

# VA



**U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs**

Veterans Health Administration  
*Office of Research and Development*

# National VA Research Week Activities

## Long Beach VA Healthcare System

**Tuesday May 14th 10:00am- 2:00pm**

**Location: Building 165 Room C212**

**Guest Speaker: Ken Myrie, PhD** Program Manager for the Career Development Award program, VA Office of Research and Development (ORD)

Audience will learn about the VA's Career Development Program that offers awardees salary as they pursue continued research training to become independent scientists. Morning session will be opportunity to meet current awardees as they present interim findings from their research projects.

- 10:00am – 12:00pm - Presentations by current CDA Awardees (20 min each)
- Hamid Moradi, MD:** Modulation of the endocannabinoid system as a therapeutic approach in chronic kidney disease
  - Philip Kiser, PharmD:** Conditional deletion of Des1 in the mouse retina does not impair the visual cycle in cones
  - Elani Streja, PhD:** Lipid Management and Cardiovascular Outcomes in Chronic Kidney Disease: Insights from a Large VA Cohort
  - Jonathan Skupsky, MD, PhD:** Biotin Supplementation Ameliorates Murine Colitis by Maintaining Intestinal Mucosal Integrity
- 12:00pm – 1:00pm Lunch will be served, Dr. Myrie will talk about CDA program

**Wednesday May 15th 10:00am-1:00pm**

**Location: Building 165 Room C212`**

**Guest Speaker: Domenic Reda, PhD** Senior Scientist and Director of the Hines VA Cooperative Studies Program Coordinating Center, Chicago

**Seminar: Application of Quality by Design (QbD) Principles to a Clinical Trials Network:  
Lessons from the VA Cooperative Studies Program**

Quality by Design (QbD) is an approach to design and conduct of clinical trials where emphasis is placed on prospectively identifying important errors that could jeopardize the ability to protect patients and/or

to obtain reliable results. The QbD approach of the Department of Veterans Affairs. Dr. Domenic Redawill provide an overview of the QbD approach that has been adopted by the Cooperative Studies Program and how it has been implemented in the design and conduct of VA sponsored clinical trials.

Lunch will be served

**Thursday May 16th 11:00am – 1:00pm**

**Location: Building 165 Room D101 (The “Egg”)**

**Guest Speaker: Shlomit Aizik, PhD**, Professor of Pediatrics, Director of the UCI Genomic Research Center, Veteran of Israeli Air Force

**Lecture: Using Molecular Biology to Understand the Health Benefits of Exercise: A New Era of Research and Clinical Practice**

Posters: to be placed in Egg by 11:00am  
Lunch will be served.

FACILITY MAP: <https://www.longbeach.va.gov/visitors/campus.asp>

