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From: Chief Research and Development Officer (10P9)

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To: Associate Chiefs of Staff for Research and Development
Administrative Officers for Research and Development
Research Week Coordinators

1. I'm very excited to announce this year's research week date as **May 14-18, 2018**, with the theme **'InnoVAtion to Implementation.'** This is such a great time to highlight our extraordinary research achievements and innovations, both past and current. VA researchers continuously contribute to medical discoveries that lead to advancements in Veterans' care and the nation's medical knowledge.
2. I would love to hear about your 2018 Research Week plans as soon as possible so that ORD leadership can support your activities in any way possible. Requests for ORD guest speakers can be sent along with your plans to christine.amereihn@va.gov. Please use the *VAMC Summary of Plans* form available on the VA Research Week website at www.research.va.gov/researchweek. Make sure you include a tentative agenda, place, date, and time for the invite request and submit it NLT March 16, 2018.
3. Also available on the website mentioned above are research week promotional resources, such as logos, graphics, general research week activity guidelines, and news release templates. Print copies of the 2018 research week poster and the research week proclamation will be mailed to each research office by the end of March.
4. Positive VA research news stories continue to make strides in numerous journals, newspapers, special reports, and social media forums. In order to maximize a national VA research week awareness effort this year, all research week coordinators should include their local VA public affairs officers when planning any activities.
5. It is truly a pleasure to see all the incredible VA research endeavors, the commitment, and the services that you provide to Veterans and their families. Your participation in research week events is always inspirational and I look forward to hearing about your plans very soon.



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