

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.

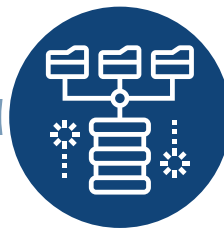


VIReC Overview



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

vawww.virec.research.va.gov

VHA Data Portal

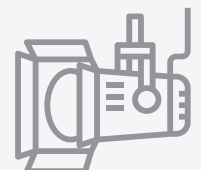
vawww.vhadataportal.med.va.gov

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.



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Veterans Health Administration
Health Services Research & Development Service

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](#).

