VISTAR

Veterans Institute for Scientific and Technical Applications Research

Advancing Veteran Care Through Research at the Birmingham VA Health Care System

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FROM VISTAR LEADERSHIP

Research is essential to improving the care we provide to Veterans and to advancing the education and training mission of the Department of Veterans Affairs. VISTAR exists to support VA-approved research by providing administrative, financial, and operational infrastructure that allows investigators to focus on discovery and impact.

Through collaboration with the Birmingham VA Health Care System (BVAHCS) and our academic affiliate, the University of Alabama at Birmingham, VISTAR helps bridge research ideas and real-world implementation. We are committed to supporting high-quality research that improves Veteran health outcomes and strengthens the research enterprise at BVAHCS.

WHAT IS VISTAR?

VISTAR is a nonprofit organization that supports research conducted at BVAHCS.

- Administers non-VA research funding for VA-approved studies
- Supports federal, industry-sponsored, and investigator-initiated research
- Provides administrative, regulatory, and operational support
- Works closely with Birmingham VA leadership and UAB collaborators

WHY VISTAR MATTERS

VISTAR research conducted at BVAHCS directly informs how care is delivered to Veterans today and in the future. By supporting investigator-initiated and sponsored studies, VISTAR helps translate scientific discovery into improved clinical practices, expanded access to care, and better health outcomes.

VISTAR research also plays a critical role in education and workforce development, supporting trainees, clinicians, and investigators who will serve Veterans for years to come.

RESEARCH SPOTLIGHT

Comparison of pharmaceutical interventions in Active-Duty Service Members and Veterans with PTSD

Electroencephalogram for application of novel neurofeedback system for the treatment of PTSD

Immunotherapy to reduce the high recurrence rate of bladder cancer

Human monoclonal antibody designed to reduce bleeding in patients with chronic atrial fibrillation who are not candidates for standard anticoagulant therapy

Transcranial stimulation as a non-invasive, low-intensity neuromodulation treatment for anxiety

Genetic Impact of Jet Fuel Exposure in Veterans

GET INVOLVED!

Interested in conducting research at BVAHCS or learning more about how VISTAR supports VA-approved studies?

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- Philanthropy
- New investigators are welcome
- Industry and foundation partnerships are encouraged
- Educational and collaborative opportunities are available