

Appendix 3: Partnerships

The content in Appendix 3 lists IQuEST faculty involvement in additional VA Medical Center and VISN activities.

| Partnership Description | COIN Faculty |
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| <p>MEDVAMC Research Service Line:</p> <p>Dr. Petersen is ACOS/R and Dr. Helmer functions as deputy ACOS/R for HSR.</p> | Petersen, Helmer |
| <p>MEDVAMC Research and Development Committee (RDC):</p> <p>IQuEST faculty contribute their expertise and experience to the research guidance and oversight responsibility vested in the RDC. Drs. Hysong and Sansgiry are voting members; Drs. Petersen, Helmer, and Trautner are <i>ex officio</i> members.</p> | Sansgiry, Hysong, Petersen, Helmer, Trautner |
| <p>MEDVAMC leadership oversight and advisory activities:</p> <p>Dr. Petersen (and Dr. Helmer in her absence) attends and engages in facility governance activities including the weekly Chief of Staff huddles, monthly Clinical Executive Board, monthly Executive Council, bimonthly Dean's Committee and the monthly Governance Council.</p> | Petersen, Helmer |
| <p>Support MEDVAMC in fifth consecutive Nursing Magnet Accreditation in 2023:</p> <p>MEDVAMC is the only VAMC to achieve this track record of success and nursing research was a prominent strength of the application.</p> | Petersen, Kamdar, Touchett |
| <p>MEDVAMC clinical care leadership:</p> <p>Several IQuEST faculty serve as leaders of clinical care lines, departments or services at MEDVAMC, exchanging their expertise for immersion in clinical operations</p> | Bozkurt (Medical Care Line leadership); Lo (Rheumatology section chief); Hou (Gastroenterology section chief); Navaneethan (Nephrology section chief); Rodriguez-Barradas (Infectious Diseases section chief); Kanwal (Gastroenterology T32); Giordano (Infectious Disease T32); Teng (Clinical Psychologist training program); Horstman (director; Chief Resident in Quality and Safety training program) |
| <p>MEDVAMC Clinical Innovation and Implementation Committee:</p> <p>Support facility wide quality improvement and implementation projects and initiatives. Co-led a MEDVAMC QI fair in October 2023.</p> | Helmer, Hamer |
| <p>MEDVAMC Nursing Evidence-based Practice Group:</p> <p>Support nursing research and education through monthly journal clubs, annual nursing week research symposia and other efforts.</p> | Kamdar, Touchett, Petersen, Helmer |
| <p>MEDVAMC Artificial Intelligence Working Group:</p> <p>Support facility engagement in research and operational applications of artificial intelligence through biweekly meetings to ensure communication and coordination and connection to others with relevant expertise</p> | Helmer, Kaul, Affiliate Faculty |
| <p>MEDVAMC Public Affairs Office (PAO):</p> <p>IQuEST works closely with the PAO to support visits by international, national, regional and local dignitaries and media inquiries. IQuEST faculty support Veteran town hall and outreach events and partner with PAO to recruit research participants at facility and VA Regional Office initiated outreach events.</p> | Helmer, Kamdar, Petersen, Affiliate Faculty |
| <p>MEDVAMC and VISN 16 Houston Lung Cancer Precision Oncology Program (LPOP):</p> | Helmer, Affiliate Faculty |

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| Support the LPOP team with local lung cancer screening (LCS) evaluation and implementation, support Houston hub efforts to support spoke sites (Shreveport, Alexandria, New Orleans, Jackson) with LCS implementation. Develop HSR research ideas, products, and proposals through collaboration with clinical operations partners, leveraging experience with airborne hazards research and evaluation and implementation activities (i.e., AIMES Collaboration) | |
| MEDVAMC Annual Research Week: IQuEST faculty and staff routinely plan and organize this annual celebration with the facility and the broader MEDVAMC and local research community | Petersen, Helmer, Core and Affiliate Faculty |
| VISN 16: Behavioral and mental health intervention projects (e.g., RIVR, FLOW) led by IQuEST investigators have promoted and sustained collaborations across VISN 16 sites often leveraging resources and commitments from the South Central MIRECC and Office of Rural Health | Cully, Hundt |
| VISN 16: IQuEST faculty brought telemental health intervention development, testing, implementation and evaluation to VISN 16 for rural-dwelling Veterans with spinal cord injury | Skelton, Touchett, Lindsay |
| VISN 16 Research Council: Drs. Petersen and Helmer represent MEDVAMC on this council. Dr. Helmer led multiple sessions at the VISN 16 Research Council Retreat in August 2023. VISN 16 director McDougall and CMO Areno attended in person, as did MEDVAMC Director Vazquez and CNO Irving, as well as several invited leaders from VA ORD (Huang, Klote, Laracuate). Research foci of interest to VISN leaders included multi-site collaboration, industry-sponsored clinical trials, precision medicine, electronic health record modernization, and a focus on community care. A proposal to restart the VISN 16 CDA program was discussed and is advancing. | Petersen, Helmer |
| VISN 16 and MEDVAMC representation to SAIL Governance Committee: Dr. Petersen represents the facility and VISN on the monthly calls to review and propose updates to the reporting measures, sharing her expertise in health care performance assessment and staying atop of operations-driven changes and concerns. | Petersen |