

PCAT HIGH RISK CORE UPDATE

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

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High Risk Investigator Network Meetings

The PCAT High Risk Investigator Network holds bi-monthly meetings at 1000AM PDT / 100PM EDT to establish connections among VA investigators and operations partners, to support review, collaboration, and coordination of primary care projects involving Veteran patients with complex care needs. To join our meetings or present to the High Risk Investigator Network, please email Tiger Litam by clicking [here](#).

| Date | Presenter | Topic |
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| Aug 6 th 2021 | Vishal Ahuja | a) Operations Approach to Reduce Glycemic Variation in Primary Care b) Cost-effective management of Veteran care via co-location of physical & mental health providers |
| Oct 1 st 2021 | David Bekelman | Life-Sustaining Treatment Decisions Initiative (LSTDI) Primary Care Happy New Fiscal Year! |
| Dec 3 rd 2021 | PCAT High Risk Core | Tentative Plan: Introduction of New Fellows and Affiliates |

Recent News and Resources

High Risk General Literature Repository

- The PCAT High Risk Core has been working to develop a literature repository of articles and reports related to advancing better care for High Risk Patients.
- While it can be disseminated in three ways, we prefer Method 1 as it will always keep what you see up-to-date. Methods 2 and 3 would lack any updates from the export date forward.
 1. View-only account in our Zotero library (requires a free account to be made at [Zotero.org](#))
 2. Importable (RIS) file for other reference managers such as EndNote or Mendeley, or
 3. PDF or Excel spreadsheet
- To access this repository, please email Tiger ([here](#)) with preferred method of receipt or for help.

High Risk Investigator Network New Publications

1. **Wong MS**, Luger TM, Katz ML, **Stockdale SE**, Ewigman NL, Jackson JL, **Zulman DM**, Asch SM, Ong MK, **Chang ET**. Outcomes that Matter: High-Needs Patients' and Primary Care Leaders' Perspectives on an Intensive Primary Care Pilot. J Gen Intern Med. 2021 May 13. doi: 10.1007/s11606-021-06869-4. Epub ahead of print. PMID: 33987789. [Link](#)
2. **Chang ET**, **Yoon J**, Esmaeili A, **Zulman DM**, Ong MK, **Stockdale SE**, **Jimenez EE**, Chu K, Atkins D, **Denietolis A**, Asch SM; PACT Intensive Management (PIM) Demonstration Sites, PIM National Evaluation Center, and PIM Executive Committee. Outcomes of a randomized quality improvement trial for high-risk Veterans in year two. Health Serv Res. 2021 Jun 18. doi: 10.1111/1475-6773.13674. Epub ahead of print. PMID: 34145564. [Link](#)
3. **Blalock DV**, **Maciejewski ML**, **Zulman DM**, **Smith VA**, **Grubber J**, **Rosland AM**, **Weidenbacher HJ**, **Greene L**, **Zullig LL**, Whitson HE, Hastings SN, Hung A. Subgroups of High-Risk Veterans Affairs Patients Based on Social Determinants of Health Predict Risk of Future Hospitalization. Med Care. 2021 May 1;59(5):410-417. doi: 10.1097/MLR.0000000000001526. PMID: 33821830; PMCID: PMC8034377. [Link](#)

Other Related New Publications of Interest

1. Davis AC, Chen A, Osuji TA, Chen J, Gould MK. Defining Complex Patient Populations: Implications for Population Size, Composition, Utilization, and Costs. J Gen Intern Med. 2021 Jun 2. doi: 10.1007/s11606-021-06815-4. Epub ahead of print. PMID: 34080109. [Link](#)
2. Pohontsch NJ, Schulze J, Hoeflich C, Glassen K, Breckner A, Szecsenyi J, Lühmann D, Scherer M. Quality of care for people with multimorbidity: a focus group study with patients and their relatives. BMJ Open. 2021 Jun 15;11(6):e047025. doi: 10.1136/bmjopen-2020-047025. PMID: 34130962; PMCID: PMC8208013. [Link](#)
3. Center for Healthcare Strategies (CHCS). Assessing the Impact of Complex Care Models: Opportunities to Fill in the Gaps. May 2021. [Link \(via the Better Care Playbook\)](#)
4. Foo KM, Sundram M, Legido-Quigley H. Facilitators and barriers of managing patients with multiple chronic conditions in the community: a qualitative study. BMC Public Health. 2020 Feb 27;20(1):273. doi: 10.1186/s12889-020-8375-8. PMID: 32106838; PMCID: PMC7045577. [Link](#)

Cyberseminars/Trainings of Interest

| Title | Presenter(s) | Date |
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| Disparities in Telehealth Use During COVID-19 Described Three Ways | <i>Samantha Connolly Taona Haderlein Amy O'Shea</i> | 7/7/21 |

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| Inverting the burden: A health equity strategy for delivering complex care (archived) | <i>Kathryn Lawler Meredith Swartz Jennifer Moore Jasmine</i> | 6/22/21 |
| Engaging Family Supporters to Improve Diabetes Care: The VA CO-IMPACT Randomized Trial and Clinician Toolkit (archived) | <i>Denise Deverts Monica DiNardo Ann-Marie Rosland</i> | 6/16/21 |
| Using Population Identification Strategies to Tailor Care for Individuals with Complex Needs (archived) | <i>Multiple</i> | 5/17/21 |

Contact Information

- For any comments or questions about material in this newsletter or about the High Risk Investigator Network, please email Tiger Litam by clicking [here](#).

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 [webpage](#).
