



Welcome to the VIP Initiative

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WELCOME NEW EMP



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Stepped Care for Opioid Use Disorder Train the Trainer (SCOUTT)

Jacob earned his Master of Public Health (MPH) from Indiana Wesleyan University in August of 2019 and a Bachelor of Science in International Health in 2018 from Bethel University. He worked at a local health department prior to joining the PARCKA team as a Health Educator/Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, primarily focusing on harm reduction strategies, OUD mitigation in rural counties, and medical countermeasure planning. Jacob has a passion to continue working towards reducing the burden of OUD in rural areas along with achieving health equity in the most vulnerable populations.”

CONGRATULATIONS!!



Congratulations to Dr. Jerry Cochran!!

Our very own PARCKA Director of Research/GIN PI Jerry Cochran has been elected into the School of Medicine Academic Senators! The Academic Senate plays an integral part in the shared governance of the University of Utah. By having faculty from the School of Medicine participate as a Senator, interests, concerns, and visions of the School of Medicine can be represented at the University level. We believe Dr. Cochran will be an effective leader and can facilitate change in Organization through Improvement and Innovation. We are so proud to have you as part of our work family. We hope that you keep up the good work for many years to come!

QUERI PEC 19-001 EXTENTION

The QUERI PEC 19-001 “Facilitation of the Stepped Care Model and Medication Treatment for Opioid Use Disorder” is extended for an additional 2 years!!

The extension of PEC 19-001 for an additional 2 years will allow us to continue the current, very successful, external facilitation and educational programming of the SCOUTT initiative. This will afford the expansion sites opportunities to receive resources that made PHASE 1 of SCOUTT so successful. In addition, it will allow the PEC 19-001 to expand its educational and facilitation curriculum to assist existing sites to replicate their model at another site in the VISN. Thus, in FY2021 and FY2022 we wish to continue providing support to sites outside of the 18 original implementation clinics (spread sites) and continue the site visits for existing SCOUTT sites who may need that assistance.

Buprenorphine Formulations for Chronic Pain Management

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The new VA Recommendations for Use (RFU) document is intended to provide guidance on the use of buprenorphine, in its different formulations, for pain management, including for patients at high risk from other opioids due to medical or mental health factors and specifically also for patients who have comorbid Opioid Dependence (as defined by ICD-10) or OUD and chronic pain conditions. RFU can be find in [here](#).

PUBLICATIONS

[Prevalence of and Risk Factors Associated With Nonfatal Overdose Among Veterans Who Have Experienced Homelessness.](#)

Riggs KR, Hoge AE, DeRussy AJ, Montgomery AE, Holmes SK, Austin EL, Pollio DE, Kim YI, Varley AL, Gelberg L, Gabrielian SE, Blosnich JR, Merlin J, Gundlapalli AV, Jones AL, **Gordon AJ**, Kertesz SG. JAMA Netw Open. 2020 Mar 2;3(3):e201190. doi: 0.1001/jamanetworkopen.

SUD and GENERAL Guidance for COVID19

SUD SHAREPOINT
[COVID-19 SharePoint page](#)

VISN 19 COVID RESOURCES:

<https://dvagov.sharepoint.com/sites/VHAV19/SitePages/VISN19%20COVID-19%20Communications.aspx>

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