



Welcome to the VIP Initiative

JUNE 2020

An IDEAS –VISN 19 Service and Research Collaborative

WELCOME NEW VIP BABY



CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR LITTLE BUNDLE OF JOY DR. ALAN (TAYLOR) KELLEY!

Everyone meet Calvin Taylor Kelley was born on June 3rd, 2020 afternoon, 7 lb 12 oz, 19 inches. Dr. Kelley and his wife did not make it to the hospital on time so he used his medical skills and personally delivered baby at home. Everyone is doing well.

The quote from Dr. Kelley: I haven't delivered a baby since med school, but we managed somehow" Warm wishes to the new born baby and the lucky parents too. The VIP Team are always here for babysitting and making extra bottles!!!

VIP FAREWELL



Farewell to Tania Knight, RN

Farewell to one great employee. Your hard work and dedication were an important part of the VIP team. As you turn the page in your life's story, the VIP team are join together in wishing you every success in all your future endeavors.

Thank you Tania for the support and care you provided to our Veterans. Good luck and farewell!!!

MAT-VA WEBINAR REPORT FOR MAY 2020

On May 20th the MAT-VA program was honored to host Dr. Ajay Manhapra of Hampton, Virginia. His presentation, titled, "The conundrum of long-term opioids for pain: Darned if you do, darned if you don't", covered several timely topics. The 45 minute presentation answered questions about how to identify neurobehavioral mechanisms in pain relief and how they interact with opioids and other addictive substances while also describing the neurobehavioral mechanisms of the evolution of opioid dependence and addiction with regular use of opioids for pain relief. Dr. Manhapra also described in detail, the gray area between simple opioid dependence and opioid addiction and how to assess the impact of complex persistent dependence on pain and functionality in the context of the continuation and discontinuation of long-term opioids. At the close of his presentation Dr. Manhapra, described some strategies on how to manage patients with complex persistent opioid dependence. This presentation, along with slides and the original article can be accessed by using this [link](#).

On May 27th, Dr. Hildi Hagedorn (PhD.) was kind enough to present her research paper, "Advancing pharmacological treatments for opioid use disorder (ADaPT-ODU): protocol for testing a novel strategy to improve implementation of medication-assisted treatment for veterans with opioid use disorders in low-performing facilities", to the MAT-VA Journal Club. Dr. Hagedorn's presentation focused on describing how ADaPT-ODU worked to improve MOUD access in several different VA sites across the country. Barriers and facilitators of implementation were discussed in detail. Of note – perspectives of both patients and providers in the intervention were shared, as well as lessons learned from each group. The discussion on how to identify strong "Internal Facilitators" is highly recommended for those seeking to implement new programs at VA sites. This presentation, along with slides and the original article can be accessed by using this [link](#).

JUNE 2020 VIP CHAT

Please announce to your networks our 30 minute, virtual VIP chat on Wednesday, June 24th, 2020 noon-1 PM MST: "*Transitional Pain Service*" If you have a question you would like addressed, please submit it to Nodira.Codell@va.gov.

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