Message from the Director

Ever since I took on the role of Director for Clinical Science, it had been my intent to find a way to communicate better with our funded researchers and others who may be interested in our program. I am delighted that our staff managed to build a mail list together so that we could start sharing information on what we do here when we start to have questions (see below!). The intent is intended to provide you both news and resources, and I still delight in hearing from you so that we may move forward. I continue to be amazed by the breadth of research VA researchers engage in, and I thank you for your efforts to make the world a better place for Veterans as our ultimate goal.

Terri’s Discussion

Shlipak Barnwell Award Ceremony

Michael Shlipak, MD, MPH, of the San Francisco VA Health Care System, was the recipient of the 2019 Barnwell Award in recognition of his pivotal work in understanding that patients with chronic kidney disease (CKD) and kidney failure are at an increased risk of death from heart failure and cancer-related deaths. Dr. Shlipak work has led to a better understanding of an established risk factor for heart failure and cancer. His systematic review and meta-analysis concluded that he demonstrated that the use of cystatin C is superior to that of creatinine and urine albumin for the identification of patients with kidney disease.

Future Directions

Future issues will describe CSR&D priorities as we head into the new fiscal year, with more details to come. I encourage you to provide your input and be proactive so that we can capture your questions.

Terri Talks

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Please Meet Us at Conferences

For more information about these areas, including how to apply for a Career Development Award, please see our website at CSRD homepage.

Useful Links

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