



Welcome to the VIP Initiative

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An IDEAS –VISN 19 Service and Research Collaborative

VIP GUEST LECTURE



VIP Guest Lecture - Personalized Medicine Course

Dr. Alan Taylor Kelly and Dr. Ana Holtey of the VIP Clinic, along with Dr. Mike Ince from the University of Utah were invited to guest lecture at the University of Utah School of Medicine. First year medical students taking “Foundations of Personalized Health Care” were walked through how personalizing addiction treatment leads to better health outcomes and improved quality of life for patients. Three clinical scenarios were presented and then discussed amongst the students in breakout groups. The lecture, titled “Personalized Approaches to Pain Management in Primary Care” was ACCME accredited for 1.5 hours of CME. Seen on the left is Dr. Alan Taylor Kelley walked students through a patient scenario, emphasizing the different ways providers could personalize the treatment plan.

This is a survey course designed to introduce students to many facets of the emerging field of personalized health care (PHC). For students in the Personalized Medicine Certificate, this will provide an excellent opportunity to connect with researchers and explore potential opportunities for research projects.

VIP NEWS

Vulnerable Initiative Population (VIP) - Attacking the Opioid Crisis from all sides! VIP was highlighted in 360 Connect (U of U monthly newsletter)

We invite you to explore [360 Connect](#), a new, monthly e-publication dedicated to building community and celebrating our research by shining a spotlight on successes and introducing new faces and ideas.

Improving care for veterans — Recognizing that veterans can be particularly vulnerable to addiction, the **Vulnerable Veteran—Innovative Patient Aligned Care Team (VIP) Initiative** is a clinical and evaluation project that embeds addiction care within primary care. The approach improves acceptance of addiction care among patients who cannot, or will not, seek it through more traditional mental health care settings. The initiative, meant to be a model for other VA facilities, also includes policy analysis, presentation of case studies to providers, and research. -Adam Gordon, MD, MPH, FACP, DFASM (Epidemiology). 360 Connect is making connection across the research spectrum—from cells to clinics to communities—to transfer health.

PUBLICATION

[Patterns and Correlates of Prescription Opioid Receipt Among US Veterans: A National, 18-Year Observational Cohort Study.](#)

Rentsch CT, Edelman EJ, Justice AC, Marshall BDL, Xu K, Smith AH, Crystal S, Gaither JR, **Gordon AJ**, Smith RV, Kember RL, Polimanti R, Gelernter J, Fiellin DA, Tate JP, Kranzler HR, Becker WC; VACS Project Team.
AIDS Behav. 2019 Dec;23(12):3340-3349. doi: 10.1007/s10461-019-02608-3.

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Cochran G, Smid MC, Krans EE, Bryan MA, **Gordon AJ**, Lundahl B, Silipigni J, Haaland B, Tarter R.
Contemp Clin Trials. 2019 Dec;87:105888. doi: 10.1016/j.cct.2019.105888. Epub 2019 Nov 12. PMID: 31731006

[Social Determinants and Military Veterans' Suicide Ideation and Attempt: a Cross-sectional Analysis of Electronic Health Record Data.](#)

Blosnich JR, Montgomery AE, Dichter ME, **Gordon AJ**, Kavalieratos D, Taylor L, Ketterer B, Bossarte RM.
J Gen Intern Med. 2019 Nov 19. doi: 10.1007/s11606-019-05447-z.

JANUARY 2020 VIP CHAT

Please announce to your networks our 30 minute, virtual VIP chat on Wednesday, January 29th, 2020 noon-1 PM MST: “*The case of Tom: My patient is on Buprenorphine/Naloxone and needs a surgery—what do I need to do?*” If you have a question you would like 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