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Collaborative Research Opportunities

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Phoenix VA Health Care System



- Research – VA mission
- Personalized, proactive, Veteran-centered health care
- Promote state-wide research activities



Examples of active research projects at Phoenix VA

- VA Million Veteran Program (MVP) - a national research program looking at how genes, lifestyle, military experiences, and exposures affect health and wellness in Veterans (Samuel Aguayo)
- The Impact of Registered Dietitian Staffing and Nutrition Practices in High Risk Cancer Patients Across the Veteran's Health Administration (Katherine Petersen)
- Genetics of Cardiometabolic Diseases in the VA Population (Peter Reaven)
- Cardiovascular Risk Factors and Cancer Incidence in Transgender Veterans Undergoing Gender-affirming Hormone Therapy at the Phoenix VAMC (Karyne Vinales)
- Power Mobility Affecting Mortality Rate in Congestive Heart Failure (Janet Fawcett)



Collaborative opportunities

- Collaborate with VA researchers
- VA appointment – non-paid (WOC), IPA, paid
- Study navigators
- VA-approved research to access VA data
- Apply for funding opportunities (VA and non-VA)

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An Overview of VIREC

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What is VIREC?

- VA Information Resource Center
- Develops resources for and provides guidance to VA researchers using data
- Their staff, scientists, and advisors include database and informatics experts, research methodologists, and experts for various database content areas.



Vision

- A community of informed VA researchers empowered to use data effectively to improve Veteran health and health care.

Mission

- To support the effective use of data by VA's analytic community to transform Veteran health and health care as part of a learning health system.
- Create Data Education & Resources
- Disseminate Data Knowledge
- Strengthen VA Data Capacity



Websites

The screenshot shows the VIREC website homepage. At the top, there is a navigation menu with links for Health, Benefits, Burials & Memorials, About VA, Resources, News Room, Locations, and Contact Us. Below the menu is the VIREC logo and the text "The Researcher's Guide to VA Data VA Information Resource Center". The main content area features a large graphic with silhouettes of people and various icons representing research and data. There are several sidebar sections including "Who We Are", "We're Hiring", and "Cyberseminars".

The screenshot shows the VIREC Intranet homepage. At the top, there is a search bar and the text "VIREC INTRANET". Below this is the "VA INFORMATION RESOURCE CENTER (VIREC)" header. The main content area is divided into several sections: "VA Information Resource Center (VIREC)", "Data Issues Brief", "Upcoming Cyberseminars", "Real SSN Data Request Process", "VA REDCap Project", and "Data Tip of the Month". There is also a "New from VIREC" section with a "We're Hiring!" announcement and a "VIREC Resources" section with a "Meet VIREC, Your Guide to Navigating VA Data" announcement.

The screenshot shows the VHA Data Portal homepage. At the top, there is a search bar and the text "Department of Veterans Affairs VHA Data Portal". Below this is a navigation menu with links for Data Sources, Data Access, Tools & Applications, Resources, Training, Policy & Admin, and Support. The main content area features a "Welcome to the VHA Data Portal" section with a brief introduction and a "The one-stop-shop for data users' needs." section. There are also several featured sections: "VA Millennium EHR Data", "Upcoming Events" (including Cyberseminars and VINCI Training Hour), and "News" (What's new on the VHA Data Portal?).

www.virec.research.va.gov

Internet

Public facing

VIREC Overview

Publication, Cyberseminars and Events

vaww.virec.research.va.gov

Intranet

VA Network access only

Resources for working with data

News and new resources

vaww.vhadatportal.med.va.gov

VHA Data Portal

VA Network access only

Collaboration between NDS, VINCI, & HERC

Data source and access information



Data sources other than CDW

- In the VHA Data Portal (VA Intranet)
- Processes to access the data for different reasons (e.g., Research, Operations)

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VHA Data Portal

Data Sources | **Data Access** | Tools & Applications | Resources

[Data Access Overview](#)
[Operations Access](#)
[Preparatory to Research Access](#)
[Research Access](#)
[Veterans Service Officers Access](#)

Welcome to...
The VHA Data Portal supports the needs of... information from mult... a comprehensive knowledge base and to facilitate a positive end-... operations r

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[Data Sources Overview](#)
[ADUSH Enrollment File](#)
[All-Payer Claims Data](#)
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[CAN Scores](#)
[CART Program Data](#)
[CDW](#)
[CMS and USRDS Data](#)
[Community Care Data](#)
[COVID-19 Shared Data Resource](#)
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[Death Ascertainment File](#)
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[GECDAC Health Care Risk Measures Data](#)
[HBPC Masterfile](#)
[HERC Cost Data](#)
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[MCA \(formerly DSS\) NDEs](#)
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[Millennium EHR](#)
[MyHealthVet Administrative Data](#)
[NPCD](#)
[National Precision Oncology Program Database](#)
[OMHSP Data](#)
[OMOP CDW Data](#)
[PACT Implementation Index \(PI2\)](#)
[Patient-Level Quarterly Area Deprivation Index](#)
[PBM Database](#)
[PSSG Geocoded Enrollee Files](#)
[PTF](#)
[RAI/MDS](#)
[Spinal Cord Injuries and Disorders Registry](#)
[Traumatic Brain Injury](#)
[USVETS Data](#)
[VASQIP Data](#)
[VETSNET](#)
[VINCI NLP Output LVEF](#)
[Vital Status File](#)
[VSSC Web Reports](#)

VA Millennium EHR Data

As part of the [Electronic Health Record Modernization \(EHRM\)](#) initiative, VA is migrating to the new VA Millennium EHR developed by Oracle Cerner. While the implementation of the EHR at new facilities is paused for a reset, data generated at facilities already using this new EHR are now available for use in research and operations projects. Visit the [VA Millennium EHR](#) page to learn about these data, how to request access, and for links to data documentation and resources.

Upcoming Events

- [Cyberseminars](#)
- [VINCI Training Hour](#)

News

What's new on the VHA Data Portal?

Learn about these data sources and how to request access.

- [All-Payer Claims Data](#) [released Dec 2023]
- [Community Care Data](#) [released Dec 2023]
- [Patient-Level Quarterly Area Deprivation Index](#) [released Sep 2023]
- [Integrated Veteran Care Consolidated Data Sets](#) [released Aug 2023]

NDS wants your feedback!

National Data Systems (NDS) has released a customer satisfaction questionnaire to understand our strengths and also to highlight areas for improvement. Ultimately, your participation will allow NDS to develop and implement strategies to better serve your needs. Your participation is voluntary.

Please click the link below to participate.

[NDS Customer Satisfaction Questionnaire](#)

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