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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.

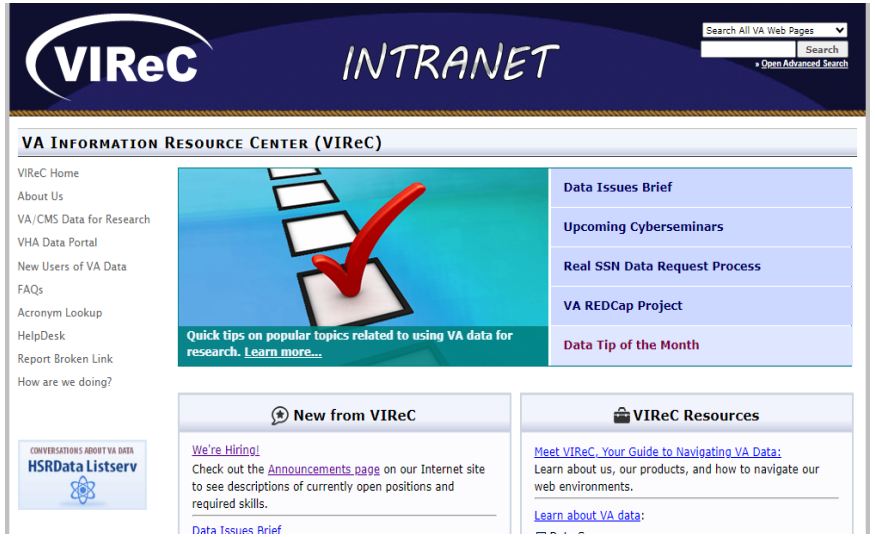
Vision

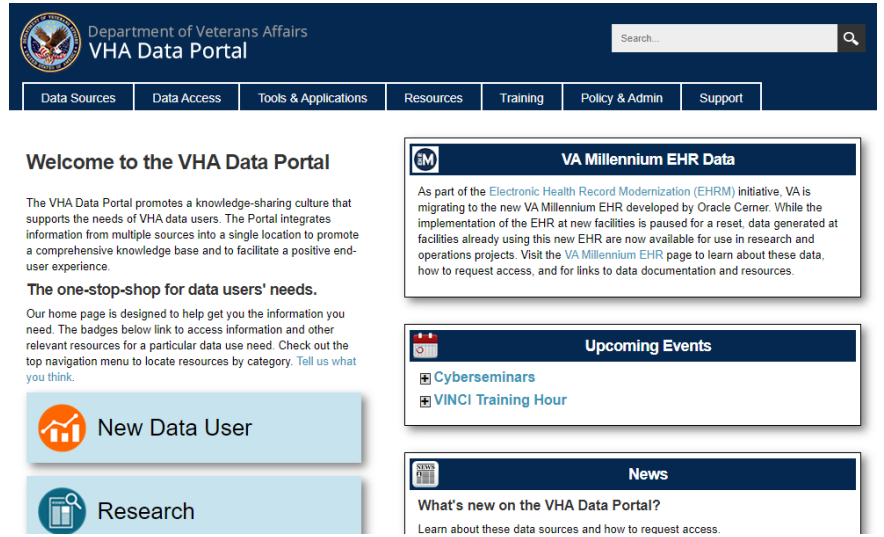
- A community of informed VA researchers empowered to use data effectively to improve Veteran health and health care.

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





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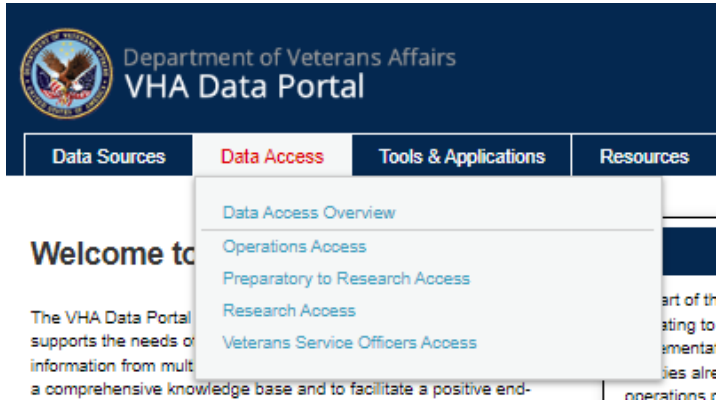
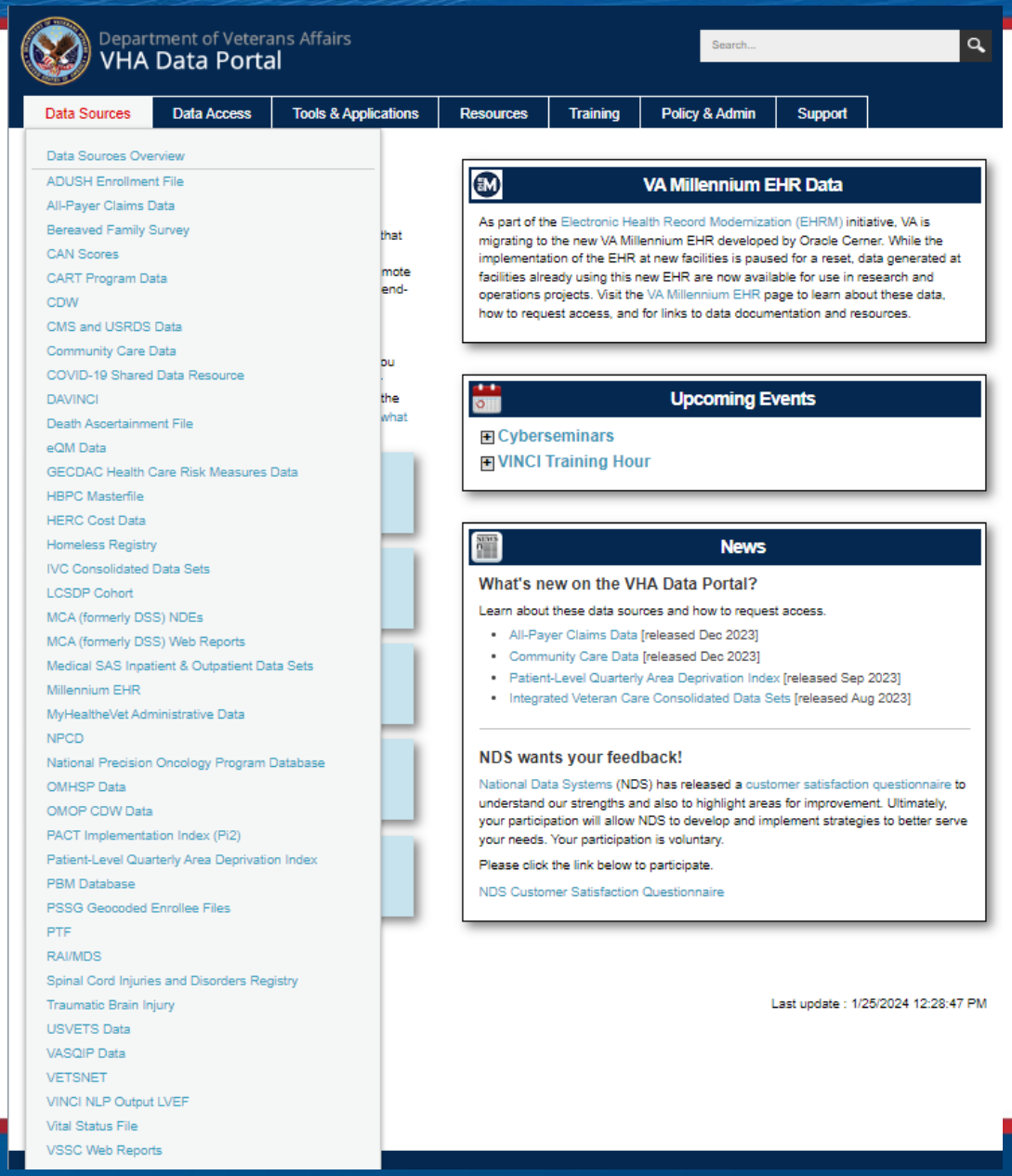
Internet	Intranet	VHA Data Portal
Public facing	VA Network access only	VA Network access only
VIReC Overview	Resources for working with data	Collaboration between NDS, VINCI, & HERC
Publication, Cyberseminars and Events	News and new resources	Data source and access information

Data sources other than CDW

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