VIReC
VA Information Resource Center

Your guide to navigating the VA data landscape

The VA Information Resource Center (VIReC), an HSR&D resource center established in 1998, is a key resource for navigating VA’s complex data environment. VIReC’s mission is to advance VA capacity to use data effectively for research and quality improvement and to foster communication between research data users and the VA healthcare community.

VIReC Overview

DATA KNOWLEDGE & METHODS
Developing a working knowledge about VA data and information systems

DATA RESOURCES
Supporting data users in navigating the VA data landscape

DATA ACCESS & AVAILABILITY
Collaborating within VA to enhance data access and increase available data

VIReC Services and Benefits

Understanding which data sources are available to VA researchers, their scope, and their contents can be challenging. VIReC meets this challenge through disseminating a portfolio of products and services. VIReC’s websites offer an array of resources for understanding the VA data landscape, and VIReC HelpDesk and consultations provide individualized responses to questions about VA data and VIReC products and services.

Intranet
vaww.virec.research.va.gov

VHA Data Portal
vaww.vhadataportal.med.va.gov

Internet
www.virec.research.va.gov

SPOTLIGHT

Electronic Health Record Modernization (EHRM) is VA’s initiative to migrate its current EHR (VistA/CPRS) to the Cerner Millennium EHR. VIReC leads the Office of EHRM Research Council in advocating for research and quality improvement requirements from the new EHR. The Center also heads up the Office of Research & Development (ORD) Strategic Initiative for Research and Electronic Health Record Synergy (OSIRES) to provide essential communication and strategic planning around the transition.

Visit dvagov.sharepoint.com/sites/VHApugResearch/RRG/Pages/EHRM-Research.aspx (VA Network Only) for more details, or email ResearchEHRM@va.gov with questions.
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VIReC Resources

VIReC provides information about the content, structure, utility, and limitations of VA data to support outcomes and effectiveness research, healthcare operations, implementation, and organizational decision making. Visit the VIReC websites to learn more about these products and services.

**Cyberseminars**
Offering topical sessions on data, methods, and informatics

**Data Documentation**
Producing information and guidance about VA data and its use

**Data Issues Brief**
Disseminating news about VA data, information systems, and resources

**VA/CMS Data for Research**
Providing Medicare, Medicaid, and USRDS data for VA research methods, and informatics

**VA REDCap**
Supporting VA primary data collection and management

**HSRData Listserv**
Facilitating community generated knowledge about VA data

Working with VIReC

VIReC products and services can help identify data sources that are relevant during both Pre-Implementation and Implementation phases. Understanding more about available data can help you develop a data and evaluation plan to monitor your efforts.

The QUERI Roadmap provides a systematic, three-phased approach to help practitioners overcome barriers to implementing effective practice, Pre-Implementation, Implementation and Sustainment. For more details, visit the [QUERI Roadmap](#).

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