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.
—Primary Contact (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 Zucchero, 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 Zucchero, 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
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