



The Institute for Research, Quality, and Policy in Homeless Health Care:

Current Active Projects

What do our patients with hepatitis C need to be successfully treated in our primary care clinics?

A Survey of Patients with Hepatitis C at BHCHP on Their Knowledge and Attitudes Around Hepatitis C Treatment.

—PC: *Marguerite Beiser, NP-BC*

How do we introduce an opioid overdose prevention strategy into our program?

Prescribing of Intranasal Naloxone Rescue Kits to Mitigate Opioid Overdose in the Primary Care Setting.

—PC: *Travis Stropp, MPA/MPH, & Jessie Gaeta, MD*

How can we best describe our patients who have died of accidental overdoses?

Characteristics of Homeless Adults Who Died of Drug Overdose: A Retrospective Record Review

—PC: *Leah Bauer, MD & Travis Baggett, MD, MPH*

How can we best describe tobacco use characteristics and behavioral health economics of smokers who are homeless?

Cigarette Smoking Among People who are Homeless

—PC: *Travis Baggett, MD, MPH*

What are the differences in health status of our Spanish speaking patients compared to our English speaking patients?

Homeless and Spanish Speaking in Boston: Health Profile of a Marginalized Latino Community

—PC: *Margaret Sullivan, NP*

How can we more accurately identify veterans in our program and connect them to VA services?

Health and Homelessness among Veterans: Development and Pilot of a Military History Screening Tool

—PC: *Claudia A. Davidson, MPH & Terri LaCoursiere Zuccherro, PhD*

Is HIV viral load affected by housing status?

Exploring the Relationship Between Housing Status and BHCHP Patients' HIV Management

—PC: *Anhela Stanic, PharmD*

What is the relationship between HIV, alcohol consumption and bone health over time?

Understanding the Relationship Between HIV, Alcohol Consumption and Bone Health Over Time

—PC: *Carole Hohl, PA-C*

Can we increase understanding of dual use of VA and non-VA services by homeless & unstably housed military veterans in the community?

Community-based Study of Homeless Dual Veteran Use

—PC: *Terri LaCoursiere Zuccherro, PhD & Keith McInnes, ScD*

What are the physical, mental health, and quality of life benefits for our patients involved in group fitness?

Back On My Feet participant assessment and program evaluation

—PC: *Billie Starks, LICSW*

Are frequent users of emergency departments the highest cost patients?

Identifying the highest cost frequent users of emergency departments in a cohort of homeless adults

—PC: *Matt Mitchell, MTS*

What is the experience of a person who is homeless in the hospital setting and how can we better integrate our services?

Understanding Utilization Patterns of Homeless Persons at Massachusetts General Hospital

—PC: *David Munson, MD*

Do individuals experiencing homelessness have an interest in tobacco cessation programs, and have the desire to support others experiencing homelessness in tobacco cessation efforts?

Understanding Motivations and Interests in Tobacco Cessation Among Individuals Experiencing Homelessness

—PC: *Molly Meinbresse*

How are clinical quality markers related to patient housing status?

An Examination of the Relationship Between Housing Status and Patient Health Among Homeless Persons
—PC: *Monica Bharel, MD, MPH*

How can we improve our support systems for housed patients?

Design and Dissemination of BHCHP's Housing Guide
—PC: *Pooja Bhalla, RN*

What are the existing efforts in providing medical care to homeless children and adolescents nation-wide?

Identifying Current Practices in Providing Medical Care to Homeless Children and Adolescents Nationally
—PC: *Avik Chatterjee, MD & Marvin So*

How are food insecurity, diabetes and housing instability related?

Diabetes, Food Insecurity, and Housing Instability: A Screening Intervention of Low-Income Women in Roxbury, Massachusetts
—PC: *Monica Lee & Sarah Goldbar*

How is substance use disorder being treated in the primary care setting of BHCHP?

Treatment of Substance Use Disorders in Primary Care
—PC: *Gabe Wishik, MD*

What are our patients' satisfaction levels with their primary care at BHCHP?

Primary Care Patient Satisfaction Survey at BHCHP
—PC: *Casey Leon, MPH*

What is the prevalence of nasal carriage of MRSA among the BHCHP outpatient population?

Measuring Nasal Carriage of MRSA Prevalence Among Homeless Individuals in an Outpatient Setting
—PC: *Jessica Liebler, PhD, MPA*

How can we improve palliative care for homeless veterans at the end of life?

Planning Palliative Care for Homeless Veterans at the End of Life
—PC: *Alexis Greenan*

What are some methods to reduce risk in patients taking opioids?

RCT of PCPs With Patients on Chronic Opioid Therapy
Measuring Educational Intervention and Nurse Managed Patient Registry
—PC: *Jessie Gaeta, MD*

What has BHCHP done to improve cervical cancer screening rate?

Eliminating Health Disparities: Innovative methods to improve cervical cancer screening in a medically underserved population
—PC: *Monica Bharel, MD, MPH*

What are the major Zoonotic infections that may affect urban homeless populations in the developed world?

Zoonotic Infections in Urban Homeless Populations
—PC: *Jessica Liebler, PhD, MPA & Monica Bharel, MD, MPH*

How can we determine the value of respite care for patients experiencing homelessness using a Medicaid claims database?

Determining the Value of Respite Care For Homeless Patients
—PC: *Liz Seeley, PhD & Monica Bharel, MD, MPH*

How are food insecurity and diabetes related in BHCHP patients?

Understanding the Relationship Between Food Insecurity and Diabetes in Homeless Individuals
—PC: *Casey Leon, MPH*

What proportion of Boston Health care for the Homeless' patients on Suboxone therapy also have a primary psychiatric disorder, and what proportion of these patients are currently in psychiatric treatment?

Measuring Prevalence of Mental Health Diagnosis and Treatment Among Homeless Individuals on Suboxone Therapy
—PC: *David Beckmann, MD*

Can we improve the rate of colorectal cancer screening among BHCHP patients using FIT testing Method?

Using the FIT Method to Improve Colorectal Cancer Screening Rate Among a Homeless Population
—PC: *Sanju Forgione*