

**Meeting of the Research Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses (RAC-GWVI)**  
**Department of Veterans Affairs**

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**AGENDA**

**Tuesday, July 7, 2020**

**8:00am PT / 9:00am MT / 10:00am CT / 11:00am ET**

\*\*Opening Meeting Announcements - Karen Block, PhD, Designated Federal Officer

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| 11:00–11:10 | Welcome, Overview and Updates on RAC-GWVI  | Lawrence Steinman, MD, Chair<br>Res Adv Cmte on GW Veterans' Illnesses  |
|             | VA Gulf War Research Program Updates   | Karen Block, PhD<br>Director, Gulf War Research<br>VA Office of Research and Development  |
| 11:10–11:25 | Report from Gulf War Veteran Listening Sessions  | Drew A Helmer, MD, MS<br>Deputy Director, Center for Innovations in Quality, Effectiveness and Safety (IQuEST),<br>Michael E DeBakey VA Medical Center, Houston TX  |
| 11:25–11:35 | COVID-19 - Perspectives from VA Medical Centers  | Stephen Hunt, MD<br>National Director, VA Post Deployment Integrated Care Initiative (PDICI), VA Puget Sound Healthcare, Seattle WA   |
| 11:35–11:45 | Mental Health Research related to COVID-19 Early Projects  | Theresa Gleason, PhD<br>Director, Clinical Science Research & Development   |
| 11:45–12:00 | COVID-19 - VA Cooperative Studies Program Research   | Dawn Provenzale, MD, MS<br>Director, VA Cooperative Studies Program<br>Epidemiology Center, Durham NC; Director,<br>GI Outcomes Research, Duke University;<br>Professor of Medicine, Duke Univ Medical Center |
| 12:00–12:15 | National VA Research Efforts pertaining to SARS/CoV-2/COVID-19   | Victoria J Davey, PhD, MPH<br>Associate Chief Research & Development<br>Officer for Epidemiology and Public Health,<br>VHA Office of Research & Development   |
| 12:15–12:45 | Overview of the VA Surveillance and Research Activities in the Depleted Uranium and Embedded Fragments Cohorts | Melissa A McDiarmid, MD, MPH<br>Medical Director, University of Maryland<br>School of Medicine  |
| 12:45–1:15  | Gulf War Veterans Benefits   | Keith Hancock<br>Policy Analyst, Compensation Service,<br>Veterans Benefits Administration  |
| 1:15–1:30   | Break  |   |

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1:30-2:00	Ketamine Therapy for Treatment of Refractory Depression: Current Evidence and Real World Application in Veterans	Tobias Marton, MD, PhD Staff Psychiatrist, San Francisco VA Health Care System; Assistant Clinical Professor, UCSF Department of Psychiatry; Director, SFVAHCS Ketamine Clinic; Director, SFVAHCS rTMS Clinic
2:00-2:30	Pharmacology of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder	Paula P. Schnurr, PhD Executive Director, National Center for PTSD, Office of Mental Health and Suicide Prevention, Department of Veterans Affairs Professor of Psychiatry, Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth
2:30-3:00	Committee Discussion	Lawrence Steinman, MD, Chair
3:00-3:30	Public Comment	
3:30	Adjourn	