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VA Research by the Numbers

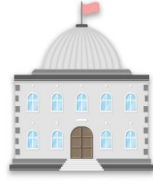
(For Fiscal 2023)



Active research sites nationwide
105



Published research articles authored or co-authored by VA investigators
11,107



Total congressional appropriation for VA medical and prosthetic research
\$916M



Active funded research projects (including VA funding and other sources)
7,431



Active funded principal investigators
3,774



Total research budget (including other VA and non-VA sources, such as NIH)
\$2.3B

For more than 95 years, the Veterans Affairs (VA) Research and Development program has been improving the lives of Veterans and all Americans through health care discovery and innovation.

The mission of VA Research is fourfold:

- to improve Veterans' health and well-being via basic, translational, clinical, health services, and rehabilitative research;
- to apply scientific knowledge to develop effective individualized care solutions for Veterans;
- to attract, train, and retain the highest-caliber investigators, and nurture their development as leaders in their fields; and
- to assure a culture of professionalism, collaboration, accountability, and the highest regard for research volunteers' safety and privacy.

VA Research is unique because of its focus on health issues that affect Veterans.

Research Topics

A few examples of what VA research has accomplished include the:

- * First decisive trials of effective treatments for tuberculosis;
- * Demonstration of the lifesaving value of treating hypertension;
- * Development of the concept of CT scanning;
- * Discovery and development of radioimmunoassay, facilitating measurements of previously impossible precision;
- * Cooperative studies proving the efficacy of psychoactive drugs in stabilizing psychiatric disorders;
- * Demonstration of the relationship between smoking and lung cancer, leading to initial warnings in the Report of the Surgeon General;
- * Development of a practical, implantable cardiac pacemaker.

Afghanistan & Iraq
Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias
Arthritis
Cancer
Cardiovascular Disease
Caregivers
Complementary and Integrative Health
COVID-19
Depression
Diabetes
Gastrointestinal Health
Genomics
Gulf War Veterans
Health Care Delivery
Health Equity
Hearing Loss
Hepatitis C
Homelessness
Infectious Diseases

Informatics
Kidney Disease
Mental Health
Multiple Sclerosis
Obesity
Pain Management
Parkinson's Disease
Posttraumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)
Prosthetics
Respiratory Health
Rural Health
Spinal Cord Injury
Substance Use Disorders
Suicide Prevention
Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)
Vietnam Veterans
Vision Loss
Women's Health