

## Special Journal Showcases VA Women's Health Research

WASHINGTON – A special supplement of the journal *Women's Health Issues* published July 13 shows the tremendous growth and diversity of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)'s women's health research in recent years. Its publication comes as VA recognizes July as Women Veterans Month, which included a National Training Summit on Women Veterans held July 15-17 in Washington, D.C.

Titled "Health and Health Care of Women Veterans and Women in the Military: Research Informing Evidence-based Practice and Policy," the special journal edition features commentaries by VA investigators examining the role, history and future of women's health research. For example, in an opening commentary, Elizabeth M. Yano, Ph.D., and Susan M. Frayne, M.D., discuss the heightened focus on health services research, with more articles published between 2004 and 2008 – the first four years after the VA Office of Research and Development established its women's health agenda – "than in the previous 25 years combined."

The supplement also includes 18 peer-reviewed research articles addressing the changing demographics and demands of VA health care presented by the recent surge of women veterans into the VA system.

Among the topics addressed are: gender differences and disparities in care; mental health, including military sexual trauma and substance abuse; post-deployment health, including post-traumatic stress disorder; quality and delivery of care; and special populations, including homeless women veterans and those with traumatic brain injuries.

*Women's Health Issues* is the bimonthly peer-reviewed journal of the Jacobs Institute of Women's Health at the George Washington University School of Public Health and Health Services. The journal focuses on applied research in women's health care and policy issues. The special supplement, focused on research related to the health issues of women veterans and military women, was sponsored by the Health Services Research and Development Service, VA Office of Research and Development, with support from the Women Veterans Health Strategic Health Care group.

Free full-text access to the supplement's articles can be accessed [here](#).

For more information about VA Research, research specifically addressing women's health, videos, and other women's health information, [click here](#).

## 2011 NCHV Annual Conference Presentations, Photos Online

Presentation materials from the 2011 NCHV Annual Conference, held June 6-8 at the Grand Hyatt Washington in Washington, D.C., are now available online. These presentations – which cover such topics as localization of the Five-Year Plan, legal assistance for homeless veterans, Stand Down,

and federal grant programs – are available for download [here](#).

An album of photos is also available on the [2011 NCHV Annual Conference page](#). To directly access the photo album, [click here](#).

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