

VETERANS DAY NEWSLETTER November 11, 2024

Happy Veterans Day! Thank you and your family for your commitment and service to our country. This is the Defense and Veterans Center for Integrative Pain Management's (DVCIPM) 6th year of enrollment for the Pain Registry Biobank protocol. We are currently enrolling participants and conducting follow-up appointments at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center (WRNMMC), Naval Medical Center San Diego (NMCSD), and our newest site at Naval Medical Center Portsmouth (NMCP).



450+
enrolled



18,000+
REDCap surveys



There are over 450 participants enrolled and over 200 visits completed! Thanks to your contributions, the Pain Registry Biobank is becoming a useful tool for studying pain in the military health community. With our collection of surveys, biological samples, and health record data, researchers can examine many aspects of pain and pain management.

If we have not been able to reach you, or you are interested in talking with DVCIPM about future research opportunities, including being a patient stakeholder, please contact us by phone at (202)390-6798 or by emailing mary.mcduffie.ctr@usuhs.edu. You can visit our website at dvcipm.usuhs.edu

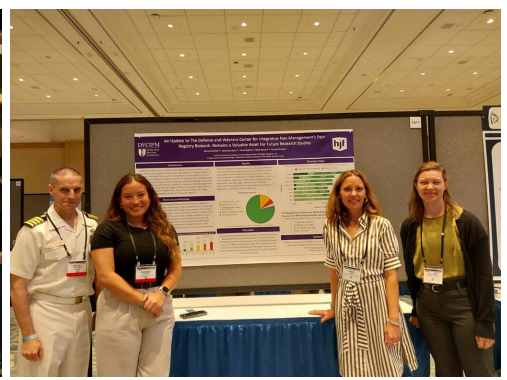
Exciting BioBank Updates

We have added a new data manager to our team, **Welcome Melissa!** Melissa is in the process of implementing REDCap redesign and upgrades, hoping to make the loading of surveys faster. We appreciate your feedback and suggestions to improve our processes. Melissa is also focusing on cleaning our data so it is easy for researchers to use. Thank you again for your patience and feedback!



DVCIPM on the Road

Many staff members of DVCIPM have traveled to conferences in the U.S. this past year to promote the use of our Biobank samples. At these conferences, we present how our collection of surveys, biological samples, and health record data can assist researchers in examining the many aspects of pain and pain management.



We have received 5 requests to use the Biobank samples to study pain conditions such as Complex Regional Pain Syndrome (CRPS), nutrition and pain, orthopaedic surgery and pain, and women and pain conditions. Our Pain Registry Biobank Oversight Committee will continue to guide researchers so data is always secure and properly used.