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## **Head of the Million Veterans Program, VA’s expansive research initiative, to speak at Milwaukee VA**

**MILWAUKEE** — Last fall, VA's Million Veteran Program hit its goal of enrolling 1 million Veterans. And the Milwaukee VA was a big part of that, enrolling more than 20,000 Veterans locally.

To celebrate, Dr. Sumitra Muralidhar, director of the national MVP program, will be at the Milwaukee VA to meet with Veterans and share some of the great work MVP has contributed to.

All are invited to hear her presentation, to begin at **12:15 p.m. April 30** in Matousek Auditorium in the Milwaukee VA Medical Center, 5000 W. National Ave.

[MVP](#) is a health research program launched in 2011. Veterans voluntarily enroll by providing a blood sample and participating in surveys about their health, lifestyle and military experiences.

The program allows researchers to better understand Veteran health challenges and conduct groundbreaking, life-saving research. It aims to improve the detection, prevention and treatment of health conditions affecting Veterans and, ultimately, all Americans.

To date, MVP data has been used in more than 350 peer-reviewed research publications about a wide range of health conditions — including cancer, diabetes, PTSD, suicide prevention, Alzheimer’s disease, cardiovascular diseases, kidney disease and more.

The program continues to grow, with an eye on ensuring diversity and representation from Veterans of all backgrounds.

“Thanks to the Veterans who signed up for this program, VA can better understand — and eventually treat — the health conditions that affect Veterans of all eras and backgrounds,” said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Denis McDonough. “This will help us improve health care and ultimately save lives, for Veterans and non-Veterans alike.”

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