: 37014909; PMCID: PMC10072481. [Link](#)
- [Telehealth During COVID-19 for Adults with Multiple Chronic Conditions: Associations with Self-Reported Food Insecurity and with Physical Limitations](#). McCloskey JK, Ellis JL, Uratsu CS, Drace ML, Ralston JD, Bayliss EA, Grant RW. *Telemed J E Health*. 2023 Mar 6. doi: 10.1089/tmj.2022.0206. Epub ahead of print. PMID: 36877782. [Link](#)
- [Predicting 6-Month Mortality of Patients from Their Medical History: Comparison of Multimorbidity Index to Deyo-Charlson Index](#). Alemi F, Avramovic S, Schwartz M. *Medicine (Baltimore)*. 2023 Feb 3;102(5):e32687. doi: 10.1097/MD.00000000000032687. PMID: 36749236; PMCID: PMC9901984. [Link](#)
- [Adaptation of a Social Risk Screening and Referral Initiative Across Clinical Populations, Settings, and Contexts in the Department of Veterans Affairs Health System](#). Cohen AJ, Russell LE, Elwy AR, Mitchell KM, Cornell PY, Silva JW, Moy E, Kennedy MA. *Front Health Serv*. 2023 Jan 30;2:958969. doi: 10.3389/frhs.2022.958969. PMID: 36925883; PMCID: PMC10012714. [Link](#)

High Risk Resource 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.

The **VA High Risk Patient Database** is a customized and clinically vetted data source including approximately two million active high CAN primary care patients that aggregates an array of innovative metrics clinically relevant to high risk Primary Care, including: clinical diagnosis indicators customized to clinical needs of high risk patients; VA utilization measures customized to patterns of high risk patient care; and 2014, 2018, and 2020-based comorbidity group membership of high risk patients. Contact VHAPCATHighRisk@VA.gov for more information or to request access to the VA High Risk Patient Database.

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

Cyberseminars

HSR&D Cyberseminars of Interest:

Title	Presenter(s)	Date
Using the Primary Care Equity Dashboard to Support a Novel Patient Outreach Program to Improve Hypertension & Racial Disparities in Primary Care	Rhonda Hamilton, Leslie Hausmann	5/10/2023

Using the Tailored Implementation in Chronic Diseases (TICD) Framework to Design Tailored Implementation Plans: A Methods Cyberseminar – Archived Recording	Leah Haverhals, Jennifer Kononowech, Kate Magid	4/13/2023,
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Project Coordinator Transitions



Thank you, Tiger!

The High Risk Core gives a huge thanks to our High Risk Investigator Network Project Coordinator, Tiger Litam, for all his excellent work supporting the Network over the past 3 years. Tiger has been instrumental to our High Risk Shareable Resource creation, contributing to the High Risk Subgroups project, coordinating our meetings, and tracking high risk metrics. Tiger moved to Los Angeles in March 2023 and will continue to work for the High Risk Investigator Network until the end of June 2023. Please join us in wishing him the best of luck on his journey in LA!



Welcome, Sophia!

Sophia Garvin is taking on the role as Project Coordinator of the High Risk Core when Tiger transitions out of VA. You have likely interacted with Sophia already, because she has been training with Tiger to transition into the role.

If you're used to contacting Tiger, please email VHAPCATHighRisk@va.gov for any High Risk-related communications going forward.

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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