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## News Release

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### **San Diego VA Medical Center celebrates National VA Research Week with symposium**

SAN DIEGO (April 16, 2012) – In association with the National VA Research Week, April 23 – 27, the San Diego VA Medical Center will host a two-day symposium to share the latest in local research advances with the public. The presentations will take place on Wed., April 25 from 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. and Thurs., April 26 from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. in the medical center multipurpose room at 3350 La Jolla Village Drive.

“We want the community to know about the contributions we are making toward improving Veterans’ health care and to recognize our exceptional research team,” said Gerhard Schulteis, Chief of Research & Development at VA San Diego Healthcare System (VASDHS.) “Their work translates into better health care for America’s heroes.”

Wednesday’s presentations will address the Shingles Prevention Collaborative Study, Million Veteran Program, spinal cord injury, stress and mental health, and clinical/translational research.

Thursday’s presentations include current therapeutic approaches to combat-related health issues such as Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), alcohol and drug use combined with PTSD, and Gulf War Syndrome. Presentations will also cover new treatments for chronic diseases such as lung cancer, HIV and diabetes.

VASDHS has one of the largest research programs in the VA nationally, with a budget of over \$55 million, 195 principal investigators and 516 projects during fiscal year 2011.

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