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VA Medical Center to Highlight Medical Advancements During 2016 National VA Research Week, May 16 - 20

OMAHA, Neb., – The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs celebrates 91 years of research excellence during National VA Research Week today through Friday. This year’s theme is “VA Research – The Path of Progress.”

As part of the nationwide observance, Omaha VA Medical Center researchers will host an informational poster session Thursday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Nebraska Medicine Durham Research Center atrium, on the west side of 45th street at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

Subhash Pandey, Ph.D., will present a seminar titled, "Epigenetic basis of anxiety and alcohol use disorders," at 8:30 a.m. Friday in the Omaha VAMC Education Conference Room, 4101 Woolworth Ave.

“This is a great way to highlight the ongoing productive collaborations between VA and its academic affiliates,” said John S. Davis, Ph.D., VA senior research career scientist. “Omaha VA researchers have affiliations with UNMC and Creighton University and partnerships with the University of Nebraska at Omaha and University of Nebraska-Lincoln.”

VA investigators play key roles in developing devices and techniques that revolutionized health care – including the cardiac pacemaker, the CAT scan, Shingles vaccine, liver and kidney transplants, and much more.

Among the research at the Omaha VA Medical Center is translational research on mental health including post-traumatic stress, substance abuse and alcohol research; liver disease; endocrinology, diabetes and obesity research; airway inflammation research including Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disorder, infectious diseases, and bronchitis; bone loss research including rheumatology, arthritis, and immunology research; aging research; women’s health research; cancer research; quality of care and patient safety research.

For more information, or to schedule an interview with a VA researcher, contact Will Ackerman, Director, Communication & Voluntary Service, VA Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care System, at 402-332-6780 or email William.ackerman@va.gov.

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About VA Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care System

The VA NWHCS is a Joint Commission-accredited, level-1c facility, which consists of a tertiary medical center in Omaha, Neb., and two larger clinics in Lincoln and Grand Island – which includes a community living center – five community-based outpatient clinics (CBOC) and one contract clinic. VA NWHCS is part of the VA Midwest Health Care Network (VISN 23), which serves an estimated veteran population of 161,000 in 101 counties in Nebraska, western Iowa, Kansas and Missouri with an estimated 593,000 annual outpatient visits.

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