**National VA Research Week honors pioneering work for Veterans**

Join Us virtually for the National VA Research Week Celebration

**Time:** (insert the local time that correlates to 3 pm ET)

**Date:** Wednesday, May 19, 2021

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With the Global War on Terror, there were unique injuries that came home with our Veterans. Among them were Traumatic Brain Injury or TBI and Mental Health complications. In the last decade, nearly 104,000 Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans who receive health care from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) are dealing with TBI. Developing new treatments is the work of researchers like [**Dr. David Cifu**](https://www.research.va.gov/about/awards/awardee.cfm?award=175622) at the Richmond VA Medical Center in Virginia.

Dr. Cifu, a top expert on TBI, is one of eight researchers receiving honors this year during [National VA Research Week](https://www.research.va.gov/researchweek/default.cfm), May 17 – 21. The 2021 theme "One Team, One Mission" reflects the nationwide focus of VA researchers on advancing Veterans' health care to improve their lives.

"Dr. Cifu and this year's awardees offer groundbreaking rehabilitation research to our nation's Veterans. Their advancements range from improving outcomes for Veterans with heart disease to integrating mental health care into primary care," said Medical Center Director (insert name here).

Additional awardees include:

* [**Dr. Michael Zile**](https://www.research.va.gov/about/awards/awardee.cfm?award=134486)**, Charleston,** is an international expert in the study of heart failure with preserved ejection fraction. He has helped establish diagnostic criteria to identify this subgroup of heart patients and is helping to identify new potential treatments for this common cardiac condition.
* [**Dr. David Oslin**](https://www.research.va.gov/about/awards/awardee.cfm?award=165355)**, Philadelphia,** is a leader in integrating mental health care into primary care clinics and using genetics to treat mental health problems.
* [**Dr. Jeffrey Curtis**](https://www.research.va.gov/about/awards/awardee.cfm?award=154712)**, Ann Arbor,** has made considerablecontributions to understanding chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD).
* [**Dr. Steven Dubinett**](https://www.research.va.gov/about/awards/awardee.cfm?award=134486)**, Los Angeles,** studies lung immunobiology, helping to bring new treatments to patients with lung cancer.
* [**Dr. Miriam Morey**](https://www.research.va.gov/about/awards/awardee.cfm?award=154880)**, Durham,** developed an exercise program for older Veterans called Gerofit, now used nationwide.
* [**Dr. Stephen Plymate**](https://www.research.va.gov/about/awards/awardee.cfm?award=155139)**, Puget Sound,** has shed light on the factors that shape how men with prostate cancer respond to different treatments.
* [**Dr. Matt Samore**](https://www.hsrd.research.va.gov/for_researchers/awards/under_secretary/awardees/default.cfm?Awardee=2019)**, Salt Lake City,** has pioneered new ways to use the VA electronic health record system to track prescriptions and patient outcomes, leading to the more prudent use of antibiotics across the VA system.

This year's main Research Week event will be a half-hour online show featuring the work of all eight awardees, along with Veteran features and a musical tribute. Those wanting a deeper dive into the research can [register](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.hsrd.research.va.gov%2Fcyberseminars%2Fcatalog-upcoming-session.cfm%3FUID%3D3978&data=04%7C01%7C%7Cd748baf9b00f4bcd084708d909b37006%7Ce95f1b23abaf45ee821db7ab251ab3bf%7C0%7C0%7C637551488577327732%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=UODw9Jtx3EQQyk%2BDcT0YsYCAWAkKjhZ8LIYwYGU84%2FU%3D&reserved=0) to watch an online two-hour symposium at 3 pm ET on Friday, May 21.

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