

Variety begins with “VA” and that certainly is evident in the scope of research activities in Central Texas. Ranging from vascular devices to studying effects of war on returning Veterans, new brain imaging techniques and equipment that zaps infectious disease, the projects offer an impressive array of some 115 studies that may ultimately improve the care of our nation’s Veterans.

Research Week is held each year at VA facilities across the country to highlight new developments that hold promise. Locally, three researchers will present brief remarks about their projects. The public is invited to “lunch and learn.”

Microbes - the Ultimate Survivor

Dr. Chetan Jinadatha

Chief of Infectious Disease, Central Texas Veterans Healthcare System

This project evaluates the effectiveness of a novel pulsed xenon UV disinfection system to decontaminate patient care environments. Dr. Jinadatha is the principal investigator for this cooperative research agreement with Austin-based Xenex Healthcare Services.



Dr. Jinadatha, Dr. Mark Stibich, Christine Southard, and Elicia Greene

How to Mend a Broken Heart

Dr. Ken Baker

Professor and Vice Chair, Dept. of Medicine, Dir. Division of Molecular Cardiology Mayborn Chair Cardiovascular Research, Texas A&M Health Science Center, College of Medicine



Dr. Kenneth Baker

Dr. Baker has been the Director of the Molecular Cardiology Division of Internal Medicine, a collaborative effort between Central Texas Veterans Health Care System (CTVHCS), Texas A & M Health Science Center College of Medicine and Scott & White. Located at CTVHCS, Molecular Cardiology consists of over 10,000 square feet of laboratories and offices.

VA Research: Caring for Veterans through Discovery & Collaboration

Join us!
VA Research Week
Central Texas Events

Weds. April 25 ~ 11 am - 1 pm “Posters and Presentations”

Research Bldg. 205 ~ Temple, TX

Presentations from noon – 1 p.m.

Light refreshments served

Open to all VA employees, Veterans & their families. The public is welcome.

Thurs. April 26 ~ 11 am – 3 pm
“Meet the Media”

Roundtable with media and VISN 17 Center of Excellence research team and participant volunteer to share their stories of discovery working with returning war Veterans.



Seeing the Invisible: Advances in Assessment of Mild TBI

Dr. Deborah Little

Neuroimaging and Genetics Core Leader VISN 17 Center of Excellence for Research on Returning War Veterans and Professor of Psychiatry at Texas A&M College of Medicine



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Expertise in neuroimaging allows the VA advantages in understanding brain injuries and responses to treatment. Dr. Little brings her specialization in human cognitive neuroscience with sophisticated “high field MRI” imaging of brain scans to help reveal clues to future therapies.

Her presentation will highlight the latest in imaging developments and data.