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EDUCATION

1981 - 1985	Brown University	B.S.	Sigma Xi, Neuroscience
1989 - 1994	Stanford University School of Medicine	M.D	Medicine
1994 - 1995	University of California, San Francisco	Intern	Medicine
1995 - 1997	University of California, San Francisco	Resident	Medicine
1997 - 2000	University of California, San Francisco	Fellow	Center for AIDS Prevention Studies
1998 - 1998	University of California, Berkeley	MPH	Epidemiology

LICENSES, CERTIFICATION

1996	Medical licensure, California (A60389)
1997	Board Certification, Internal Medicine (180510)
2007	Board Re-Certification, Internal Medicine (180510)
2008	Drug Enforcement Agency Registration (BS4946236)
2014	Medical licensure, California (A60389)
2014	Drug Enforcement Agency Registration (BS4946236 and XS4946236-Suboxone)

PRINCIPAL POSITIONS HELD

2000 - 2003	University of California, San Francisco	Asst. Adj. Professor	Family Community Medicine
2003 - 2009	University of California, San Francisco	Asst. Adj. Professor	Medicine
2003 - present	San Francisco VA Medical Center	Staff Physician	General Internal Medicine
2007 - present	Integrated Care Clinic for Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans	Director	SFVAMC
2009 - present	University of California, San Francisco	Associate Professor	Medicine & Psychiatry
2011 - 2013	San Francisco VA Medical Center	Assoc. Director	HSR&D Research Enhancement Award Program
2013 - present	Pain Clinic, Medical Practice Clinic	Medical Director	SFVAMC

OTHER POSITIONS HELD CONCURRENTLY

1985 - 1989	United States Peace Corps	High School Teacher, Samoa
1989 - 1989	Save the Children	HIV Educator, Thailand
1991 - 1992	Stanford University	Graduate Teaching Assistant, Health Policy
1996 - 2003	Tom Waddell Homeless Clinic	Staff Physician
2000 - 2003	SFGH Family Practice Service	Staff Physician

HONORS AND AWARDS

1985	Sigma Xi Scientific Honor Society
1991	Peninsula Community Scholar's Award for Community Service
2003	UCSF Faculty Career Development Award
2003	Hellman Award for Junior Faculty
2003	VA HSR&D Career Development Award
2006	Plenary Address, Society for General Internal Medicine National Meeting
2007	VA HSR&D Career Development Transition Award
2010	UCSF Excellence in Teaching Award in Medical Education
2010	Excellence in Teaching Award in Medical Education, UCSF
2011	Invited testimony to the House of Representatives Committee on Veterans Affairs: "Mental Health: Bridging the Gap between Care and Compensation for Veterans", Washington, DC, June 14, 2011

2011	Invited testimony to the Government Accountability Office (GAO) on barriers to mental health treatment in Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans
2012	Election to the VA Pain Health Executive Committee Workgroup
2014	Election to Co-Chair of the Primary Care Special Interest Group, International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies
2014	Selected to attend the AAMC Mid-Career Women Faculty Professional Development Seminar, Austin, Texas

KEYWORDS/AREAS OF INTEREST

Mental health, substance use disorders, posttraumatic stress disorder, war-related injury, traumatic brain injury, behavioral interventions, high-risk behaviors, vulnerable populations chronic pain; opioid use disorder

CLINICAL ACTIVITIES SUMMARY

I was originally trained in Internal Medicine, yet even beginning in Residency, I started working with individuals with substance use disorders when I did my first "research project" at a downtown San Francisco needle exchange site. I was investigating barriers among young injection drug users to receiving the hepatitis B vaccine series, findings which I later published (Seal, 2000). During fellowship at the Center for Aids Prevention Studies, I worked in the Emergency Department at San Francisco General Hospital, Tom Waddell Homeless Clinic, and served as the Medical Director of Fourth Avenue Detox Center. My role in these clinical settings was to provide care for vulnerable populations, heroin injectors and those wishing or mandated to detox, and patients who were infected with hepatitis C virus (HCV). In 2003, having worked with Dr. Teresa Wright in a research capacity, she recruited me to work at the San Francisco VA Medical Center (SFVAMC) liver clinic to treat HCV-infected methadone patients with interferon-based regimens (Seal et al., 2007).

In 2003 US troops invaded Iraq and we started to see a younger wave of veteran patients at the SFVAMC, many of whom were suffering from symptoms of posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and were actively using drugs and alcohol to self-medicate. I realized that as an internist, I had not been trained to assess for or manage symptoms of PTSD. Under the mentorship of Dr. Charlie Marmar, an internationally-known PTSD researcher and former chief of the SFVAMC Mental Health Service, I learned about PTSD and related comorbid conditions in Iraq and Afghanistan veterans.

In 2007, together with Dr. Rina Shah, I established and have since directed the Integrated Care (IC) Clinic for Iraq and Afghanistan veterans seeking care at the SFVAMC. The clinic serves as a national model of integrated care, providing a one-stop, 3-part integrated, colocated mental health, primary care and social services visit for returning Iraq and Afghanistan men and women veterans. This younger generation of veterans experiences multiple barriers to accessing mental health care, especially stigma. The IC Clinic has been shown to significantly enhance access to mental health care compared to Usual Care for this population. (Seal et al., 2011) Between each part of the multi-part visit, providers conduct a "warm hand-off" to the next provider to enhance continuity of care, which we published and which now serves as a national model of care in post-deployment clinics (Koenig et al., 2012)

The IC clinic consists of a team of multidisciplinary providers in internal medicine, nursing, mental health and social work. As Director, I coordinate interdisciplinary providers and

organize monthly case conferences. In addition to providing one-on-one care for returning combat veterans, the clinic also offers several weekly group visits for veterans on a variety of topics including readjustment stress, managing chronic pain, insomnia and recreation therapy. In 2012-2013 we expanded to incorporate and supervise nurse practitioner students and fellows from the joint UCSF-VA EdPACT training program.

In 2013, the SFVAMC was struggling to get a handle on the growing prescription opioid epidemic, particularly among our chronic pain patients. At this time, I was asked to become the Medical Director of our Pain Clinic in Medical Practice (MP) Clinic. This was largely based on my experience running multi-disciplinary clinics and because of my prior experience in working with patients with opioid use disorders. In this role I supervise a pain psychologist, a nurse practitioner, and a pain pharmacist. Together as a team we are referred and manage some of the most challenging chronic pain/opioid-dependent patients in primary care at the SFVAMC. Because I am the only provider in our medical practice clinic who is licensed to prescribe buprenorphine for veterans with refractory chronic pain or opioid use disorders, many of these patients are also referred to me.

Finally, in addition to my work in ambulatory multidisciplinary clinics, I have served as an attending staff physician at the SFVAMC. In this capacity, I care for a large panel of veterans from all eras in the General Medicine Clinic. In addition, during my weekly clinic session, for the past several years I have precepted a UCSF VALOR medical student. Finally, since 2003 through 2013, I served as an attending on our SFVAMC inpatient service. This year, I stepped back from ward attending to direct the MP Pain clinic, and to continue to direct the Integrated Care Clinic.

MEMBERSHIPS

2010 - present Academy of Medical Educators, UCSF

2005 - present Society for General Internal Medicine

2007 - 2007 American College of Physicians

2008 - present International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies

SERVICE TO PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

2013 - present International Society for the Study of Co-Chair of the Primary Care Special

Traumatic Stress Interest Group

SERVICE TO PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS

2000 - present Ad hoc referee for JAMA, Addiction, Hepatology, American Journal of Public Health, Journal of Urban Health, Drug and Alcohol Dependence, Journal of Traumatic Stress, Journal of General Internal Medicine, Psychiatric Services, American Journal of Psychiatry, JAMA Psychiatry, Journal of Rehabilitation Research and Development

INVITED PRESENTATIONS - INTERNATIONAL

Two invited talks at an international PTSD conference, 10/18-10/23, 2009, Haifa University (Jerusalem, Israel).

- 2010 Invited presentation on Motivational Interviewing for treatment engagement of combat veterans with PTSD. International Society for Trauma Stress Studies, 26th Annual Meeting, November 5, 2010. (Montreal, Canada)
- 2010 Discussant for symposium on PTSD and women's health. International Society for Trauma Stress Studies, 26th Annual Meeting. November 4, 2010. (Montreal, Canada)

INVITED PRESENTATIONS - NATIONAL

- 2003 Grand Rounds, "Beyond HIV—Hepatitis and Heroin Overdose among Street-Recruited Injection Drug Users," Yale School of Public Health and Epidemiology, April 22, 2003.
- VA Hepatitis C Resource Center Symposium on HIV-HCV Co-Infection in Drug Users, Chicago, IL. July, 19, 2005 (panel).
- 2008 VA National Conference Call. April, 10, 2008 (panel).
- 2008 VA Integrated Care Conference, Seattle WA, August 8-11, 2008 (two invited talks).
- 2009 mTBI and Pain Consensus Conference. Washington, D.C., June1-2, 2009 (invited talk).
- 2010 Grand Rounds, New York University School of Medicine, June 3, 2010 (invited talk).
- 2010 Academy Health Annual Research Meeting. Boston, MA, June 27-29, 2010 (invited talk).
- 2010 The Third Annual Trauma Spectrum Conference for the Defense Centers of Excellence for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury (DCoE). Bethesda, MD, December 7-8, 2010.
- 2012 PTSD Mentoring Program Cyberseminar, "PTSD and Chronic Pain-Treatment Considerations," Nov 12, 2012
- National Center for PTSD, Boston VA, "PTSD and Chronic Pain-Underlying Etiologies and Management Considerations," Boston, MA, Dec 4, 2012
- Aspen Institute, Veteran's Initiative Summit, "Aggression and Impulsivity in Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans: Association with PTSD and Strategies for Treatment," Aspen, CO, June 20, 2013.
- 2013 West Haven VA- Pain Center of Excellence. PTSD in Combat Veterans: Exploring the Association with Chronic Pain and Prescription Opioid Use. Sept. 9, 2013
- 2013 Brown University Center for Alcohol and Addicition Studies. "Opioids in Pain and PTSD: Liability or Panacea?" Sept. 11, 2013.
- VA Community of Practice National Cyberseminar, "The Triple Threat: PTSD, Pain and High-Risk Opioid Use- What's a VA Clinician/Team to Do?" Dec 13, 2013
- VA HSR&D National Cyberseminar. "Opioids in Chronic Pain and PTSD: Liability, Potential Therapy or Both?" Jan 7, 2014.
- VA PACT Pain Initiative Community of Providers National Cyberseminar, "PACT, Pain, Opioids and Addiction." Jan 24, 2014.

- 2014 "Improving Opioid Safety in Veterans Using Collaborative Care and Decision Support." Presentation to the NIH/NCCAM National Advisory Council Working Group on "Strengthening Collaborations with the DoD and VA: Effectiveness Research on Mind and Body Interventions." July 31, 2014. Bethesda, MD
- 2014 "Improving Opioid Safety in Veterans Using Collaborative Care and Decision Support: The OPTI Study." Substance Use: From Research to Recovery- In Progress Review. Frederick, MD. Sept 22-24, 2014.
- 2015 "Improving Opioid Safety Using Collaborative Care and Decision Support". Invited symposium presentation for American Pain Society Annual Scientific Meeting, Palm Springs, CA, May 13-16, 2015.
- 2016 California Society of Addiction Medicine's Essentials of Addiction Medicine Conference, "Multi-Modal Approach to Pain Management in Primary Care: Role for Buprenorphine" Anaheim, CA, Aug 23-25, 2016.
- 2016 "Improving Opioid Safety in Veterans Using Collaborative Care and decision Support," Joint Substance Abuse Interim Progress Review, Frederick Maryland, September 20, 2016

INVITED PRESENTATIONS - REGIONAL AND OTHER INVITED PRESENTATIONS

2005 Featured presentation, Palo Alto VA Center for Health Care Evaluation 2005 Grand Rounds, San Francisco VA Medical Center 2005 Grand Rounds, San Francisco General Hospital 2006 Research Week presentation, San Francisco VA Medical Center 2007 Iraq War Teach-In presentation, University of California, San Francisco 2007 National Suicide Prevention Day presentation, San Francisco VA Medical Center 2007 UCSF Department of Psychiatry CME lecture. 2008 Regional Conference on the Care of Combat Veterans, sponsored by the San Francisco Department of Public Health 2008 Brain at War Conference- San Francisco VA Medical Center 2008 Fromm Institute, University of San Francisco, October 29, 2008. 2009 Two separate talks. Palo Alto, VA. Jan 5, 2009. 2009 Research Grand Rounds, SFVAMC, Jan 26, 2009. 2009 Stanford University Human Biology Program lecture series, March 5, 2009. 2009 Brain at War Conference- San Francisco VA Medical Center, May 26, 2009. 2009 Presentation to the Honorable Eric Shinseki, Secretary of the VA, San Francisco VA Medical Center, June 23, 2009. 2010 Research Grand Rounds, SFVAMC, Feb 2, 2010.

- 2012 Featured talk, Cognitive Impairment, Aggression, and Impulsivity in Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans: Association with TBI, PTSD, or Both? Palo Alto VA Center for Health Care Evaluation, March 6, 2012
- 2013 Research Grand Rounds, SFVAMC, Oct 21, 2013 Opioids in Pain and PTSD: Liability or Panacea?
- 2013 Pain and Opioid Bootcamp Trainings- 4 sessions conducted between Dec 2013 to 2014. Nearly 200 VA opioid prescribers trained. DVD produced and available through VA Sharepoint
- 2013 PTSD Assessment and Management for Primary Care Providers- Two separate CME talks for Regional Medical Centers-Fresno and San Jose

CONTINUING EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

2003	Annual National VA HSR&D meeting
2003	Weekly Grand Rounds, San Francisco VA Medical Center
2005	Annual Society for General Internal Medicine Meeting
2005	Pain Course, University of California, San Francisco
2005	Annual Society for General Internal Medicine Meeting
2006	Society for General Internal Medicine
2007	University of California, San Francisco Board Review Course
2007	Mental Health Disorders and Traumatic Brain Injury in OEF/OIF veterans
2007	University of California, San Francisco PTSD Course
2007	Annual International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies
2013	Center for Mind Body Medicine- Preliminary Training
2014	Center for Mind Body Medicine- Advanced Training
2014	The AAMC Mid-Career Women Faculty Professional Development Seminar
2016	Whole Health Workshop- Training in Implementing a Whole Health Program, Greater LA VAMC
2016	Innovation Specialist Training Washington, DC, 4.5.16-4.7.16
2016	Network of Innovation Demo Day, Hosted by the VA Center for Innovation. Washington, DC. August 14-16, 2016

GOVERNMENT AND OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2005 - present VA HSR&D Center for Health Care Evaluation

2007 - present VA National Substance Use Disorders- PTSD Task Force member

2008 -National OEF/OIF Community of Practice Task Force 2008 -Invited member of the Consensus Conference: Practice Recommendations for Treatment of Veterans with Comorbid TBI, Pain, and PTSD, Washington D.C. 2009 - 2010 Department of Veterans Affairs, CSR&D Grant Review Study Section Member 2011 -Invited member, VA/DoD PTSD Toolkit Development Workgroup, Washington, D.C. 2011 -Testimony to the United States Government Accountability Office (GAO) on barriers to mental health treatment in Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans 2011 -Testimony to United States Congress House of Representatives Committee on Veterans Affairs: "Mental Health: Bridging the Gap between Care and Compensation for Veterans", Washington, DC, Jun 14, 2011 2012 -VA/DoD Health Executive Council Subgroup Member: Pain Management in Returning Combat Veterans 2013 -Department of Veterans Affairs, HSR&D Grant Review Panel 2013 - present Project VALOR Advisory Board 2014 -National Institutes for Complimentary and Alternative Medicine (NCCAM) Grant Review Panel 2015 -Expert consultation to the counsel for the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs regarding excessive opioid prescription in VA 2016 -**HSR&D** Randomized Program Evaluations 2016 -Participant in the State of the Art Conference on Nonpharmacological Management of Chronic Pain; Alexandria, VA, November 3-4, 2016

SERVICE ACTIVITIES SUMMARY

Fundamentally I am engaged in research because I believe that it is the most expedient way to bring about change in the delivery of health care. Service has allowed me to translate research findings into action and to become involved in the "change" process. Government and public service has been one of the most invigorating aspects of my work. I have participated in physician organizations working for single payer health care solutions for several years. In addition, I have been involved on a local and national level to advance sensible primary caremental health treatment strategies for the nearly 2 million returning combat veterans, about half of whom have been diagnosed with one or more mental health problems. In 2011, I was asked to testify before the US Congress House of Representatives Committee on Veterans Affairs on my research pertaining to the lack of engagement in mental health services among Iraq and Afghanistan veterans and about strategies to improve engagement. In the same year, I was also interviewed by the General Accountability Office with regard to barriers to care for returning veterans.

On a local level, I have served on the SFVAMC Steering Committee for Iraq and Afghanistan veterans and have given talks for the UCSF Iraq Action Group. As a member of the SFVAMC Neuroscience Center of Excellence, I have given numerous talks and have been called upon to

brief Congressional Aids to Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi and Senators Boxer and Feinstein about the mental health concerns of Iraq and Afghan veterans. In addition, I was asked to contribute to Barack Obama's position statement on the mental health care needs of our returning veterans when he was first running for office in 2008. Finally, I have accepted select media opportunities to disseminate our research findings locally and nationally and to raise awareness about the existence of clinical programs at the SFVAMC for returning combat veterans, which now includes programs to support non-opioid alternatives for chronic pain management.

Also, at the SFVAMC, I have served on the SFVAMC R &D Committee since 2011 and previously I served on our VA IRB committee. I recently volunteered to serve on a new Research Council for the Department of Medicine to support ongoing research activities of more junior SFVAMC investigators. With the advent of the opioid epidemic, I served on a national committee, the VA/DoD Health Executive Council Subgroup, in which we drafted an executive report to assist in the safe transition of military service personnel with chronic pain conditions into VA care. I was also invited to serve on two VA Integrated Service Network (VISN) committees- the VISN 21 Pain Committee to make decisions about VA pain and opioid policy and the "Difficult Conversations Committee" to establish a curriculum to teach VA providers about how to have successful conversations with chronic pain patients about highrisk opioid use.

UCSF CAMPUSWIDE

2003 - present	VA HSR&D Research Enhancement Award Program
2005 - present	VA Neuroscience Center for Excellence, SFVAMC
2005 - 2006	SFVAMC Research and Development IRB Sub-Committee
2007 - present	UCSF Iraq Action Group
2007 - 2008	SFVAMC Operations Enduring Freedom/Operations Iraqi Freedom Veterans Steering Committee
2007 - present	SFVAMC and VA Martinez Posttraumatic Stress Disorder/Traumatic Brain Injury Working Group
2011 - present	Voting Member, VA Research and Development Committee
2011 - present	Associate Director, HSR&D Research Enhancement Award Program, SFVAMC
2013 - present	VA Integrated Service Network (VISN) 21 Pain Committee
2013 - present	VISN Work Group-Difficult Conversations around Opioid Use
2014 -	Search committee member for the Chair of the Department of Environmental Medicine, SFVAMC
2014 - present	SFVAMC Medical Center Pain Committee
2014 - present	SFVAMC Department of Medicine, Research Council
2015 - present	Search Committee member for In-Residence Psychologist, Department of Psychiatry, SFVAMC/UCSF

COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC SERVICE

2000 - 2000	Hepatitis C Consortium Task Force, San Francisco Department of Public Health
2001 - 2001	Task Force on Office-Based Options for Addiction Therapy [OBOAT], San Francisco Department of Public Health
2002 - present	Physicians for a National Health Program
2002 - 2003	National Harm Reduction Coalition
2003 - present	California Physicians Alliance
2005 - present	Disaster Medical Volunteer Program, Department of Public Health, Marin County.
2007 - 2007	Contributed to President Barack Obama's position statement on veterans' mental health
2010 - 2010	Member of a Campaign for Measure A to end over-crowding in public schools [Ross Valley School District]
2010 - present	Volunteer parent instructor, Wade Thomas School, San Anselmo, CA
2011 - 2012	Health Coordinator, Wade Thomas School, San Anselmo, CA
2012 - present	"Team doctor" Ross Valley Breakers Soccer team
2014 - present	Member, Mental Health Task Force, Congregation Rodef Shalom

TEACHING SUMMARY

I have devoted substantial time to teaching because I think it is important and very enjoyable. Over the past several years, I have given multiple formal and informal educational talks to university and VA colleagues, medical residents and students at conferences and grand rounds in the areas PTSD and co-morbid mental health problems as well as novel and evidence-based treatments and interventions to address these problems. In 2010, I received a UCSF excellence in teaching award.

I have also received several grants over the past several years to develop and implement patient and provider training programs. First, I received funding from the Department of Defense to produce a multi-media on-line training program for primary care providers (PCPs) (Online PTSD Diagnosis and Treatment Training for Primary Care Physicians, W81XWH-09-1-0170). For this project, I worked with a PTSD psychologist and an Iraq veteran film-maker to produce a 70-minute web-based training program in PTSD assessment and initial management using engaging videotaped clinic vignettes to emphasize training points. This program became an accredited online UCSF CME course. An evaluation of the training demonstrated efficacy in terms of self-reported gains in PTSD-related knowledge and clinical skills (Samuelson et al., 2013). Very recently, I submitted a larger DoD grant to build on this original PTSD training project by proposing to use Virtual World technology to create a highly immersive and more interactive provider training program, including instruction in Motivational Interviewing with providers and standardized patients participating in the training as avatars. We propose to evaluate this new training using a randomized controlled trial design and more robust provider and patient outcome measures.

My second educational grant was funded by VA HSR&D and was entitled, "TBI Educational Videos to Improve VA TBI Screening." For this implementation-focused project, we solicited VA national and local stakeholder input in developing two separate scripts and scenarios to explain the meaning of a positive or negative traumatic brain injury (TBI) screen result after TBI screening in VA primary care. Our goal was to activate Iraq and Afghanistan veterans to engage in health-promoting behaviors and services and to ask questions of their providers following TBI screening. Using stakeholder input, including veteran input, we created 2 separate 4-minute videos, one for veterans who had screened positive for TBI and one for veterans who had screened negative. These educational videos are being piloted in VA primary care during TBI screening and are being incorporated in a VA mobile app called, "Concussion Coach" for broader dissemination.

My third education grant was a smaller UCSF REAC grant for mid-career faculty (Implementing and Evaluating a Training for Providers to Improve Safety in Opioid Prescribing for Chronic Pain Patients in Primary Care). This grant filled an educational gap between two of my other projects, a VA Quality Improvement project ("Promoting Patient Safety through Improved Tools for Opioid Prescribing," Seal, site PI) and an NIH-funded opioid risk reduction study we were submitting at the time (which was subsequently funded). It was also timely because it filled a need among SFVAMC leadership to educate VA clinicians at the SFVAMC and our 7 affiliated VA community-based outpatient clinics throughout Northern California about safe opioid prescribing and non-opioid alternatives to pain management. Through this REAC funding we created a 2-hour interactive provider training that we subsequently evaluated among nearly 200 VA providers. We produced an abstract that was accepted at the 2014 Society for General Internal Medicine Annual Meeting. In addition, I worked with colleagues at Boston University School of Medicine to adapt this VA provider training for a BU-accredited CME course called **Scope of Pain** http://www.opioidprescribing.com/overviewfor providers working with veterans and military service personnel in how to safely and competently initiate, modify, continue or discontinue opioids when managing patients with severe chronic pain.

FORMAL TEACHING

	MIAL TEACHING						
Not UCSF	Academic Yr	Course No. & Title	Teaching Contribution	School	Class Size		
	2005 -	Advances in Internal Medicine, University of California San Francisco	Lecturer				
		PTSD Continuing Medical Education, Department of Psychiatry, UCSF	Lecturer				

INFORMAL TEACHING

2003 - present SFVAMC Medical Service attending; 2-4 weeks each academic year; conduct informal teaching rounds daily and work one-on-one with UCSF medical students on clinical examination and H and P skills.

- 2007 present SFVAMC Integrated Care Clinic bi-monthly seminars; provide education on topics pertaining to post-deployment health such as PTSD, traumatic brain injury, substance abuse/dependence and brief interventions such as motivational interviewing.
- 2007 present SFVAMC Medical Practice preceptor; precept UCSF medical residents, students and nurse practitioners about once monthly on average.
- 2009 present UCSF VALOR Mentoring Program; precept one UCSF medical student in Medical Practice continuity clinic each week for one academic year.
- 2012 present "Patient-Oriented Research Talks (PORTS)"; as Associate Director of the HSR&D Research Enhancement Award Program at the SFVAMC, I run PORTs twice monthly, in which I facilitate sessions on health services research and implementation science. PORTS is attended by UCSF and VA post-doctoral fellows as well as junior, mid-level and senior faculty members.
- 2013 present Medical resident education- PTSD for Primary Care Providers-2 sessions each month
- 2013 present Care of Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans in the Post-Deployment Period
- 2014 present Optimizing Chronic Pain Management

MENTORING SUMMARY

I have devoted an increasing amount of time to mentoring over the past several years commensurate with the stage of my career and natural expansion of my research program. I have mentored pre-doctoral students, post-doctoral fellows and junior faculty primarily in the Departments of Medicine and Psychiatry at UCSF (see table), but more recently I have broadened my mentoring to include a junior faculty member in the Department of Urology at UCSF (Dr. Ben Breyer) and a post-doctoral psychologist at the University of Washington (Dr. Joel Grossbard). I have also very much enjoyed the UCSF VALOR mentoring program in that it allows me to combine weekly clinical teaching and career mentoring of medical students over a one-year period. I have mentored a total of 5 UCSF medical students through this program, all whom matched at their first choice residency program.

Most of my mentoring of post-doctoral fellows and junior faculty initially focused on shared scientific interests and studies with the goal of producing manuscripts. I take my role as senior author very seriously and devote long hours to assisting junior faculty and fellows produce manuscripts from start to finish that they can be proud of. Specifically, I provide assistance and guidance in the development of their analytic plans, and help them oversee statisticians whom I make available. I critically review results from the analyses and help them best present data in coherent tables and figures. I assist them in drafting the manuscript and make detailed edits usually over the course of several revisions. I assist them with appropriate selection of journals and work closely with them in the submission and revision process. This has been a highly synergistic process in that mentoring has increased my productivity, while allowing more junior investigators the opportunity to access our data and statistical resources. I also find that in the course of working closely with junior investigators on papers, issues of career and future funding (grants) come up and this naturally leads into career mentoring. Dr. Ben Breyer is a perfect example of this. I started by mentoring him in the development of two manuscript ideas and he recently asked me to be one of his K-award mentors, which I have agreed to do. In this capacity I have been mentoring him about a career in health services

research. Recently, Dr. Breyer was awarded the prestigious Hellman Award for junior faculty, which is a mentored award that will allow me to continue to assist him.

Similarly, I have mentored two junior faculty at UCSF, Dr. Beth Cohen, Assistant Professor in the Department of Medicine and Dr. Shira Maguen, Assoc. Professor in the Department of Psychiatry. We all share a strong interest in primary care mental health integration and physical and mental health consequences of PTSD. I have mentored them by contributing to several grant applications and to papers (as senior author) over the past several years and, as such, we have been able to greatly increase each other's research productivity. I have also been able to provide career mentoring for both Drs. Cohen and Maguen, and often our mentoring sessions occur as a small group, which is mutually supportive for all (including me). We have invited others into this mentoring group, including Drs. Shannon McCaslin and Sabra Inslicht, both in Psychiatry, which has further enriched our breadth and productivity.

One of my most significant mentoring relationships has been with Dr. Christopher Koenig who is a research sociologist. I originally hired Dr. Koenig out of his UCSF general internal medicine fellowship program to serve as a qualitative researcher on one of my projects. Since, he has been continuously employed with me for the past 4 years on several different grants, contributing qualitative methods expertise. We have published 3 papers together, on two of which I served as senior author. I have also helped him with career development at UCSF as I sponsored him to gain PI status at the SFVAMC and subsequently helped him transition to an Assistant Professor of Medicine based at the SFVAMC. He is now applying for an HSR&D VA Career Development Award and I am serving as his primary mentor, which means that I will continue to provide him with resources—space, and administrative and data analytic support for his developing research program.

PREDOCTORAL STUDENTS SUPERVISED OR MENTORED

Dates	Name	Program or School	Mentor Type	Role	Current Position
1997 - 1999	Kristen Ochoa	UCSF Project Director		Supervisor and mentor	Psychiatry resident, UCLA Harbor Medical Center
2006 - present	Kristian Gima	Statistician, SFVAMC		Supervisor and mentor	Medical School
2007 - present	Teresa Ko	UCSF-Valor Mentoring Program		Supervised clinical experience and structured mentoring	Medical Student IV
2008 - 2009	Ariel Seurossi	UCSF		Mentored research summer fellowship	Medical Student II
2008 - 2009	Katelyn Gamson	UCSF- Valor Mentoring Program		Supervised clinical experience and structured mentoring	Medical Student III

Dates	Name	Program or School	Mentor Type	Role	Current Position
2009 - 2010	Olivia Arreola	UCSF- Valor Mentoring Program		Supervised clinical experience and structured mentoring	Medical Student III
2009 - 2011	Greg Cohen	Columbia University		Supervised data collection and manuscript preparation	Graduate Student
2009 - 2011	Emily Medina	Georgetown University		Supervisor and mentor	Graduate Student
2011 - 2012	Kelli Copeland	UCSF- Valor mentoring Program		Supervised clinical experience and structured mentoring	Medical Student
2012 - 2013	Katherine Hicks	UCSF-Valor mentoring Program		Supervised clinical experience	Medical Student
2011 - 2013	Lindsay Mayott	Columbia University		Supervisor and mentor	Graduate Student, Psychology
2012 - present	Jose Monroy	Ohio State University		Supervisor and mentor	Graduate Student, Psychology

POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWS AND RESIDENTS MENTORED

Dates	Name	Fellow	Mentor Role	Faculty Role	Current Position
2005 - 2007	,	General Internal Medicine		Research Supervision	Asst. Prof, Medicine, Boston University
2007 - 2008		General Internal Medicine		Research Supervision	Asst. Prof. of Medicine, UCSF/ SFVAMC
2011 - present	Joel Grossbard	Post-Doctoral Fellow		Research Supervision	Post-Doctoral Fellow, University of Washington
2012 - present		Resident, Psychiatry		Research Supervision	Resident, Psychiatry

Dates	Name	Fellow	Mentor Role	Faculty Role	Current Position
2010 - present		Research Med Sociologist		Career and Research Mentor	Assistant Research Med. Sociologist
2012 - present		Post-Doctoral Fellow		Research Mentor	VA Palo Alto and Stanford School of Medicine
2014 - present		Post-Doctoral Fellow		Research Mentor	VA Puget Sound
2014 - present		Post-Doctoral Fellow		Research Mentor	SFVAMC

FACULTY MENTORING

Dates	Name	Position while Mentored	Mentor Type	Mentoring Role	Current Position
2005 - 2007	Rena Fox, MD	Asst. Prof.		Research Advisor	Associate Clinical Professor of Medicine
2006 - present	Shira Maguen PhD	Asst. Clinical Prof.		Academic and Research Collaborator/Advisor	Asst. Clinical Prof., Psychiatry, UCSF
2007 - present	Shannon McCaslin, PhD	Program, SFVAMC		Research Supervision/Collaborato r	Asst. Adjunct Prof., Psychiatry, UCSF
2008 - present	Beth Cohen, MD	Assistant Prof of Medicine		Academic and Research Collaborator/Advisor	Asst. Professor of Medicine, In Residence, UCSF
2010 - present	Christopher Koenig, PhD	Asst Research Med Sociologist		Career and Research Mentor	Assistant Research Med. Sociologist

Dates	Name	Position while Mentored	Mentor Type	Mentoring Role	Current Position
	Benjamen Breyer, MD	K-23 awardee			Assistant Prof. of Urology, UCSF

RESEARCH AND CREATIVE ACTIVITIES SUMMARY

I received post-doctoral training at the UCSF Center for AIDS Prevention Studies where I focused my research interests on street-based injection drug users and had several first author publications in the areas of adherence to hepatitis B vaccination, overcoming barriers to hepatitis C treatment, and heroin overdose prevention. Through a two-year HSR&D VA Career Development Transition Award (2007-2009), I was able to transition my interest in substance use disorders and vulnerable populations to an investigation of the prevalence and predictors of mental health disorders in veterans returning from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. I published some of the very first papers describing the growing national epidemic of mental health and substance use disorders and lack of adequate mental healthcare utilization in Iraq and Afghanistan veterans enrolled in VA healthcare nationwide.

My current research program is organized into 4 main types of research study designs: largescale secondary data analyses capitalizing on vast VA national data repositories, local-level cross-sectional and prospective observational studies, single-arm and double blind randomized controlled trials, and more recently implementation studies. We use both qualitative and quantitative methods, often as mixed methods within the same study. This diversity in study design and methodology allows us to answer a variety of compelling questions about this new generation of Iraq and Afghanistan veterans. Our secondary data analyses have addressed topics ranging from mental health disorder prevalence, comorbidity and mental health treatment utilization, drug and alcohol use disorder prevalence, cardiovascular disease risk factor prevalence, medical services utilization, and women's health issues, including reproductive health concerns, military sexual trauma and eating disorders. More recently, we learned to access and use VA pharmacy data and have examined the prevalence and adverse outcomes resulting from opioid prescriptions in veterans with pain and PTSD and have investigated the use of atypical anti-psychotic medications in these veterans with PTSD as well as subsequent metabolic consequences. Most recently, we are leveraging VA data to examine the potential of buprenorphine, used in the treatment of opioid use disorder, to decrease symptoms of PTSD (and pain) in veterans. Our plan is to use these secondary data to support a future NIH R21 submission to conduct the first pilot trial of buprenorphine to reduce PTSD symptoms in patients with comorbid PTSD, chronic pain and opioid use disorder.

Our mixed methods quantitative and qualitative observational studies have capitalized on the existence of the Integrated Care Clinic for Iraq and Afghanistan veterans at the SFVAMC that has essentially provided a "living laboratory" for several of our studies. Specifically, we have been able to compare the effectiveness integrated, co-located primary care-mental health versus usual primary care in terms of overcoming barriers to subsequent mental health service utilization among the returning veterans. In addition, we have assessed a new warm-hand-off technique that naturally emerged among the inter-disciplinary providers working in the one-stop integrated care clinic. Publication of these data positioned us as a national model of integrated care.

We and others have observed that one of the biggest problems for veterans attempting to reintegrate in the post-deployment period is mild cognitive dysfunction which is hypothesized to stem from mental health problems, either PTSD and/or depression, traumatic brain injury, or simply from deployment alone. In a large VA-funded study (IIR), we are evaluating self-reported cognitive dysfunction and objective cognitive impairment in veterans with and without traumatic brain injury and with and without PTSD (+/- other mental health comorbidities). In this study, we are also observing the relative outcomes and feasibility of using formal neuropsychological testing versus a brief computer-based neuropsychological testing program to rapidly triage these veterans presenting to primary care. In addition, we are completing a DOD-funded pilot trial of computer-based cognitive remediation games for veterans with PTSD and self-reported cognitive dysfunction to determine if we can achieve improvement in cognitive function and secondarily, PTSD-related symptoms. The results of this pilot study have been promising and recently Dr. Adrienne Heinz successfully used these pilot data in securing a new VA Career Development Award to apply the cognitive remediation games to a different population of veterans with PTSD and comorbid alcohol use disorders.

Finally, we completed a pilot randomized controlled trial of telephone-administered motivational interviewing to increase mental health treatment engagement in Iraq and Afghanistan veterans and achieved a strong effect. These data have been published (Seal et al., 2012) and have been leveraged to secure HSR&D VA funding (IIR) for a larger multi-site implementation/pragmatic effectiveness trial of telephone motivational interviewing to enhance both mental health treatment initiation and retention among all-era veterans living in rural communities using VA community clinics. Our original motivational interviewing data also provided preliminary data for our newly funded NIH R34 study to test the efficacy of telephone motivational coaching to decrease high-risk opioid use in veterans with chronic pain in VA primary care clinics. If successful, our plan is to use these data from the R34 study to support a future RO1-level multi-site trial.

Thus, my research portfolio is admittedly diverse, yet each of these projects has, in some way, informed one or more of the others. They also reflect my own inter-disciplinary affiliation both with Internal Medicine and Psychiatry, which I am not only bringing together in my own career, but also attempting to integrate as a health services strategy for this new and growing generation of veterans with complex and comorbid physical and mental health problems.

RESEARCH AWARDS - CURRENT

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Department of Defense 9/2015	9/2019
Improving Access to Care for Warfighters: Virtual Worlds \$495,224	\$ 1,258,553
Technology to Enhance Primary Care Training in direct/yr 1	total
Posttraumatic Stress and Motivational Interviewing	

2.	OPD-1511-33052	Co-Principal Investigator	35 % effort	Seal/Krebs (PI)
	Patient Centered Outcomes Res	earch Institution	11/2016	11/2022
	Comparative Effectiveness of Pa	atient-Centered Strategies to	\$ 1,899,628	\$ 9,942,340
	Improve Pain Management and	Opioid Safety for Veterans	direct/yr 1	total

9.	W81XWH-12-PHTBI-CENC	Co-Investigator	17 % effort	Yaffe (PI)
	Does Evidence-Based PTS Symptoms and Suicide in Ira Seeking VA Care?		\$ 260,163 direct/yr 1	\$ 780490 total
Ο.	Department of Defense	Oo miyosiigatoi	5/2015	4/2018
8.	JW140056	Co-Investigator	5 % effort	Maguen (PI)
	Veterans Health Services Re		01/0114 \$ 44,035 direct/yr 1	12/31/2018 \$ 916,224 total
7	CRE-12-300	Site PI	5 % effort	Pyne (PI)
	Improving Opioid Safety in V and Decision Support	eterans Using Collaborative Care		\$ 449,876 total
6.	1R34AT00831901 NIH/NCCAM	PI	5 % effort 12/01/2013	Seal (PI) 06/2017
	in Rural Veterans	iance ivientai neattii Engagement	direct/yr 1	total
	VA Health Services Researc	h and Development nance Mental Health Engagement	01/01/2014 \$ 44.035	12/31/2018 \$ 1,099,855
5.	CRE 12-083	PI	5 % effort	Seal (PI)
	Evaluating the Implementation Quality Improvement Project Dissemination to Rural CBO		\$ 263,404 direct/yr 1	\$ 413,404 total
••	VA QUERI		10/2015	9/2017
4.	QUE 15-283	Pl	5 % effort	Seal (PI)
	•	f Patient-Centered Strategies to and Opioid Safety for Veterans	\$ 315,351 direct/yr 1	\$ 988,560 total
	Patient Centered Outcomes		8/2016 \$ 245 251	08/2019
3.	2015C2-150-31834	Co-Investigator	10 % effort	Cohen (PI)

Department of Defense Department of Veterans Affairs 1/2015 12/2018

Chronic Effects of Neurotrauma Consortium: Epidemiology \$ 337,933 \$ 1,351,734

Project direct/yr 1 total

10. Consultant

National Institutes of Drug Abuse R01
RO1-National Institutes of Drug Abuse (Consultant) Marijuana
Use, Problems, and Cannabis Use Disorders in
OIF/OEF/OND Veterans

RESEARCH AWARDS - PAST

1.

Lindesmith Foundation 05/01/1995 04/01/2000 Heroin Overdose Prevention: Exploring the Feasibility of Take- \$ 35,000

Home Naloxone direct/yr 1

2. R01DA013245 Co-I

National Institutes of Drug Abuse 09/01/1999 08/01/2002

Access to Hepatitis C Treatment: Clinical and Histological \$750,000

Spectrum of HCV Liver Disease in Injection Drug Users total

3. RO1-DA011860 Co-I, yrs 1-2 and PI yrs 3-4

09/01/1999 08/01/2002

Hepatitis B Vaccine Adherence in Injection Drug Users: \$900,000 Hepatitis B Vaccine Adherence among Injection Drug Users: A total

Model for HIV Vaccine Delivery

4.
San Francisco Department of Public Health 06/01/2001 05/01/2002
Pilot Overdose Management Program for Injection Drug Users \$25,000 total and their Partners

5.

	TIDES Foundation Evaluation of a Pilot Overdose Management Pr Injection Heroin Users			06/01/2003
6.	VA Career Development Award PI Department of Veterans Affairs Overcoming Barriers to Hepatitis C Treatment a Risk Veterans			03/01/2007 \$ 516,400 total
7.	Individual Investigator Research PI Award Academic Senate University of California, San Francisco Barriers and Acceptance of Treatment for Hepatitis C		/2004	12/01/2005 \$ 35,000 total
8.	PI Hellman Family Foundation Award Investigating Barriers to Hepatitis C Treatment Substance Users		/2004	12/01/2005 \$ 50,000 total
9.	Epidemiology Research and PI Information Center Department of Veterans Affairs PTSD, Depression and Substance Use Disorder 150,000 Veterans of Operation Enduring Freedom	ers among over \$ 25,0		10/01/2007
10	. W81XWH-05-2-0094 PI Department of Defense The Neuropsychiatric Consequences of War ar Returning from Combat in Iraq and Afghanistar	mong Veterans \$ 143	-	08/01/2008 \$ 286,000 total
11	. VA Career Development PI Transition Award			

	Department of Veterans Affairs Posttraumatic Stress Disorder: F Treatment for OEF/OIF Veterans		02/01/2007 \$ 195,200 direct/yr 1	02/28/2009 \$ 390,400 total
12.	MN078889-01	PI		
	VA CSR&D MERIT		07/01/2007	10/01/2010
	Motivational Interviewing to Enga Mental Health Treatment	age OEF/OIF Veterans in	\$ 150,000 direct/yr 1	\$ 450,000 total
13.	PT-073238	PI		
	Congressionally Directed Medica (CDMRP)	al Research Program	09/01/2008	12/01/2010
	Integrating Mental Health and Pr OEF/OIF Combat Veterans with Disorders: Assessing the Eviden	PTSD and Co-Morbid	\$ 100,000 direct/yr 1	\$ 150,000 total
14.	PT-075369	PI		
	Congressionally Directed Medica (CDMRP)	al Research Program	09/01/2008	08/01/2011
	Does Integrating Primary Care a Improve Mental Health Services Functioning among OEF/OIF Ver	Utilization, Symptoms and	\$ 100,000 direct/yr 1	\$ 300,000 total
15	PT-O73505	Co-Investigator		
10.	Congressionally Directed Medica (CDMRP)	ŭ	09/01/2008	12/01/2010
	The Prevalence and Incidence o Combat Veterans	f PTSD in OEF/OIF Women	\$ 100,000 direct/yr 1	\$ 150,000 total
16.	Project Number 1432	PI		
	Blue Shield of California Founda	tion	09/01/2009	08/01/2011
	Intimate Partner Violence in Iraq Assessing Prevalence and Intervand Enhancement of Treatment	entions for Early Identification	\$ 67,500 direct/yr 1	\$ 225,000 total

		Co-Investigator		
	NCIRE/DoD Neuroscience Cente		09/01/2008	07/01/2012
	Disentangling the Relationship be		\$ 150,000	\$ 300,000
	Injury, PTSD, and Other Mental H	leaith disorders.	direct/yr 1	total
		PI		
	REAC Award		01/01/2013	12/01/2013
	Implementing and Evaluating a Ti Improve Safety in Opioid Prescrib in Primary Care	•		\$ 30,000 total
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	Department of Veterans Affairs/H		10/1/2012	9/1/2013
	A video educational intervention t TBI screening	o improve outcomes of VA	\$ 100,000 direct/yr 1	\$ 100,000 total
20.	W81XWH-09-1-0170	PI		
	Department of Defense		02/01/2009	03/01/2013
	Online PTSD Diagnosis and Trea Care Physicians	tment Training for Primary	\$ 100,000 direct/yr 1	\$ 200,000 total
21.	W81XWH-10-2-0078	PI		
	Department of Defense/ NCIRE		11/01/2011	09/01/2014
	Enhancing Cognitive Function and Afghanistan Veterans with PTSD: Neuroplasticity-Based Cognitive	Investigating the Efficacy of	\$ 125,000 direct/yr 1	\$ 250,000 total
22.		Site PI		
	VA Center of Excellence		10/01/2012	09/01/2014
	Promoting Patient Safety through Prescribing	Improved Tools for Opioid	\$ 271,169.5 direct/yr 1	\$ 542,339 total
		Co-Investigator	- ///22:-	2/22/27::
	DoD/Gallo Clinic & Research Cer	nter at UCSF	7/1/2012	6/30/2014

	Topiramate Treatment of Hazard in Veterans with TBI	lous and Harmful Alcohol Use	\$ 201.929 direct/yr 1	\$ 403,859 total
24	SDR-08-408	PI		
	VA Health Services Research ar	nd Development Merit Award	10/01/2010	03/01/2015
	Neuropsychological Screening o Primary Care	f OEF/OIF Veterans in VA	\$ 231,000 direct/yr 1	\$ 925,000 total
25	1R34DK102152-01 NIH / NIDDK Lowering Blood Pressure Among Detected Kidney Disease	Co-Investigator g Hypertensives with Screen-	10 % effort 8/1/2014 \$ 225,000 direct/yr 1	Peralta (PI) 7/31/2016 \$ 675,000 total

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SIGNIFICANT PUBLICATIONS

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This was the first paper to investigate mental health disorder prevalence among returning Iraq and Afghanistan combat veterans using VA healthcare nationwide. Under my direction, VA programmers abstracted and linked VA national datasets to obtain diagnostic and health services data on over 100,000 OEF/OIF veterans who had used VA healthcare. We found that nearly one-quarter had received mental health diagnoses and that nearly one-third had mental health diagnoses, psychosocial behavioral concerns, or both. The majority of mental health problems were comorbid and the youngest veterans, ages 17-24 years, were at highest risk for posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

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This paper was significant in that it presented a comprehensive description of temporal trends in new mental diagnoses among over 200,000 Iraq and Afghanistan veterans using VA healthcare from 4/1/2002 through March 31, 2008. We documented an increasing period prevalence of all mental health disorders, in particular, a sharp acceleration in PTSD rates. The adjusted 2-year prevalence rates of PTSD increased 4 to 7 times after the invasion of Iraq. We also found that female veterans were at higher risk for depression than men, whereas men were over twice the risk for drug use disorders. In sum, mental health diagnoses increased substantially after the start of the Iraq War in specific subgroups of returned veterans entering VA healthcare. These data coupled with data from the manuscript by Cohen et. al. and findings from a subsequent manuscript (Seal et al.) show that among Iraq and Afghanistan veterans: (1) mental health problems are increasing, (2) VA medical services utilization among veterans with mental health disorders, particularly PTSD, are increasing, and (3) VA mental health treatment engagement among the majority of veterans with PTSD is inadequate. These data support our efforts locally at the SFVAMC and at VA nation-wide to integrate primary care with mental health services since primary care represents a low-threshold entry point for mental health treatment among returning combat veterans.

3. **Seal KH**, Maguen S, Cohen B, Gima K, Metzler TJ, Ren L, Bertenthal D, Marmar CR. VA mental health services utilization in Iraq and Afghanistan veterans in the first year of receiving new mental health diagnoses. J Trauma Stress. 2010 Feb: 23(1): 5-16.

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This study was the first to investigate the impact of mental health disorders, particularly PTSD, on risks and adverse clinical outcomes associated with prescription opioid use for pain conditions in Iraq and Afghanistan veterans using VA healthcare. Overall, of the 141,029 veterans with pain diagnoses, 15,676 (11%) received prescription opioids; 77% of which were prescribed by primary care providers. Veterans with PTSD and mental health diagnoses other than PTSD were significantly more likely to receive opioids for pain compared to veterans without mental health diagnoses (18% and 12%, respectively vs. 7%). Iraq and Afghanistan veterans with PTSD compared to those without mental health disorders prescribed opioids were significantly more likely to receive higher-dose opioids, receive two or more opioids concurrently, receive sedative hypnotics (typically benzodiazepines) concurrently, and obtain early opioid refills. Receiving prescription opioids (versus not) more than doubled the risk for serious adverse clinical outcomes (e.g., opioidrelated accidents and overdose, suicide attempts, and violent injuries) for all veterans (9.5% versus 4.1%), which was most pronounced in veterans with PTSD. We concluded that extra care should be taken when prescribing opioids to Iraq and Afghanistan veterans for pain and that they may benefit from biopsychosocial models of pain care, including evidencebased non-pharmacologic therapies and non-opioid analgesics.

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OTHER CREATIVE ACTIVITIES

- 1. 2000 Developed pre- and post-test counseling guideline for hepatitis C testing. Guidelines were adapted by the San Francisco Department of Public Health and the city of Richmond.
- 2. 2007 Developed pre-test counseling for the VA Traumatic Brain Injury Screen which has been used in screening over 1,000 veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan to date at the SFVAMC and affiliated community-based clinics.
- 3. 2008 Developed a clinical template for the initial post-deployment evaluation of veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan which is used at the SFVAMC and has been disseminated VA facilities nationwide.

- 4. 2008 Developed suicide prevention protocol for Northern California veterans in collaboration with others
- 5. 2010 Developed Motivational Interviewing manual for mental health treatment engagement.
- 6. 2013 Contributed to the development of a Boston University-accredited CME course called **Scope of Pain** http://www.opioidprescribing.com/overview for providers working with veterans and military service personnel in how to safely and competently initiate, modify, continue or discontinue opioids when managing patients with severe chronic pain.

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