



Welcome to the VIP Initiative

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An IDEAS2 –VISN 19 Service and Research Collaborative

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Congratulations to Drs. Natalie Valentino and Sadie Roestenburg!!

The PBM Clinical Pharmacy Practice Office (CPPO) released a [Fact Sheet – Role of the CPS in Medication Assisted Treatment for Opioid Use Disorder](#). This document provides a brief summary of the Role of the Clinical Pharmacy Specialist (CPS) as an advanced practice provider for Opioid Use Disorder in a variety of practice settings.

Salt Lake City is being recognized for Pharmacists who are modeling the way in providing care for patients with opioid use disorder. This is a wonderful example of how Clinical Pharmacy Specialists working as Advanced Practice Pharmacists can assist facilities to meet their goals to improve Veteran outcomes.



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Within Services for Outpatient Addiction and Recovery (SOAR) Clinic, an interdisciplinary visit was created. It consist of a pharmacist and nurse who provide brief safety assessments and interventions related to substance use disorder prior to a psychosocial assessment for each Veteran. This collaborative approach during SOAR intakes has led to meaningful interventions and provides Veterans with education and access to resources within addiction medicine. Within this SOAR clinic, the pharmacist and nurse also facilitate group education with Veterans.

VIP NEWSROOM

Congratulations to Drs. Leigh Anderson (VISN 19), Joseph Frank (Denver) and Adam Gordon (Salt Lake City) on a newly awarded QUERI project!!

Addiction Treatment in Primary Care Expansion- APEX

In partnership with VISN19 leadership, this project will address the priority goal of improving access to medication-assisted therapy for OUD treatment. The objective of the VISN Partnered Implementation Initiative startup phase (PHASE 1) is to implement and evaluate the evidence-based, effective practice of medication treatment of opioid use disorder in primary care settings

We are very excited to get to work on this project. VISN19 was one of just 4 VISNs to receive funding. This pilot phase of the project will lead to a larger grant submission in Dec. 2018 to support VISN-wide expansion of primary care-based treatment of opioid use disorder.

ANNOUNCING VIP SHARE POINT

Our VIP share point is now open to VISN 19 and the VA at large. The VIP SharePoint is the primary repository of project related materials and resources. www.tinyurl.com/vip-initiative

- Presentations of the model:
- Locally: Mental health, pain services, addiction services, primary care, VISN 19 PDSI, COIN investigators
- Nationally: Webinars with PDSI, Academic Detailing, HSR&D Addiction Researchers, Pain/Addiction services

JUNE 2018, VIP CHAT

Please announce to your networks our 30 minute, virtual VIP chat on June 27th, 2018 to discuss : **The case of angry Adam – How to correctly interpret a urine drug screen result**. If you have a question you would like to have addressed, please submit it to Nodira.Codell@va.gov.

For resources, guidances, past newsletters and presentations, visit our VIP SharePoint site: www.tinyurl.com/vip-initiative