

DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL MEDICINE
NEW PROVIDER ORIENTATION



IOWA CITY VAMC

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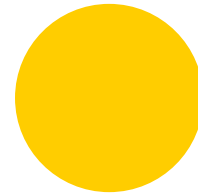
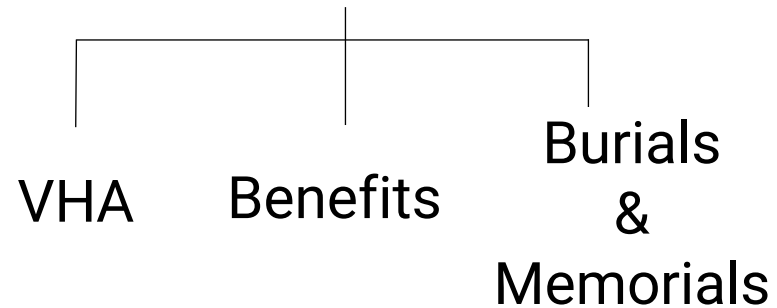
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Objectives: Why to LOVE the VA

- Brief overview of VHA
- Highlight the Specialty Medicine Service Line at the Iowa City VAMC
- Review opportunities for faculty development and research at the Iowa City VAMC
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- **Largest Integrated Healthcare system in US**
- **Outstanding opportunities for academic faculty**
- **Veterans are wonderful people**
- **Engagement by VA staff is outstanding.**

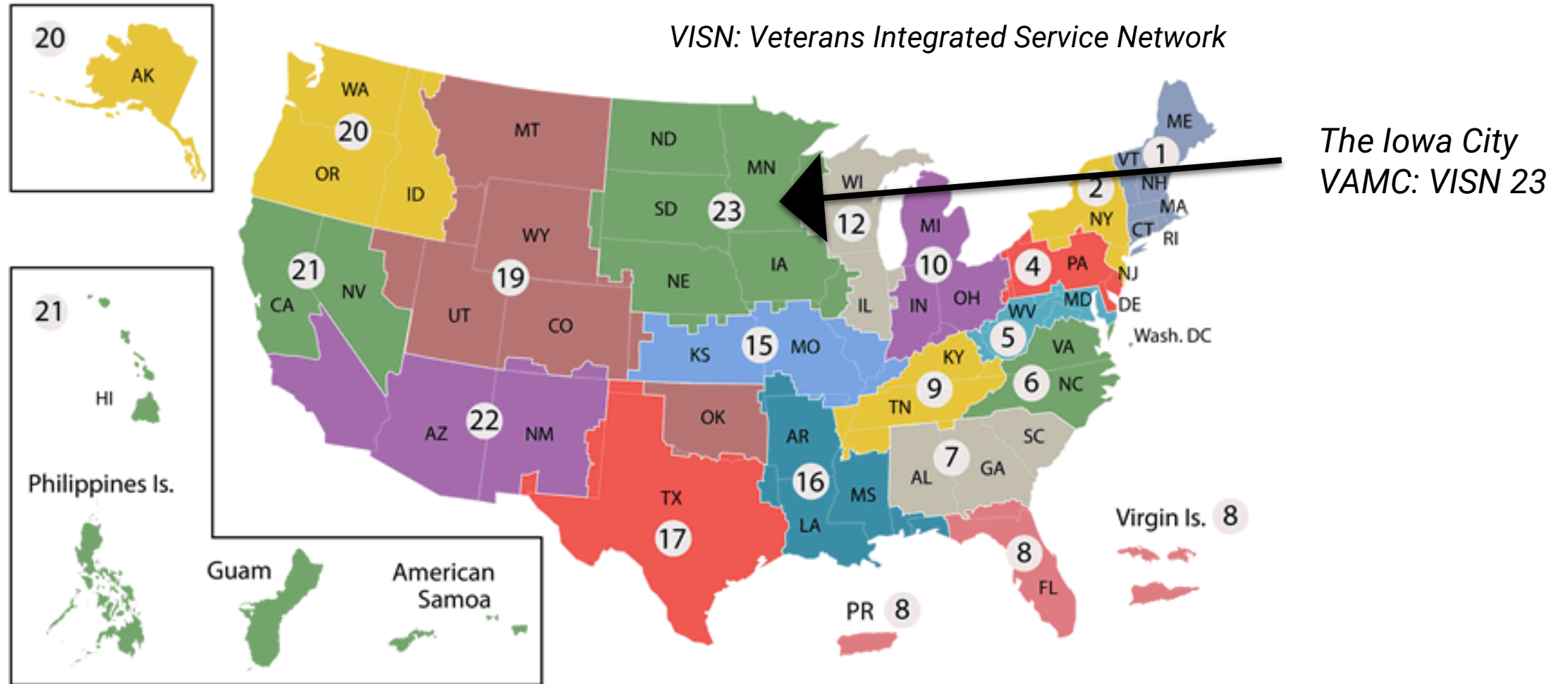
VHA is the largest integrated health care system in the US

U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs



VHA (Veterans Health Administration) supports 1,240 inpatient and outpatient facilities with ~9 million enrolled veterans

The Iowa City VAMC is one of 170 Medical Centers



The Iowa City VAMC serves a wide geographic area

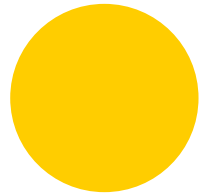
- Inpatient: 53 beds (43 medicine & 10 ICU/SD)
- Outpatient:
 - Specialty medicine clinics (Iowa City)
 - Resident primary care clinics (Iowa City)
 - CBOCs (community-based outpatient clinics)

Iowa: Davenport, Waterloo, Dubuque, Cedar Rapids, Ottumwa, Decorah, Burlington + satellite clinic in Coralville

Illinois: Galesburg, Quincy and Sterling



Iowa City VA Mission



To provide world class experience to all the Veterans receiving our services:

High quality and cost-effective care

The Iowa City VAMC offers a wide range of opportunities

- Leadership opportunities and training (local & national)
- Quality Improvement:
 - Projects (lots of data)
 - Training (LEAN belts)
 - VISN & National competitions (Star, Shark Tank)
 - Programs (Diffusion of Excellence)
- Medical education (inpatient and outpatient)
- Healthcare systems (e.g., Risk Management)
- Research funding opportunities

Education

- Supports 16.5 internal medicine resident FTEs
- 3 Inpatient Teaching Services: 1 categorical senior, 2 PGY-1's
- 35 Categorical Residents complete a 3-year primary care COC experience
- 1 VA chief (3 chiefs each have a 4-month experience)
- 1 VA Chief Resident Quality and Safety (12 months)
- Outpatient clerkship students rotate in primary care and subspecialty clinics
- Sub-Interns and Inpatient Clerkship students rotate on Inpatient Teaching Services

Quality Improvement

- Many opportunities and resources to get involved
- Residents (contact):
 - VA Chief Resident Quality Scholar (Mathew Soltys)
- Fellows/Faculty (contacts):
 - VA Quality Scholar Program (Melissa Swee & Amany Farag)
 - Rural Scholar Program (Jaime Wilson, Karla Miller)
 - Advanced Fellowship in Health Services Research (CADRE; Michelle Mengeling & Michael Ohl)
 - ICVA HCS Quality and Process Improvement Department (Vishal Vashistha, Natalie Good)

Quality Improvement – VHA Awards & Programs

- VISN 23 Network Directors Star Award (e.g., Dixon/Swee – Telenephrology)
- VISN 23 Strategic Initiative (e.g., Jeydith Gutierrez & Irene San Roman)
- VHA Shark Tank Competition
 - Diffusion of Excellence Program
- VACO Enterprise Wide Initiative (Jeydith Gutierrez-TeleHospitalist Program)
- Quality Enhancement Research Initiative (QUERI)
- ICVA- PCORI – Health Systems Implementation Initiative (Brad Dixon)

Faculty Appreciation

- VHA awards
 - Mark Walcott Award for Excellence in Clinical Leadership
 - Mark Walcott Award for Excellence in Clinical Care Delivery
 - Won by Dr. Adrian Holm 2021
- CCOM- Department of Medicine launched the DiBona Award of Academic Excellence in Service to the ICVA
 - Jack Stapleton – 2021
 - Warren Schmidt – 2022
 - Peter Kaboli – 2023
 - Bill Nauseef – 2024
 - Stephen McGowan - 2025

Overview of Research Program

- ICVA: Top 10-15 in VHA
- \$14 million in direct VA sponsored research funding and 10 million in non-VA funds
- 49 VA funded investigators
- 372 active research protocols (human subjects (226), animal (71) and safety (75))
- In 2023 VA funded investigators published 246 peer reviewed articles
- Accepting a VA grant requires accepting a minimum 5/8 VA appointment

Office of Research and Development - Programs

- Biomedical Laboratory Research and Development (BLR&D)
- Clinical Science Research and Development (CSR&D)
- Rehabilitation Research and Development (RR&D)
- Health Services Research and Development (HSR&D)
- Million Veteran Program

Centers of Excellence

- Centers of Innovation (COINs)
 - Center for Comprehensive Access & Delivery Research & Education (CADRE)
 - Director: Eli Perencevich; Deputy: Diana Jalal
- Center for the Prevention and Treatment of Visual Loss
 - Director: Randy Kardon

VHA Research Funding Awards

- Career Development Awards
 - VHA CDA
 - Office Rural Health CDA
- VA Merit Review Awards
- Cooperative Studies Programs
- CADRE: Small Award Initiative for Impact (SWIFT)
- Office of Rural Health (ORH) grants

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