
Function QUERI Newsletter

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Introducing Function QUERI 2.0!

As we mentioned in the July 2020 newsletter, we have received additional funding from QUERI to continue our work implementing evidence-based programs on a larger scale! The biggest change to come is the number of implementing sites. As we move into this new chapter, we want to say a huge thank-you to all VA facilities that participated in Function QUERI 1.0 and made the evolution into 2.0 possible! Keep reading for more info about the next phase of Function QUERI, but first, let's review some of the accomplishments from the first iteration.

FQ 1.0 Highlights

STRIDE

- Helped **3,718 Veterans**
- Trained **737 providers**
- Collected quantitative data from **612 patients**
- Named a VHA Diffusion of Excellence **Gold Status Practice**
- **New:** Published stepped-wedge design has been published in *Trials*. Check it out:
<https://trialsjournal.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/s13063-020-04764-7>

iHI-FIVES (now Caregivers FIRST)

- Collected quantitative data from **330 caregivers**, exceeding our goal of 320!
- Helped **238 caregivers**, exceeding our goal of 200!
- Submitted to VHA Diffusion Marketplace

Group PT

- 1-year demonstration trial in **Durham, NC**
- **17%** functional improvement
- **96%** patient satisfaction
- Submitted to **VHA Diffusion Marketplace**



FQ 2.0 - STRIDE

Recruitment

STRIDE will be scaled up from facilitated implementation at 8 VAMCs to a low-touch implementation at **32 VAMCs with some receiving external facilitation**. We are currently in the process of recruiting facilities to participate with Function QUERI 2.0. If you know of any VAMC that might be interested in launching a STRIDE program using our materials, please reach out to our Implementation Specialist: Ashley.Choate@va.gov.

Diffusion Network

For all sites that launched prior to 2020, Diffusion Network calls will continue to be held quarterly in a similar format. For sites that launch in 2020 or beyond, Diffusion Network calls will be offered monthly. When monthly and quarterly calls occur on the same date, newer sites will have a chance to connect with more seasoned sites, growing and strengthening our network. If you would like to join or learn more about our network, contact Ashley.Choate@va.gov.

FQ 2.0 - Caregivers FIRST

Recruitment

In partnership with National VA Caregiver Support Program (CSP), Caregivers FIRST has been endorsed as a strong practice in FY2021 for the Program of General Caregiver Supports and Services. Caregivers FIRST implementation materials are now available to all facilities. Starting in the fall of 2021, Function QUERI will be enrolling sites to participate in 2.0.

Diffusion Network

Caregivers FIRST will continue to host quarterly calls, and monthly support calls starting in January 2021. If you would like to attend any of the Diffusion Network calls, please email CaregiversFIRST@va.gov.

Caregivers FIRST en Español

All of our videos and materials are now available for Spanish-speaking individuals. Contact our team if you are interested in accessing those materials!



FQ 2.0 - Group PT

Recruitment

Group PT (Physical Therapy) aims to enroll 16 sites as part of Function QUERI 2.0. We will begin recruiting efforts in the New Year. Stay tuned!

For now, the team is preparing implementation materials, including custom CPRS templates and a Group PT Toolkit.

Opportunities

We are hiring an **Implementation Scientist** (GS-12) to deliver core implementation support for each of the three trials, lead implementation of the quality improvement (QI) programs and collect quantitative and qualitative data in the context of QI to evaluate success of the three programs. Candidates must possess a PhD in health services research, social science, public health, or other related field. This program is funded for five years. Full-time. Salary range: GS-12 (\$79,725 to \$95,673) commensurate with experience. Benefits included. Start date: January 2021.

Email a cover letter and CV to Liz Mahanna:

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For more information regarding the national QUERI program, visit www.queri.research.va.gov.

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