

2011 National VA Research Week Events

May 2 - 6, 2011

VAMC	Dates	VACO REP	ACOS	Contact/Event Coordinator	Phone #	Events	Confirmed VIPs/ Congress Reps
Albuquerque*	May 2-6		Ravi Durvasula	Annie Cook	505.256.2810	Research posters will be displayed in the lobby and investigators will be there from 8-11 a.m. each day to discuss their research with Veterans.	
Atlanta	4-May		Michael Hart	Marybeth Skill	404.321.6111 x6933	Presentations to outstanding and frequent research participants; posters and demonstrations in the atrium.	
Augusta*	May 2 & 4	Ron Przygodzki	Thomas Hartney	Ismail Kaddour-Djebbar	706.733.0188	5/2-Poster judging contest; lecture and presentations. 5/4-Research open house, poster session, lunch and speakers	
Baltimore	3-May		Christopher Bever	Ann Kimball	410.605.7000 x6506	15th Annual Research Day - Poster session, research presentation by 2010 Magnuson Awardee Dr. Richard Macko on "Task-Oriented Exercise after Stroke," followed by a reception for attendees.	
Birmingham	May 2-6		Louis J. Dell'Italia	Lori Knutson	205.933.8101 x6430	Local theme is 'Aging: From Bench to Bedside' to promote aging research; Celebrating 10th anniversary of Birmingham/GRECC collaborations, kickoff on 5/3 with VAMC and Univ of AL speakers; days will be themed: Mon-Diabetes & Nutrition, Tue-Mobility & Exercise, Wed-Congestive Heart Failure, End-of-life care, homelessness, Thurs-Incontinence & Neuro/Psych disorders, Fri-Vascular & Pulmonary dis and surgical outcomes. Poster presentations, educational promo items.	
Boise	Apr 25-29		Dennis Stevens	Duane Janke	208.422.1152	Noon-time each day: research speakers; poster displays; refreshments; info booths; handouts.	
Boston	6-May		Terence Keane	Tom Allen/Liza Catucci	857.364.5462	"Women's Health" poster session at the local Elks Club, 2-5 pm.	
Bronx*	4-May		Mary Sano	David Gaines	718.584.9000 x6017	Speakers throughout the day from 9 - 3:30 pm.	
Buffalo	May 2-6	Dr. Eisen	Vijay Kumar	Elsa Acevedo	716.862.6528	Activities throughout the week will include an Education Day, Open House Day, Freedom Hall Day with information tables and poster displays, Poster contest, Trivia, and a Word Find contest. Dr. Eisen will be guest speaker on Wed. May 4th.	

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Chicago	May 2 & 3		Israel Runbinstein	Michael Meltzer	312.569.7389	5/2-Clinical presentations to VAMC staff and affiliate researchers; research literature outreach table; 5/3-Discussion sessions with Veterans regarding recently completed research studies conducted in collaboration with U of IL/Chicago and NW Univ.; Physician discussions with Veterans; Library overview for Veterans; outreach efforts regarding research resources.	
Clarksburg, WV	May 2-6		Maria Kolar	Kathy Keener	304.623.7617	Poster displays throughout VAMC; continuing education activity planned for 5/5 for physicians with focus on drug study updates.	
Cleveland	May 3-5		Neal Peachey	Linette Dowdy	216.791.3800 x4660	5/3-5-Poster displays in the atrium; 5/3- Research participant presentation 1-2 pm w/topics MVP, Therapeutic and Cortical Effects of Exercise on Parkinson's; 5/4-Employee Education from 12-1 pm. w/topics Human Subject Protection, bench and animal research, ASPIRE.	
Coatesville, PA	4-May		Russell Buono	Dawn McClintock	610.384.7700 x4855	Research open house, to include a brain show research demonstration by the ACOS, poster displays, group presentations on the local research service's ' <i>research museum</i> '.	
Columbia SC	5-May		Sue Haddock	Tatyana Harris	803.776.4000 x7754	Open house in the auditorium with poster presentations from VA staff and SC faculty. Open to all in VA and local community.	
Denver	May 4 & 5		Robert Keith	Marc Goalstone	303.399.8020 x3610	Open house with interactive poster presentations of research projects; May 4 is open to all, May 5 is for scientists.	
Detroit	May 2 & 6		Glenn Kaatz	Patricia Fox	313.576.3106	5/2-kickoff day: atrium events to educate Veteran patients and visitors on the importance of medical research, research information and refreshments; 5/6-research day: poster presentations, project abstracts, refreshments and promotional items.	
Durham	4-May		Timothy Hammond	Nancy Dixon	919.286.6926	Poster displays and presentations; information on Grant Awards offered by the local NPC-Institut. for Medical Research; info on local IRB process.	
Fargo	4-May		Jodie Haring	Barbara Smith	701.239.3700 x93508	Open house, poster presentations; speakers; including Dr. Maria Silveira presenting on her HSR&D-funded project " <i>Web-based support for caregivers of Veterans undergoing chemotherapy.</i> "	

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Fresno	May 3 & 4		Robert Hierholzer	John Shantz	559.225.6100 x6317	5/3 luncheon 11:30-1:30; 5/4 poster presentations and speakers in the auditorium.	
Gainesville	16-May		Jawaharial Patel	Helen Vaillancourt	352.376.1611 x4917	Speaker presentations, open house for VA, Univ of FL staff and students, and Veterans. Will include vendors, music, food, and other festivities.	
Hines	5-May		Dale Gerding	Susan Andrese	708.202.7447	Kick-off speaker: Phillip Longman, author of <i>"Best Care Anywhere, Second Ed."</i> ; afternoon speaker session with new investigators; poster displays.	Staffer from Senator Mark Kirk (R-IL)
Iowa City	Apr 11-14		Mark Yorek	Kari Steinkamp	319.339.7151	Celebration is in conjunction with the Univ of Iowa with a theme of <i>'Translational Genomics'</i> . Speakers will be presenting daily at 12 noon and 4 pm, with poster sessions in between, and followed by a banquet on 4/14 at 6 pm with speakers at 8 pm.	
Little Rock	May 3 & 5		Michael Winn	Teresa Barclay	501.257.4804	Poster displays, speakers and handouts.	
Loma Linda	May 2-6		Alan Jacobsen	Anne MacMurray	909.825.7084 x2779	A <i>'thank-you'</i> luncheon for clinical research participants, video presentations, and a research information table.	
Long Beach*	5-May		Chris Reist	Karolina Jozwiak	562.826.5287	Open house in the atrium with poster presentations w/staff and faculty from VA LB and Univ of CA Irvine; followed by a Veterans' panel.	
Madison, WI	3-May		Theodore Goodfriend	Marvin Rupp	608.280.7222	Hands-on participatory displays; three researchers will also receive honors.	
Miami	May 2-3		Robert Jackson	Isabel Perez	305.575.7000 x3722	5/2 kickoff seminar w Dr. Hermes Florez, GRECC Assoc Clin Dir., on the subject of the MOVE Program, open panel discussions; 5/3 4th annual poster presentation.	
Omaha	May 2-6		Debra Romberger	John Davis	402.559.9079	5/2-6: Research displays in lobby; 5/2-Research employee appreciation luncheon; 5/5-Research presentation by Dr. Czaja on <i>Toxic Liver Injury: Death from TNF/JNK Signaling and Not the Toxin</i> ; 5/6-Presentation of Friend of Research Award to Dr. Michael Sorrell; Meeting with congressional reps and VSOs at 10 am; 10-11 am Research space tours; Poster exhibits 1-3 pm.	
Philadelphia	4-May		Joel Maslow	Yvette Roberts	215.823.6020	2nd Patient Research Fair - includes an expert panel discussion on research, an information session for research subjects and patient ethics, poster presentations, distribution of research literature, and refreshments.	

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Phoenix	May 4 & end of Sept.		Samuel Aguayo	Angela Kuramoto	602.277.5551 x7783	Research and poster presentations for Veterans and their family (5/4); At the end of September, a barbeque is planned with a research lab-and-office tour to highlight the new clinical research center.	
Pittsburgh	May 2-6		Ali Sonel	Tammy Capozzoli	412.954.5388	Kick-off on 5/2 with Congressman Doyle as keynote speaker; Researcher of the year award presentation, lunch, info tables throughout the week, staff appreciation breakfast on 5/3 & 5/4.	Michael F. Doyle, (D-PA)
Portland	6-May		Michael Davey	Sharon D. Jacky	503.273.5125	Speaker presentations, poster displays and refreshments.	
Providence	May 3-5		Robert M. Swift	Candace Shuman	401.273.7100 x3872	New research building tours and poster presentations; Speaker from Brown University, Outreach to Veterans to learn about research studies.	
Richmond	6-May		Frank Zieve	Lauri Weiler	804.675.5151	15th annual research day luncheon to honor Veteran patients who participate in research studies.	
Salem, VA	May 5 & 6		Ali Iranmanesh	Ali Iranmanesh	540.982.2463 x2029	Posters displays and presentations; 5/6-Medical grand rounds devoted to research by residents/students; lecture with invited speaker on "Protecting Research Subjects."	
San Diego	May 2, 3, & 5		Gery Schulteis	Angela Hare	858.552.8585 x5980	Invites to VSOs 3/26-4/30: Relaying research materials and information during mtgs re: VA research accomplishments and inviting them to the research symposium (5/2) and poster presentation day (5/6). Speaker symposium featuring presentations on SCI, TBI, and Mental Health. 5/3: Research vendor day; 5/5: Researcher appreciation day w lunch hosted by VAMC Director.	
Shreveport, LA	3-May		Ronald Washburn	Dorothy Jarzabek	318.990.4707	Poster presentations and lit handouts, refreshments. The university affiliate's Office of Sponsored Programs and Tech Transfer will also participate - educational hours will be available. IRB and research application information table will be available along with a presentation on the VAMC's Human Research Protection Program.	
St. Cloud	May 2-6		Susan Markstrom	Glen Palmer	320.252.1670 x7468	Research display in canteen; Poster presentations (5/4); research overview to service lines throughout VAMC.	
St. Louis	6-May		Peter Brawer	Sheila Norddurft	314.652.4100 x55511	Research day event at affiliate SLU's new Research Center, w/ speakers from VISN 15, VAMC, SLU, and Wash Univ; R&D committee members will be honored with appreciation certificates for their participation; information handouts and light refreshments.	

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Syracuse	May 2-6		Bernadette Kalman	Bernadette Kalman	315.425.2471	Week-long poster exhibit; walking tour of the research area on 5/2 for local institutional leaders and university reps.	
Tampa	14-Apr		William Gower, Jr.	Frank DiPaola	813.972.2000 x7008	Research posters in the hospital atrium, refreshments, distrib of CDs that include researcher abstracts, summaries and pubs; presentation of Seed Grant Awards by the NPC/Tampa Research Office/Education Foundation.	