

## ANNUAL MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

**2016 VA Special Series at the SGIM Annual Meeting**

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**S**GIM and Veterans Affairs (VA) have had a long and mutually beneficial partnership, reflecting the strong VA presence among SGIM membership and leadership. General internists have been critical to the growth and success of VA's health services research program. The SGIM annual meeting is an outstanding opportunity for VA researchers to share their research and get feedback from the nation's top health services and policy researchers, clinicians, and educators. VA is proud to have been a long supporter of the annual meeting and of *JGIM*, through regular VA-oriented *JGIM* supplements.

Each year the Veterans Health Administration supports the "VA Series." These symposia highlight VA research and educational initiatives

that are of interest to both VA and non-VA SGIM annual meeting attendees. All of these sessions are great opportunities for VA and non-VA clinician-researchers, educators, and administrators to learn about important initiatives, projects, and findings happening in VA! Research-focused symposia are supported with funding from VA Health Services Research and Development Service (HSR&D), and this year will include "Population-Based Intensive Management Programs For High-Risk Patients: Experiences in the VA System" Thursday afternoon (Session E); "Using 'Big Data' to Improve Population Health: The VA Homeless Program 'Hotspotter' Initiative" Friday morning (Session G); and "Generalists and Chronic Pain Care: Research and Innovation to Optimize

Population and Personal Health" Friday afternoon (Session J). Education-focused symposia are supported with funding from VA Office of Academic Affiliations (OAA) and this year will include "Using Shared Medical Appointments (SMAs) to Translate Interprofessional Learning to Practice: Lessons Learned from the VA Centers of Excellence in Primary Care Education" Thursday morning (Session D) and "Panel Management: Tools To Move From Visit-Based Care to Proactive Population Management" Friday afternoon (Session L). Finally, there will be a "don't miss" lunch with VA leadership on Friday, from 12-1 pm, which is an opportunity to hear about and discuss current research, education, and operations' issues relevant to SGIM members.

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