

Editorial

Special Issue on Research in the Department of Veterans Affairs

This special issue of *JAAA* is dedicated to the audiologic research program developed and supported by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). In a special preface, Allen Boysen, who directs the national Audiology and Speech Pathology Service of VA, describes the research program and the scope of research activities across the many VA hospitals and VA investigators participating in the program. The special issue is then introduced by guest co-editors Vern Larson and Lucille Beck. Vern Larson is on the faculty of East Tennessee State



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National VA Research Program

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is pleased to be able to highlight in this special issue some of the research accomplished by VA audiologists. Following the academic medical model, VA audiologists care for patients, teach graduate students and residents, and engage in their own research. This model has



led to a steady source of well-trained clinical audiologists recruited to VA as staff who continue their interest into questions of treatment efficacy.

The VA research program is made up of three administratively distinct research services. Medical Research Service supports basic and clinical studies that advance knowledge leading to