Location: Baltimore VA Medical Center, Room 3A-300

Schedule:

9:30-11:15– Session I

“Hope for Hemiparesis: Predicting Response to Repetitive Task Practice” – Stacey Harcum, MPH, Rehabilitation Research Specialist, VA Maryland Health Care System

“Building Connections, Fostering Hope: Tele-rehabilitation within the VA System” – Susan Conroy, DSc.PT, Merit Investigator, VA Maryland Health Care System

“Veterans’ Experiences Coping with Mental Health Stigma: Hard Won Wisdom” - Alicia Lucksted PhD, Research Investigator, VISN-5 MIRECC

“Dual Role of RGC-32 in Multiple Sclerosis.” – Horea Rus, MD, Neurologist, VA Maryland Health Care System and Professor of Neurology, University of Maryland School of Medicine

11:15- 12:45 - Lunch Session

“Overview of VA Office of Research and Development Funding and Investigator Town Hall” - Ying-Yee Kong, PhD, Health Science Officer and Neurodegenerative Disorders Program Manager, VA Office of Research and Development, VA Central Office

A light lunch will be served in room 3A-300 during this session.
12:45-2 PM– Session II

“Improving Community Engagement in Veterans with Schizophrenia: Qualitative Data Analysis from an Ongoing Treatment Trial” – Melanie Bennett, PhD, Associate Director for Education and Research Investigator, VISN-5 MIRECC

“Hope, expectancy, and planning: the evidence in chronic pain self-management” Beth Hogans, MD, Baltimore VA GRECC Investigator, VA Maryland Health Care System

“Integrating nanotechnology and immunology to support new therapies for Veterans with autoimmune disease.” – Robert “Smitty” Oakes, PhD, Postdoctoral Fellow, VA Maryland Health Care System and University of Maryland, College Park

2:00-3:30 VAMHCS Research Service Town Hall and Annual Service Updates