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Function QUERI Kickoff Event

A HUGE thank you to our Strategic Advisory Group of Operational and Scientific Partners, our Co-Investigators, Durham VA Leadership, and all who worked so diligently to make this meeting a success! The day-long Kickoff event with local and out-of-town attendees was held in Durham, NC on May 4, 2017.

The Function QUERI team has been working to incorporate all the ideas and feedback generated during this meeting. Updates since the meeting include:

- We have created a sub-group within our team, the Communications Committee, to maximize our ability to share information about QUERI news, project updates, and recruitment of potential sites.
- Our Corresponding Principal Investigator, Nicki Hastings, presented at the VA Voluntary Services Leadership Board meeting in June, to introduce Function QUERI, describe the STRIDE program, and discuss how Volunteers can be involved in promoting mobility in the hospital.



Veteran And Family Input Initiative (V.A.F.I.I.)

Previously known as: Veteran and Caregiver Engagement Panel

Thank you to the Veterans and Caregivers who participated in Function QUERI's 2nd Veteran & Caregiver Engagement Panel on June 21, 2017!

The focus of this meeting was on the iHI-FIVES project, which involves Caregivers of Veterans. We held small group discussions and interactive exercises designed to learn their ideas about:

- The role of a Caregiver,
- How the VA can better support Caregivers, and
- Topics they would like more information about regarding caregiving and self-care.

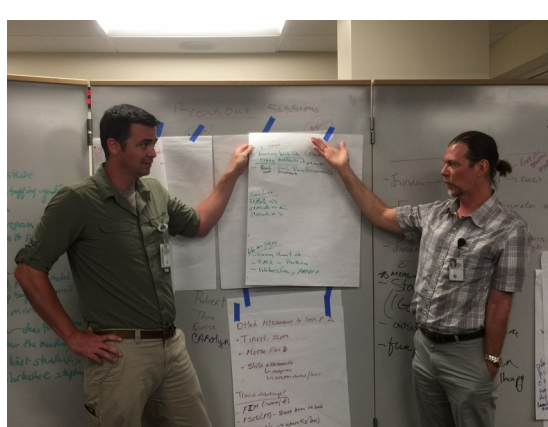
We plan to incorporate their feedback into our revised curriculum.

Thank you for your votes on our new name!: Veteran And Family Input Initiative (V.A.F.I.I.)

VISN 6 STRIDE– Face to Face Meeting

STRIDE Champions visited the VISN 6 office in Durham, NC on June 19-20, 2017. Read more about the meeting in the VISN 6 Newsletter: <https://www.visn6.va.gov/images/voicesofvisn6.pdf>

- Representatives from VISN 6 VAMCs shared strategies for promoting and integrating STRIDE into practice.
- STRIDE team members shared several suggestions for the Function QUERI STRIDE roll-out, including communicating early and often with all VAMC staff about STRIDE and making sure key leaders are at the table from the beginning.
- Overall, participants emphasized that STRIDE is more than a program, it is about creating a culture of mobility.



Presentations/Publications/Articles

- Nicki Hastings presented “Accelerating Innovation in Clinical Care: the case of STRIDE” at Emory Geriatric Grand Rounds on April 17, 2017.
- Nicki Hastings presented “Replicating Effective Programs: A Model for Adaptation and Dissemination” at the Annual Scientific Meeting of American Geriatrics Society on May 12, 2017.
- Kelli Allen’s article “For Veterans with arthritis, VA offers a variety of treatment” was published on the VA blog on May 18, 2017: <http://www.blogs.va.gov/VAntage/38109/for-vets-with-arthritis-va-offers-a-variety-of-treatment/>.
- Nicki Hastings presented on STRIDE and voluntary-led hospital mobility models at the Voluntary Services Leadership Board Meeting on June 14, 2017.

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