

PCAT HIGH RISK INVESTIGATOR NETWORK NEWSLETTER

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News and resources to support scientific evaluation & implementation of Primary Care innovations for High-Risk Veterans

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High Risk Investigator Network Meetings

| Date | Investigator(s) | Topic/Project |
|---------------|-----------------|---|
| Apr. 5, 2024 | Available | Please contact VHAPCATHighRisk@va.gov if you're interested in getting expert feedback on your high risk works in progress |
| May 3, 2024 | Available | Please contact VHAPCATHighRisk@va.gov if you're interested in getting expert feedback on your high risk works in progress |
| June-August | | Meetings will be on pause over summer. We hope to see you at Academy Health! |
| Sept. 6, 2024 | TBA | New monthly meeting series begins. |

The PCAT VA Primary Care High Risk Investigator Network is a national network of VA experts and operations leaders that support high-risk Veterans' primary care through collaborative investigation and evaluation. Our meetings are held on the first Fridays of the month at 1000 AM PT / 100 PM ET. If you are a VA investigator who would like to get feedback on your high risk work in progress, please email the PCAT High Risk Core by clicking [here](#).

Recent High Risk Investigator Network Publications

- [Predicting Hospital Readmission in Medicaid Patients with Heart Failure Using Administrative and Claims Data.](#) Yun J., **Ahuja V.**, & Heitjan, D. F. *Perspect Health Inf Manag.* 2023 Sep 1;20(3):1f. PMID: PMC10701639. [Link](#)
- [Caring for high-need patients.](#) Hempel S, Bolshakova M, Hochman M, **Jimenez E**, Thompson G, Motala A, Ganz DA, Gabrielian S, Edwards S, Zenner J, Dennis B, **Chang E.** *BMC Health Serv Res.* 2023 Nov 23;23(1):1289. doi: 10.1186/s12913-023-10236-w. [Link](#)
- [Anti-hypertensive Medication Use Among People with and without Substance Use Disorders.](#) Shuey B, Suda KJ, Halbisen A, Wen H, Wharam JF, **Rosland AM**, Liebschutz JM. *J Gen Intern Med.* 2023 Nov 27. doi: 10.1007/s11606-023-08543-3. Online ahead of print. [Link](#)

- Patterns of Telemedicine Use and Glycemic Outcomes of Endocrinology Care for Patients With Type 2 Diabetes. **Zupa MF**, Vimalananda VG, Rothenberger SD, Lin JY, Ng JM, McCoy RG, **Rosland AM**. *JAMA Netw Open*. 2023 Dec 1;6(12):e2346305. doi: 10.1001/jamanetworkopen.2023.46305. [Link](#)
- Meeting high-risk patient pain care needs through intensive primary care: a secondary analysis. Giannitrapani KF, Holliday JR, McCaa MD, **Stockdale S**, Bergman AA, Katz ML, **Zulman DM**, **Rubenstein LV**, **Chang ET**. *BMJ Open*. 2024 Jan 2;14(1):e080748. doi: 10.1136/bmjopen-2023-080748. [Link](#)
- Nurse and Social Worker Palliative Telecare Team and Quality of Life in Patients With COPD, Heart Failure, or Interstitial Lung Disease: The ADAPT Randomized Clinical Trial. **Bekelman DB**, Feser W, Morgan B, Welsh CH, Parsons EC, Paden G, Baron A, Hattler B, McBryde C, Cheng A, Lange AV, Au DH. *JAMA*. 2024 Jan 16;331(3):212-223. doi: 10.1001/jama.2023.24035. [Link](#)

Other High Risk Publications

- Impact of the patient-centered medical home on consistently high-cost patients. Fakeye OA, Hsu YJ, Weiner JP, Marsteller JA. *Am J Manag Care*. 2023 Dec;29(12):680-686. doi: 10.37765/ajmc.2023.89467. [Link](#)
- The Camden Coalition Care Management Program Improved Intermediate Care Coordination: A Randomized Controlled Trial. Finkelstein A, Cantor JC, Gubb J, Koller M, Truchil A, Zhou RA, Doyle J. *Health Aff (Millwood)*. 2024 Jan;43(1):131-139. doi: 10.1377/hlthaff.2023.01151. Epub 2023 Dec 20. PMID: 38118060. [Link](#)
- Patient Priorities-Aligned Care for Older Adults With Multiple Conditions: A Nonrandomized Controlled Trial. Tinetti ME, Hashmi A, Ng H, Doyle M, Goto T, Esterson J, Naik AD, Dindo L, Li F. *JAMA Netw Open*. 2024 Jan 2;7(1):e2352666. doi: 10.1001/jamanetworkopen.2023.52666. [Link](#)
- Chronic Disease Management through Clinical Video Telehealth on Health Care Utilization, and Mortality in the Veterans Health Administration: A Retrospective Cohort Study. Vakkalanka JP, Holcombe A, Ward MM, Carter KD, McCoy KD, Clark HM, Gutierrez JT, Merchant KAS, Mohr NM. *Telemed J E Health*. 2024 Jan 10. doi: 10.1089/tmj.2023.0285. Online ahead of print. [Link](#)
- Learning prevalent patterns of co-morbidities in multichronic patients using population-based healthcare data. Seghieri C, Tortù C, Tricò D, Leonetti S. *Sci Rep*. 2024 Jan 25;14(1):2186. doi: 10.1038/s41598-024-51249-7. [Link](#)

High Risk Resource Highlights

PCAT is seeking presentations for their 2024 HSR&D Cyberseminar Series. This series is for PCAT affiliated researchers to disseminate their findings to a national VA audience. You can see past PCAT Cyberseminars here (scroll to "VHA Primary Care Analytics Team"): [Cyberseminars Series Codes and Descriptions \(va.gov\)](#)

Available dates (all Wednesdays, 9:00 AM PT):

- 6/19/2024
- 10/16/2024
- 11/20/2024
- 12/18/2024

If interested, please reach out to Brinn Jones at Brinn.Jones@va.gov

Call for Papers on Age-Friendly Health Systems: The journal INQUIRY (open-access, Web of Science, Medline, and PubMed indexed) will be publishing a theme issue on Age-Friendly Health Systems.

Dr. Robert E. Burke MD, MS (HSR Center for Health Equity Research and Promotion and Associate Professor, University of Pennsylvania; Robert.Burke2@penncmedicine.upenn.edu) and Ms. Leslie Pelton MGA (Vice President, Institute for Healthcare Improvement, lpelton@ihi.org) will serve as guest co-editors.

Interested in articles in the following thematic areas:

- Evaluations of patient outcomes related to Age-Friendly implementation, particularly those using rigorous study designs
- Studies using implementation science frameworks to identify contextual factors important to successful Age-Friendly adoption within and across settings of care
- Studies that address the intersection of health care policy and payment and Age-Friendly adoption
- International studies of Age-Friendly Health Systems (outside the US)
- Evaluations of the Age-Friendly movement itself and movement principles.

The submission period is February 1st to August 31, 2024. They expect to publish between 15-20 articles including original research, reviews, and perspectives. Submission details are available [online](#).

The High Risk Core generates informational and methodological resources to support the conduct of complex, high risk patient care research and evaluation. View our other resources on our VA SharePoint: [High Risk Core Investigator Resources](#)

Cyberseminars

| <i>Title</i> | <i>Presenter(s)</i> | <i>Date</i> |
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| <p>AGS Webinar: Useful Analytic Techniques for Research on Multiple Chronic Conditions</p> <p>This webinar will provide a few high-level comments on missing data methods, joint models (survival and longitudinal), risk prediction models, cluster analyses, and propensity score methods.</p> | <p>Karen Bandeen-Roche, PhD, and Terrence E. Murphy, PhD</p> | <p>Recorded on 2/29/24</p> |
| <p>AGS Webinar: Unlocking the Potential of Learning Health Care Systems</p> <p>During this webinar, Leah R. Hanson, PhD (HealthPartners) and Jeff Williamson, MD (Wake Forest) discussed the learning health care system (LHS) research cycle, and its relevance to the study of multiple chronic conditions and provide case studies and best practices for implementation.</p> | <p>Leah R. Hanson, PhD, and Jeff D. Williamson, MD, MHS</p> | <p>Recorded on 1/19/24</p> |

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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