Partnering with the VA for Clinical & Biomedical Research Opportunities

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Program Mission

- Veteran-centric innovations
- Access to clinical trials
- Engaging and training care providers
Overview of ORD Services

**Biomedical Laboratory R&D (BLRD)**
Preclinical research exploring the molecular, genomic, or physiological aspects of diseases affecting Veterans that does not involve human subjects.

**Clinical Science R&D (CSRD)**
Research entailing interventional & effectiveness, clinical, epidemiological, & technological studies involving intact human beings as the unit of examination.

**Rehabilitation R&D (RRD)**
Research focusing on innovations & effective integration of preclinical, clinical, & applied rehabilitation studies to advance Veteran rehabilitation.

**Health Services R&D (HSRD)**
Research emphasizing patient care, care delivery, outcomes, cost, & quality, & critical issues for Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans that require long-term care.
Unique Program Capabilities

- Only federal research program that focuses entirely on the needs of Veterans.

- Encompasses a large, integrated health system.
  - 152 medical centers, 1700 points of care
    - >100 research stations
  - >9 million Veterans enrolled
  - “Bench to Bedside”

- Involves a network of affiliated academic institutions as well as non-profit and profit organizations

- Includes collaborations with other federal partners to advance agency Mission.
Veteran-centric innovations

Recent VA research advances

Nicotine patch
DEKA Prosthetic Arm (with DoD)
Neuro-prosthetics
Shingles vaccine
Genetics of schizophrenia
Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy (PTSD)
Hepatitis C-treatment
VA is an intramural research program, no “granting” authority

- **Research Award Enhancement Program/Centers/COINs (I50)**
  - Typically 5 years, $315K to over $1.0M/yr
- **Merit Awards (I01)**
  - Up to 4 years, funding depends on service (some RFAs with other limits)
- **Small / Pilot Projects (I21)**
  - 1-2 years, $100K/year
- **Career Development Awards (IK1*, IK2)**
  - Up to 5 years of salary support, project funds
- **Research Career Scientists (IK6)**
  - 5 - 7 years, salary support
Funding Rates for BL vs CS

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