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VA Long Beach To Host a Research Fair

From cancer to prosthetics, VA Research translates science to Veteran care.

Long Beach, Calif. – The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs will celebrate 90 years of research excellence during National VA Research Week, May 18-22, 2015. As part of the nationwide observance, the VA Long Beach Healthcare System will conduct a Research Day event on May 21, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The program will include interactive displays and opportunities to interact with VA Investigators.

"VA research is a national asset that benefits Veteran patients and the entire nation by moving medical science forward," said Chris Reist, M.D., the medical center's associate chief of staff for research. "VA investigators play key roles in developing devices and techniques that revolutionized health care – including the cardiac pacemaker, the CAT scan, Shingles vaccine, liver and kidney transplants, and much more. Today, VA is a leader in many areas of research, such as AIDS, mental health, genomics, heart disease, cancer, diabetes, infectious diseases, and spinal cord injury. It is in the interest of Veterans to have doctors who are on the forefront of medicine, and developing new knowledge."

VA conducts biomedical, rehabilitation, clinical, and health services research – as well as large, multi-center clinical trials – at more than 100 medical centers across the country. Among the research at VA Long Beach Healthcare System are preclinical projects investigating vitamin metabolism, cancer immunology, and atherosclerosis. In addition, there are many projects studying mental illness (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder – PTSD, depression) and chronic medical conditions (cancer, hyperlipidemia, hepatitis C, and gastrointestinal disorders).

For more information, or to schedule an interview with a researcher, please contact Rich Beam at 562-233-2122.

WHAT: Research Fair
WHEN: May 21, 2015 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
WHERE: VA Long Beach Healthcare System
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