

# VA Health Services Research & Development Service

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## VA Special Series Sessions

### ***Primary Care for Homeless Individuals: Can Lessons from VA Health Care Apply More Broadly?***

This session seeks to deliver a lively 60-minute interactive deliberation on whether optimizing primary care design for individuals and families experiencing homelessness is (a) supported by evidence; (b) generalizable beyond the US Department of Veterans Affairs; (c) feasible; and (d) responsive to the problem of homelessness in society.

**Participants:** Stefan Kertesz, MD; Audrey Jones, PhD; Lillian Gelberg, MD, MPH; Jack Tsai, PhD

### ***Screening for Social Determinants of Health in the Veterans Health Administration: Evolution, Current Practice, and Lessons Learned from the Nation's Largest Integrated Healthcare System***

Social determinants of health (SDoH), including material hardship and exposure to violence, are common among Veterans. VA has invested heavily in screening for SDoH and is uniquely positioned to address these issues. This interdisciplinary session reviews the evolution of VA approaches to screening for SDoH and the research guiding it, with a focus on care in general medical and emergency department settings. Implementation lessons learned can inform future care both within and outside of VA.

**Participants:** Alicia Cohen, MD, MSc; Ann E. Montgomery, PhD, MSW, MPA; Megan R. Gerber, MD, MPH

### ***Supporting Community Reintegration After a Period of Incarceration: Reducing Disparities Through an Integrated Peer Support Intervention for Veterans***

This symposium highlights findings from an intensive peer support intervention developed at the VA Medical Center in Bedford, MA, to support Veterans returning to community settings following a period of incarceration. Presentations are designed to: raise awareness of health disparities among individuals who have been incarcerated; describe an integrated peer-support model that addresses these disparities; and share impacts based on implementation and outcome studies.

**Participants:** Keith McInnes, ScD, MS; Justeen Hyde, PhD; Beth Ann Petrakis, MPA; Vera Yakovchenko, MPH

## Scientific Abstracts (Hamolsky)

### ***Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Anticoagulant Choice for Atrial Fibrillation in the Veterans Health Administration: Results from the REACH-AF Study\****

**VA Presenter:** Utibe R. Essien, MD, MPH

## Special Symposia

### ***Who's Job Is It Anyway? The Role of Physicians and Healthcare Systems in Addressing the American Healthcare Paradox***

Social and economic factors often play a larger role in patient's outcome than severity of illness and quality of the treatments received. The current healthcare environment has prompted some healthcare organizations to come up with innovative social programming. Our Panel of experts will discuss how best to apportion the responsibility for addressing social determinants of health among clinicians, health systems, and society at large. An unsettled question with distinct political, ethical and practical implications.

**VA Panelist:** Stefan Kertesz, MD

### ***Equality of Opportunity? A Debate of Ideas on Equitable Value-Based Payment Policy***

Value-based payment policies are intended to improve health outcomes. However, current policies, which do not explicitly account for social determinants of health, may widen health disparities. Yet by accounting for social determinants in payment policy, would we be forced to accept lower standards of care for safety-net hospital patients? In this debate of ideas, the SGIM Research Committee has invited national experts to address these fundamental questions at the intersection of quality and equity.

**VA Panelist:** Rachel M. Werner, MD

*\*Indicates session is available on-demand as of June 18.*

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