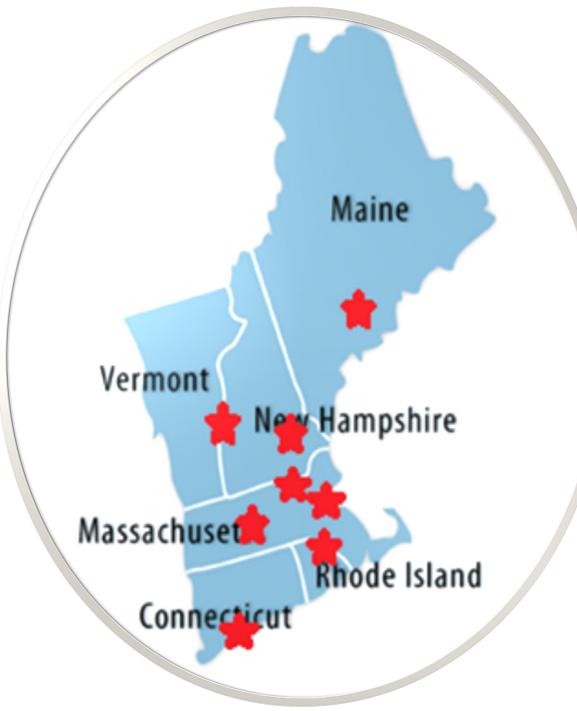


# The VISN1 Clinical Trials Network

A VISN-Wide Collaboration to Develop a Full-Service, Sustainable, and Scalable Research Enterprise to Improve Care for Veterans



## A Network of Eight VISN1 VA Sites



- Bedford, Massachusetts**
- Boston, Massachusetts**
- Central Western Massachusetts**
- Manchester, New Hampshire**
- Providence, Rhode Island**
- Togus, Maine**
- West Haven, Connecticut**
- White River Junction, Vermont**

## Consortia and Projects

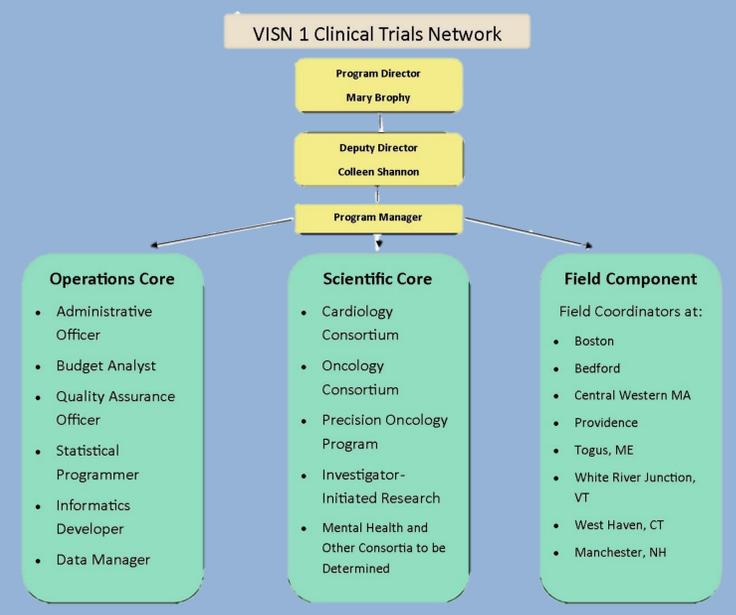
**Cardiology Consortium**  
 The VISN1 Cardiology Consortium is a unique initiative with the goals of expanding cardiology research, advancing patient care, and supporting quality improvement in the field of cardiology across VA sites in the network. The group focuses on practice areas of interest and implementing promising clinical research that is targeted towards the cardiology needs of the Veteran population. Current efforts within the group include expanding heart failure treatment protocols across multiple sites and collaborating with industry partners to bring clinical trials of novel cardiology pharmaceuticals and treatments to the VA.

**Oncology Consortium**  
 The Oncology Consortium focuses on developing cancer care within the Network and opening national-level clinical trials in VISN1 VA hospitals. This group is working to pursue membership in Southwest Oncology Group (SWOG) that will permit access for VA patients to National Cancer Institutes trials. Future aims include joining the "Master Protocol," a Phase II/III biomarker-driven bucket trial for second line therapy of squamous cell lung cancer, as well as trials focusing on prostate cancer, lymphocytic leukemia, and adenocarcinoma of the lung.

**Precision Oncology Program**  
 The Precision Oncology Program is a unique effort to bring state-of-the-art cancer clinical testing to Veterans receiving care within the VA Healthcare System. The program offers the option of targeted genomic analysis of tumor samples to Veterans with newly-diagnosed cancer. Through this program, detailed test results can be matched to relevant clinical trials to provide new treatment options. The program also allows participants to share their test results in a research database with the goal of learning more about cancer development, treatment efficacy, and improving outcomes for future patients with similar cancer tumor profiles.

**Investigator-Initiated Research Projects**  
 The Clinical Trial Network encourages Investigators in the VISN to submit protocols that may be suitable for expansion across multiple sites. Through this effort, a wide variety of research can be promoted and effectively implemented by leveraging the network's broad experience in multi-site trial management. Supporting this type of research benefits Veterans, as they are able to access unique trials at their local VA; as well as researchers, who can reach a more extensive cohort of study participants to strengthen their findings.

## Structure and Governance



## Future Plans

- Establishment of additional Consortia, potentially including Mental Health, Rural Health, Geriatrics, and Primary Care
- Utilization of data from the Precision Oncology Program to drive cancer research, clinical trials matching, and drug development
- Establish a sustainable infrastructure in each VA Medical Center in the Network to allow state-of-the-art care for all of our Veterans

## Network Mission Statement and Strategic Goals

The mission of the VISN1 Clinical Trials Network is to create infrastructure and process to expand clinical trials within VISN 1 facilities that will contribute towards traditional and novel research objectives.

Our goals are to support new research, increase the number of clinical trials in the VISN, and increase the numbers of Veterans enrolled in clinical trials.



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