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Ask me about: Food insecurity, Social Determinants of Health, Strategies to Optimize Screening and Referral Processes for Veterans

Dr. Alicia Cohen is an Assistant Professor of Family Medicine and Health Services, Policy, and Practice at Brown University and a Core Investigator at the VA Providence Healthcare System's THRIVE Center of Innovation. Her research focuses on addressing social determinants of health, particularly food insecurity, in clinical settings. As a VA Career Development Awardee, Dr. Cohen is developing and evaluating innovative strategies to optimize screening and referral processes for connecting Veterans

experiencing food insecurity with VA and community resources. Her work exemplifies a humanistic approach to medical care, recognizing the profound impact of social factors on health outcomes. Dr. Cohen practices primary care at the VA Providence's Homeless clinic and Women's Health clinic, where she applies her research insights to provide compassionate, holistic care to vulnerable Veteran populations. Her commitment to improving health equity is further demonstrated through her leadership roles in national VA initiatives and her service on committees dedicated to addressing food insecurity and promoting health equity

# **THRIVE** Goals

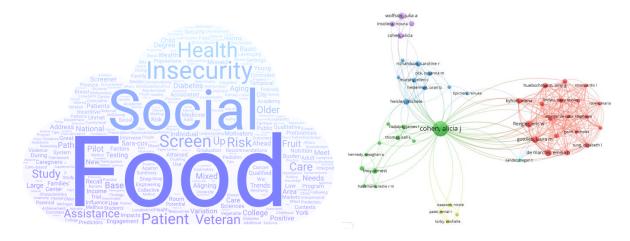
Improve Health	Equity
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Veteran Outreach to Community Resources

Women's Health

### Research areas

Health equity	Food insecurity
Veteran outreach	Increased access to care
Women's health	



Word cloud from publication titles

Research collaboration map

#### See Dr. Cohen's PUBLICATIONS here

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# Media (Video, Podcast, Other)

**PRESS**: "People of color, women and those with health conditions among veterans at high risk of food insecurity" (brown.edu/news)

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Read at: <a href="https://www.brown.edu/news/2021-11-11/veterans-food-insecurity">https://www.brown.edu/news/2021-11-11/veterans-food-insecurity</a>

New findings about military veterans at the highest risk for food insecurity can help connect them to food they need for good health and inform interventions to address the larger, long-term issue.

"There's not a one-size-fits-all solution for addressing veteran food insecurity," said corresponding author Dr. Alicia Cohen, a Brown assistant professor (research) of family medicine and of health services, policy and practice. "So findings from studies like this can be used in many ways, from helping to identify the most at-risk groups to helping address veterans' immediate food need to connecting veterans with programs and resources that can hopefully help improve their food security over the long term."