

Call for Papers:
Special issue of the *Journal of General Internal Medicine*
Women Veterans' Health and Health Care

This special issue of the *Journal of General Internal Medicine* (JGIM), sponsored by VA Health Services Research & Development (HSR&D) Service and the VA Women's Health Research Network, will be devoted to women Veterans' health and health care. The special issue will be of interest to clinicians, health services researchers, implementation scientists, social scientists, public health professionals, and policymakers, as well as women who serve or have served in the military.

The increased rate of participation of women in the military is reshaping the Veteran population, with women constituting one of the fastest growing groups of users of the VA healthcare system. Women's military experiences, and responses to those experiences, are often distinct from men's, with implications for their healthcare needs, services, quality, and outcomes throughout the life course. Thus, understanding the unique facets of women Veterans' health and health care is critical to ensure that this important population receives the highest quality patient-centered care.

We encourage submissions reflecting the diverse needs, identities, and experiences of women Veterans, active duty and Reserve/National Guard servicewomen. Priorities for publication include the VA HSR&D research priorities of suicide prevention, access to care, mental health, health care value, primary care practice and complex chronic disease management, disabilities related to military exposure(s), substance use disorders, long-term care and aging, health equity and social determinants of health, quality and safety of health care, population health and whole health, virtual care/telehealth, and healthcare informatics and electronic health record modernization. A major emphasis will be placed on papers that address areas where differences in needs, care delivery or preferences for care among women and men Veterans are known, and on analyses that can inform efforts to reduce disparities and improve health care at the individual, organizational, and/or policy level(s). We are interested in a full spectrum of research methodologies including analyses of secondary data, qualitative and mixed methods research, intervention studies, and implementation research. Papers that reflect interdisciplinary perspectives and/or draw upon innovative methodological approaches are encouraged.

We are interested in the following types of articles:

1. **Original Research**: Original research articles should have a detailed description of the study's design and analysis. They should not exceed 3,000 words of text (not including title page, abstract, references, tables, figures, figure legends, or appendices) except for reports of qualitative research, which may be as long as 4,000 words, including text, quotes, and tables containing quotes.
2. **Concise Research Report**: These are concise, focused reports of original observational or interventional research concerning clinical care, education, or health policy relevant to general internal medicine, including hospital medicine, innovation and improvement, and health disparities. These are limited to 700 words, with no more than 7 authors, 6 references and a total of 2 tables or figures.
3. **Innovation and Improvement**: JGIM seeks high quality and succinct descriptions of innovative approaches to improving programs, including medical education, systems redesign and practice management. The hallmark of an innovation is that the idea is new and fills an important gap. Manuscripts should be 2,000 words or less and have no more than two tables or figures.

4. **Implementation Science:** JGIM encourages submission of articles addressing dissemination of best practices, implementation science, and healthcare improvement. They may be formatted as Original Research (including Concise Research Reports). Topics should appeal to general internists; examination of efforts to disseminate best primary care practices are of special interest.

Submissions should follow the JGIM instructions for authors: [Journal of General Internal Medicine | Home \(springer.com\)](https://www.springer.com/journal/13266). All submissions will undergo anonymous peer review.

Please submit your manuscripts by June 1, 2021 through [Editorial Manager®](#). Publication is expected in early 2022.

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