

Virtual Care CORE



May 2024 Newsletter

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Recent News from OCC and the VC CORE

Question for the VC CORE Network: if you had to recommend 1-3 essential/seminal scholarly articles about virtual care to someone looking to dip their feet in this field, what would they be?

In 2022, our CORE Team and workgroup leads assembled [three evidence briefs](#) in preparation for the Virtual Care SOTA in 2022. Each referenced dozens of virtual care focused publications and contained several articles in their entirety, including a number of systemic reviews. We would now like to create a more succinct reading list for someone new to the topic of virtual care. We thought this would be difficult for any one researcher, but an excellent opportunity to gather voices from our esteemed network of experts.

Please send any selections to Navid Dardashti at Navid.Dardashti@va.gov, preferably with a link, but even just a title would be fine! We appreciate responses in advance. Once we have collected responses, we will be sure to share the resulting crowdsourced bibliography of most frequently cited articles.

THRIVE FY25 Pilot RFA - \$50k Funding Opportunity

The Telehealth Research and Innovation for Veterans with Cancer (THRIVE) Center, recently announced their FY25 Pilot RFA, attached to the email with this newsletter. Selected pilots will awarded up to \$50k to support research and quality improvement projects on the use of virtual care modalities across the continuum cancer of cancer care, from prevention through survivorship. Funding from these pilots comes from multiple sources, each of which have slightly specific requirements. Please see the attached RFA PDF for all details and consider forwarding to your peers/networks who might be interested!

The deadline for proposals is July 12 at 11:59 PM EST. Please direct inquiries and proposals to Christa Tumminello at christa.tumminello@va.gov. Thank you as always for your proposals or simply spreading word about this opportunity.

Recent Presentation to VHA Under Secretary of Health (USH) Huddle

VC CORE members Lynn Garvin (PI), Kimberly Harvey, Keith McInnes, Donna M. Zulman, Charles Wray, Josephine Jacobs, Anushka Sista, Mark Meterko were invited to present at the USH Huddle on 4/29, on their HSR-funded study titled "Making it Easier to Choose VA: Veteran Preferences for In-Person Community Care vs. VA Virtual Care."

Survey findings among 717 Veteran respondents suggest that continued support for VA providers and patients in their digital training and device access for a positive video visit experience could incline millions of Veterans to view VA video care as an acceptable alternative to Community Care. We congratulate them on completing and disseminating this impactful work!

VC CORE Happy Hour at SGIM

We would love for those attending the Society for General Internal Medicine Annual Meeting in Boston this year to join us on **Thursday, May 16, at 6 PM for a VC CORE Happy Hour**. The purpose of this informal get together is to acquaint virtual-care interested researchers and staff around the VA who might not have met yet, and deepen connections between those who have. We have reserved some space at [Earls Kitchen + Bar](#), located in the Prudential Center (adjoining the conference hotel).

Funding and Dissemination Opportunities and Deadlines

Opportunities	Contact	Deadline
Three funding opportunities from AHRQ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PA-18-793: Health Services Research Demonstration and Dissemination Grants (R18) PA-18-795: Health Services Research Projects (R01) PA-18-794: Small Research Grant Program (R03) 	For agency contacts, see each opportunity page	
THRIVE FY25 Pilot RFA (see PDF attachment)	christa.tumminello@va.gov	7/12/2024

Recent Virtual Care Publications

- Der-Martirosian C, Hou C, Hovsepian S, Diarra Carter M, Heyworth L, Dobalian A, Leung L. [Implementation of Video-Based Care in Interdisciplinary Primary Care Settings at the Veterans Health Administration: Qualitative Study](#). JMIR Form Res 2024.
- Jaske E, Wheat CL, Rubenstein LV, Leung L, Curtis I, Wahlberg L, Felker B. [Understanding How Contingency Staffing Programs Can Support Mental Health Services in the Veterans Health Administration](#). Telemedicine and e-Health 2024.

Upcoming Virtual Care Conference Presentations

*For presentations at SGIM 2024, please refer to the ever-growing list attached to the email along with this newsletter, and send details for your presentation if not included already! Other upcoming VC CORE member presentations include:

- Faiz J, Toyama J, Yuan, A, Jackson, N, Patel, N, Zhao, L, Fermin, P, Washington, D, Cordasco, K. "Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Utilization of Tele-Emergency Care." Oral abstract presentation at the Society for Academic Emergency Medicine Annual Meeting, Phoenix, AZ. May 15, 2024.
- Chohan, M., Mak, S., Ash, G., Ghadimi, S., Der-McLeod, E., Naeem, S., Moore, V., Zeidler, M., Fung, C. *Utilizing Consumer Wearables to Empower and Engage Patients Prescribed Non-PAP Obstructive Sleep Apnea Therapy*. [Poster presentation]. SLEEP, Houston, TX. June 1-5, 2024.
- Mak, S., Ghadimi, S., Der-McLeod, E., Naeem, S., Moore, V., Chohan, M., Zeidler, M., Ash, G., Fung, C. Promoting Shared Decision Making with A Novel Self-Monitoring Program for Veterans with Obstructive Sleep Apnea. [Poster presentation]. SLEEP, Houston, TX. June 1-5, 2024.

Upcoming Presentations and Cyberseminars

Title	Presenter(s)	Date/Time (EST)
A Mixed-Methods Evaluation Demonstrates the Impact of a Whole Health Based Chronic Pain Management Program for Veterans	Jolie Haun, PhD Christopher A. Fowler, PhD	May 7, 2024 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
State of the Science on Machine Learning and PTSD Treatment	Philip Held, PhD	May 8, 2024 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

Recent Presentations and Cyberseminars

Title	Presenter(s)	Date
Effects of Clinical Resource Hubs on Primary Care Quality and Access in the Veterans Health Administration	Terrence Liu, MD Amy O'Shea, PhD Chelle Wheat, PhD	April 17, 2024
Social Cognitive Predictors of and Engagement in Web-Based Trauma Recovery Interventions	Carolyn Yeager, PhD Charles Benight, PhD	April 10, 2024
Implementation Determinants of a Virtual Telehealth Program for Patients with Persistently Poorly Controlled Diabetes	Connor Drake, PhD, MPA	April 10, 2024
Telehealth Delivery of Yoga for Wellness Groups: Findings from a Multi-Site TeleYoga Program Evaluation	Francesca Nicosia, PhD, C-IAYT, CIYT	March 21, 2024

Links to Resources

General Office of Connected Care

- [Office of Connected Care News SharePoint](#)
- [Connected Care Website](#)
- [Letter of Support Portal](#)
- [Connected Care Outreach Toolkit](#)
- [Connected Care Academy](#) (VA Intranet Required)

Telehealth

- [VHA Telehealth Services Website](#)
- [Telehealth Intranet Site](#)
- [VHA Mobile and Peripheral Devices for Facilities](#)

Patient Generated Health Data

- [Patient-Generated Health Data Community in Connected Care Academy](#)
- [Compatible Devices with Share My Health Data](#)
- [OCC PGHD Dashboards - Home](#)
- [Approved VA Policy on PGHD](#)
- [PGHD video for staff](#)

VA Mobile

- [VA Health Chat SharePoint](#)
- [Tech into Care SharePoint](#)
- [Developer Resources | VA Mobile](#)
- [VA Mobile | VA App Store](#)
- [New VA Mobile 'My App List' functionality/categories](#)
- [ANNIE Automated Texting System | SharePoint site](#)
- [VACO Mobile Mental Health & Technology | SharePoint site](#)
- [VA Mobile Health Practice Guide | SharePoint site](#)

MyHealthVet

- [MyHealthVet | Portal Homepage](#)
- [MyHealthVet | VA Intranet Product Homepage](#)
- [My HealthVet Statistics - My HealthVet Product \(va.gov\)](#)
- [My HealthVet Secure Messaging Reports Guide](#)

Data Reports, Measures, Definitions, and Training

- [Office of Connected Care Power BI Dashboard](#)
- [Virtual Health Resource Center Power BI Dashboard](#)
- [Virtual Care Scorecard in Power BI](#)
- [VA Pulse Analytics Mobile Utilization Dashboard](#)
- [VHA Reports and Measures Portal \(RAMP\)](#)
- [Reporting and Analytics Field Training \(RAFT\)](#)
- [VSSC – Connected Care, Telehealth, Call Centers](#)
- [Data Definitions for VSSC Data Cubes](#)

Virtual Care Best Practices

- [Virtual Care University \(VCU\)](#)
- [Virtual Care Best Practices Community in Connected Care Academy](#)
- [Virtual Health Resource Centers](#)
- [Connected Care Discussion Series SharePoint](#)
- [Let's Talk Virtual Care VLOG](#)
- [Office of Connected Care GPO site](#)
- [NCPTSD Mobile Mental Health GPO Site](#)

Contact Information

- For any comments or questions about material in this newsletter or about the Virtual Care Consortium of Research, please email the CORE team at VHAVirtualCareCore@va.gov.
- Please let us know if you have news to share with the community! Email us and we will add it to the next newsletter.
- Finally, [follow us on Twitter](#) for regular, bird-sized bits of information!

The mission of the VA Virtual Care Consortium of Research is to facilitate research that evaluates and improves use of virtual care to enhance the accessibility, capacity and quality of VA health care and Veteran experience.
