

Substance Use Disorders Treatment

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The SUDs research group has access to patients in treatment for substance use disorders (SUD) at the VA. Most of these patients are severely and multiply substance-dependent with additional psychiatric disorders (mood, anxiety, personality). However, a new cohort of younger veterans returning from Iraq are beginning to arrive. SUD treatment services at the VA include an intake assessment and triage clinic, outpatient services, a 30-day residential program, and a 90-day residential program. The outpatient services are expanding and there will be opportunities to do program evaluations as new treatment modalities are introduced, e.g., motivational interviewing, anger management.

Projects are expected to address a wide range of issues including: comprehensive descriptions of the patients and using these variables as predictors of treatment completion; assessments of the population's interpersonal problems, high risk events, emotional dysregulation, coping skills, therapeutic alliance, specific personality variables; monitoring patient changes over time in treatment, and evaluation of the various treatment programs.

This research team will work closely with the clinical staff to initiate projects that will have practical clinical implications for day to day practice. Students may initiate their own projects.

Openings: 2 positions for Fall 2009

Apply: Send me the following by e-mail ASAP, and no later than Friday, April 10, 2009:

Curriculum Vitae

Writing sample (e.g., a PGSP class paper)

A statement of interest in this area.

Notification: Selected members will be notified at 10am on Monday, May 11, 2009.