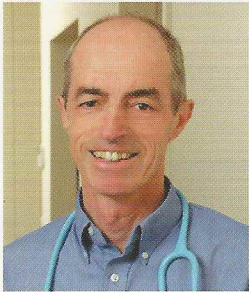


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Research at Harvard Vanguard Medical Associates: Focusing on What Works

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Research and teaching have been central to the mission of Harvard Vanguard Medical Associates throughout its history. "As a non-profit medical group, we have a special commitment to advancing knowledge about what works in health care, as well as training future generations of medical professionals," says Richard Marshall, MD, director of the Harvard Vanguard Office of Clinical Research. "We participate

in research so that our learning will benefit the general public, as well as our individual patients. Research keeps us focused on what actually works—helping us continually improve the care we deliver. And research also helps us to attract and retain excellent staff who want to be part of a learning organization."

Harvard Vanguard clinicians are able to engage in research in addition to their time devoted to patient care, due to fruitful collaborative relationships with outside researchers. Through these joint research efforts, Harvard Vanguard clinicians expand their access to expertise and research studies that focus on areas of interest to the practice, and then bring new knowledge and skills back to their patients.

The majority of Harvard Vanguard's research collaborators come from the Harvard Medical School's Department of Ambulatory Care and Prevention, which also receives support from Harvard Pilgrim Health Care. Recently, however, Harvard Vanguard has expanded its research partnerships to include other Harvard departments, as well as Brigham and Women's Hospital. Joint research projects include clinical trials of new medications or approaches to medical care, as well as research about health services in general, investigating how best to provide care to large groups of patients.

For staff interested in clinical research, the Office of Clinical Research is an important resource to link Harvard Vanguard staff and outside investigators

who have similar interests. "We participate in research projects that contribute to the long-term strategic goals of Harvard Vanguard, as well to the career development of our staff," says Marshall. Working with Marshall are Calvin Cohen, MD, who leads clinical trials, Anita Chan, who leads management and business services related to research, and Amy Marston, project manager.

Clinical Research Project Summary (Partial List Only)

PROJECT	FUNDING AGENCY	HVMA PI
ACTIVE		
The Expanded Chronic Care Model: Targeting Disparities in Diabetes Care	Robert Wood Johnson Foundation	Thomas Sequist
Improving Followup of Positive Fecal Occult Blood Tests	Risk Management Foundation	Thomas Sequist
Vaccine Safety Data Link (VSD)	Centers For Disease Control	Benjamin Kruskal
Childhood Asthma	National Institutes of Health	Anne Fuhlbrigge
Hypochondriasis: Diagnosis, Description & Medical Care	National Institutes of Health	Robert Schneider/Mark Bauer
Improving Systems for Colorectal Cancer Screening	National Institutes of Health	James Kemp
Improving Primary Care to Prevent Childhood Obesity	National Institutes of Health	Kathleen Mitchell
Electronic Support for Public Health (PHI Ctr): Enhancing Public Health Through Electronic Medical and Personal Health Records	Centers For Disease Control	Benjamin Kruskal
Reducing Unnecessary Use of Heavily Marketed Medicines	Oregon State Attorney	FX Campion
Genetic & Environmental Factors Affecting COPD Exacerbations	National Institutes of Health	Anne Fuhlbrigge
Can Risk Score Alerts Improve Office Care for Chest Pain?	Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality	Thomas Sequist
Electronic Support for Public Health: Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System	Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality	FX Campion
Tai Chi for Osteopenic Women	National Institutes of Health	Calvin Cohen
Clinician Attitudes Toward Implementation of an Electronic Medical Record	Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality	Thomas Sequist
CLINICAL TRIALS		
Prevention of Breast Cancer	National Cancer Institute, Astra Seneca, Eli Lilly	Han-ting Lin
Open Label Extension Study of E2007 in Levodopa Treated Parkinson's Disease- (303)	Eisai	Bonnie Hersh
An Open Label Extension Study w/ReQuip (ropinirole) CR for Subjects from Studies (study 248)	GlaxoSmithKline	Bonnie Hersh
Zelapar A-Z study	Valeant	Bonnie Hersh
Pharmacogenomics of Antidepressant Response in Children and Adolescents CAPTN-PARCA	National Institutes of Health	Michael Larson
An Open Label, Prospective, cohort Study of Antidepressants in Children and Adolescents with Anxiety Disorders, Depressive Disorders, Eating Disorders or Obsessive-Compulsive Disorders (CAPTN-SSRI)	National Institutes of Health	Michael Larson