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*VA Neurology
Research Opportunities*



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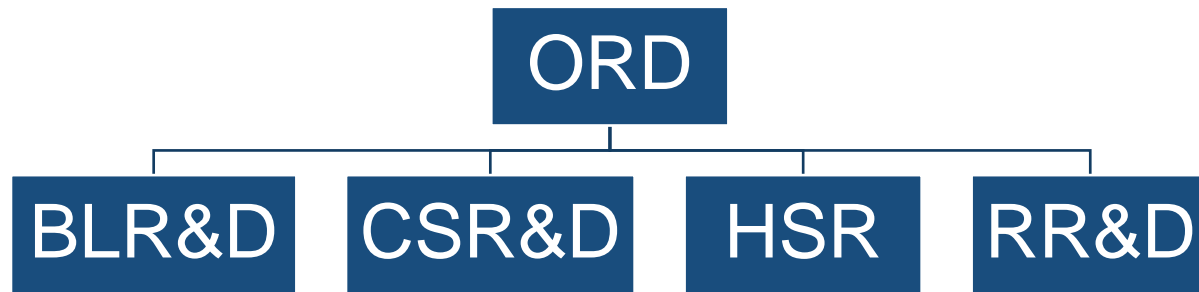
- The VA provides a wide range of research opportunities including basic sciences, clinical trials, epidemiology, and health services research. Unique to VA research are VA-specific funding mechanisms, centralized research infrastructures, the Million Veteran Program, the largest national clinical database, and others.

VA Neurology Research Opportunities: What to study

- VA = Largest integrated US healthcare delivery system
 - >9 million Veterans
- Office of Research and Development
- <https://www.research.va.gov>
- Actively Managed Portfolios
 - **Gulf War Illness**
 - **Military Exposures**
 - **Pain/Opioid Use**
 - **Precision Oncology**
 - **Suicide Prevention**
 - **Traumatic Brain Injury**
- Programs
 - Animal research
 - Informatics
 - Cooperative Studies Program
 - Million Veteran Program
 - Biospecimen/Data Repository

VA Neurology Research Opportunities: Funding & Supports

VA-specific grants



- Career Development Award
- Spire grants
- Merit Review

- NIH and Foundation grants too

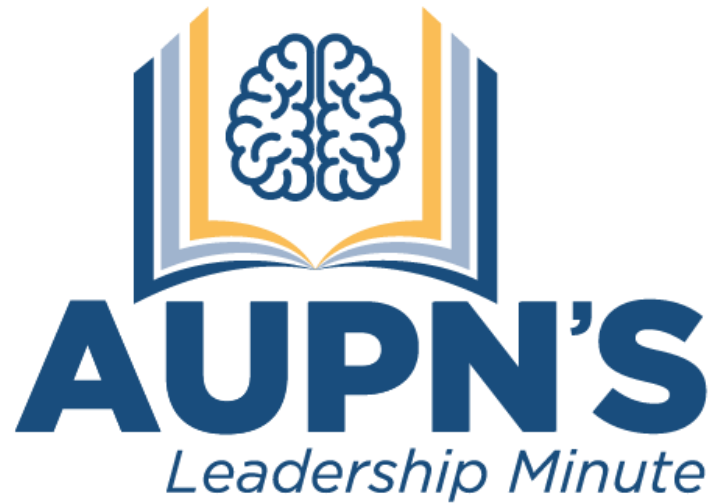
VA Research Supports

- ORD
 - Program Officers
 - VA Central IRB
 - Cooperative Studies Programs
- Local facilities
 - Research Office
 - Institutional Review Board
 - Research community

VA Neurology Research Opportunities: Getting started

- Write a specific aims page
- Talk a lot - about your ideas
- Meet and greet – Research office staff, VA researchers
- Collaborate with the neurology Centers of Excellence – MS, Parkinson's, Epilepsy, Headache, ALS
- Find a VA research mentor

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