



Welcome to the VIP Initiative

May 2018

ANNOUNCING OUR NEW LOGO!

Big News! We are proud to announce our new VIP logo as part of the ongoing evolution of our program. Our logo is a combination of text and visual imagery. Each stripe on the logo represents a different phase of the VIP program:

- Phase 1: VIP 1 -SLC Vulnerable Veteran PACT
- Phase 2: VIP 2 - VISN 19 Services and Education PACT
- Phase 3: VIP 3 – High Utilizer Engagement Program

IMPLEMENTATION

The Vulnerable Veteran – Innovative Patient Aligned Care

The Vulnerable Veteran – Innovative Patient Aligned Care Team (PACT) Initiative or VIP Initiative is a collaborative clinical, education, and clinical service project initiated by the Veteran Health Administration (VHA) Veteran Integrated Service Network (VISN) 19 and the Salt Lake City Veterans Administration Health Care System (SLCVAHCS). The overarching goal of the VIP Initiative is to improve the health of Veterans who are particularly vulnerable due to medical disease and/or their social determinants through a unique longitudinal, primary care and consultative service delivery model. On January 1st, 2018 Phase 1(VIP-1 PACT) of the VIP Initiative formally launched in VISN 19.

The primary goal of this VIP-1 PACT is to empanel eligible patients to primary care at the Salt Lake City VA Health Care System and integrate/collaborate their care among inpatient, urgent care, and specialty care services.

Importantly, this VIP-1 PACT will serve as a replicable model of care for other facilities across VISN 19 and the VA nationally.

ACADEMIC

Paper published about the history of addiction medication treatment in the VA

<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/08897077.2018.1452327>

MAY 2018, VIP CHAT

Please announce to your networks our 30-minute, virtual VIP chat on May 23rd to discuss **The Case of Betty – Buprenorphine Treatment in a Nurse Care Management Model: One model of care.**

The primary goals of the VIP Chats are to provide education, mentorship, and foster a learning collaborative to improve the knowledge and skills of health care providers in VISN 19. The chats are generally scheduled for the 4th Wednesday of each month. All health care providers are encouraged to join.