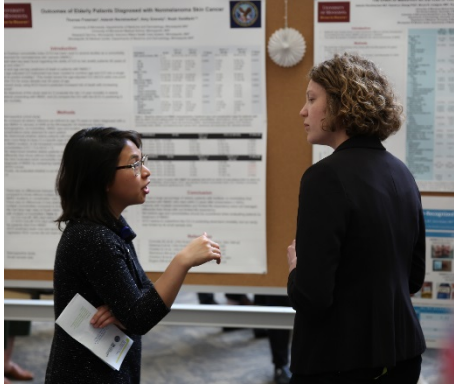


Research Day 2019

The Science of Hope



Research is an integral part of the VA mission and every year VAs across the country celebrate the accomplishments of the VA Research Program by holding Research Day. It is a day to highlight the progress and innovations being made by the researchers and to honor Veterans and their willingness to participate in VA research studies. “One of the most important things we accomplish every day in VA is bringing new hope to Veterans,” said VA Secretary Robert Wilkie. “VA research plays a huge role in that mission. Scientists at VA medical centers across the nation are changing the face of medicine and rehabilitation.”

This year, the Minneapolis VA Healthcare System, in collaboration with CVRE, held Research Day on May 1 with award presentations followed by the keynote presentation given by Dr. Rachel Ramoni, VHA Chief Research and Development Officer. The Frank Lederle Award for paper of the year was presented to Dr. Philipp Dahm for his paper titled “Prostate Cancer Screening with Prostate-Specific Antigen (PSA) Test: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis” published in the British Medical Journal. Dr. Fernando Ortiz earned the Zieve award for outstanding work done by a physician trainee for his work on the project titled “Utility of Nuclear Stress Imaging in Predicting Long Term Outcomes One Year Post CABG Surgery”. Investigators shared over 120 posters and were available for discussion and demonstration of the diverse array of scientific research focusing on topics critical to Veteran’s health, including cancer, cardiovascular disease, obesity and diabetes, chronic pain, women’s health, mental health, prosthetics, post-traumatic stress disorder, Gulf War illness and traumatic brain injury.

