

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	Presenter (maybe investigator instead)	Topic/Project
Sept. 8, 2023	Melissa Wei, MD, MPH, MS	Measuring Multimorbidity in the Veteran Population
Oct. 6, 2023	PCAT High Risk Core	New investigator introductions
Nov. 3, 2023	<i>Available</i>	<i>Please contact VHAPCATHighRisk@va.gov if you're interested in getting expert feedback on your high risk works in progress</i>

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 1005 AM PT / 105 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](#).

New High Risk Network Meeting Schedule

Reminder: we have updated our meeting schedule!

- 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

- [Co-occurring Medical Multimorbidity, Mental Illness, and Substance Use Disorders Among Older Criminal Legal System-Involved Veterans.](#) Han BH, Bronson J, Washington L, Yu M, Kelton K, Tsai J, Finlay AK. *Med Care.* 2023 Jul 1;61(7):477-483. doi: 10.1097/MLR.0000000000001864. PMID: 37204150; PMCID: PMC10330246. [Link](#)

- Unhealthy Alcohol Use and Brief Intervention Rates Among High and Low Complexity Veterans Seeking Primary Care Services in the Veterans Health Administration. Jia-Richards M, Williams EC, **Rosland AM**, Boudreaux-Kelly MY, Luther JF, Mikolic J, Chinman MJ, Daniels K, **Bachrach RL**. *J Subst Use Addict Treat*. 2023 Sep;152:209117. doi: 10.1016/j.josat.2023.209117. PMID: 37355154. [Link](#)
- Associations Between Social Risks and Primary Care Utilization Among Medically Complex Veterans. **Rao M**, Greene L, **Nelson K**, **Maciejewski ML**, **Zulman DM**. *J Gen Intern Med*. 2023 Jun 27. doi: 10.1007/s11606-023-08269-2. Epub ahead of print. PMID: 37369890. [Link](#)
- A Scoping Review of Guidelines and Quality Measures to Screen for Social and Caregiver Support and Cognitive Impairment in Primary Care. Newberry SJ, Motala A, **Rubenstein LV**, Shekelle PG, Larkin J. *Rand Health Q*. 2023 Jun 16;10(3):1. PMID: 37333665; PMCID: PMC10273887. [Link](#)

Other High Risk Publications

- A Systematic Review of Outcomes Related to Nurse Practitioner-Delivered Primary Care for Multiple Chronic Conditions. McMenamin A, Turi E, Schlak A, Poghosyan L. *Med Care Res Rev*. 2023 Jul 12:10775587231186720. doi: 10.1177/10775587231186720. Epub ahead of print. PMID: 37438917. [Link](#)
- The Integration of Clinical Decision Support Systems Into Telemedicine for Patients With Multimorbidity in Primary Care Settings: Scoping Review. Wiwatkunupakarn N, Aramrat C, Pliannuom S, Buawangpong N, Pinyopornpanish K, Nantsupawat N, Mallinson PAC, Kinra S, Angkurawaranon C. *J Med Internet Res*. 2023 Jun 28;25:e45944. doi: 10.2196/45944. PMID: 37379066; PMCID: PMC10365574. [Link](#)
- Using a Person-Centered Approach in Clinical Care for Patients with Complex Chronic Conditions: Perspectives from Healthcare Professionals Caring for Veterans with COPD in the U.S. Veterans Health Administration's Whole Health System of Care. Anderson E, Wiener RS, Molloy-Paolillo B, McCullough M, Kim B, Harris JI, Rinne ST, Elwy AR, Bokhour BG. *PLoS One*. 2023 Jun 23;18(6):e0286326. doi: 10.1371/journal.pone.0286326. PMID: 37352241; PMCID: PMC10289382. [Link](#)
- Primary Care Continuity, Frequency, and Regularity Associated With Medicare Savings. Sonmez D, Weyer G, Adelman D. *JAMA Netw Open*. 2023 Aug 1;6(8):e2329991. doi: 10.1001/jamanetworkopen.2023.29991. PMID: 37603335; PMCID: PMC10442711. [Link](#)
- Relationship Between Unmet Social Needs and Care Access in a Veteran Cohort. Gurewich D, Linsky AM, Harvey KL, Li M, Griesemer I, MacLaren RZ, Ostrow R, Mohr D. *J Gen Intern Med*. 2023 Jul;38(Suppl 3):841-848. doi: 10.1007/s11606-023-08117-3. PMID: 37340267; PMCID: PMC10356706. [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.

Our **Chronic Disease Diagnosis Indicator Definitions** includes a spreadsheet of diagnosis indicators for 31 chronic medical conditions, based on primary care-relevant ICD-10 diagnosis codes, with corresponding SAS programming language to extract the codes from the VA Corporate Data Warehouse (CDW).

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

Cyberseminars & Other Resources

Title	Presenter(s)	Date
Comparing Data from Multiple Health Systems to Estimate disease Burden for VA-Medicaid Dual Enrollees	Patrick O'Mahen, PhD; Chase S. Eck, PhD	9/20/2023

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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