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## Seattle Institute for Biomedical and Clinical Research Spotlight Feature

### DAVID H. AU, MD, MS



**D**avid H. Au, MD, MS is Director, Health Services Research & Development (HSR&D) at the VA Puget Sound Health Care System and Professor of Medicine at the University of Washington, Division of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine. He has been with VA Puget Sound Health Care System since 1998 when he joined as an HSR&D post-doctoral fellow. He currently directs the Seattle division of the Center of Innovation (COIN) for Veteran-Centered and Value-Driven Care, a multi-center COIN with partnerships in Denver, CO.

Dr. Au was a founding member and served on the Steering Committee of the AHRQ/NIH funded Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) Outcomes-based Network for Clinical Effectiveness and Research Translation (CONCERT), which developed the first national stakeholder-supported research agenda in comparative effectiveness research / implementation science for COPD. He co-directs the Denver-Seattle Office of Specialty Care Evaluation Center that examines the rollout and outcome of the Office's clinical initiatives as well as overseeing the

Seattle efforts on the national evaluation of the Veterans Choice Act. In partnership with the Office of Specialty Care and Pharmacy Benefits Management, he also currently co-Directs a large scale quality and safety initiative that promotes high quality and efficient healthcare delivery through the de-implementation of harmful and low value care.

Dr. Au's current research includes being Multi-PI on a large pragmatic clinical trial funded through NIH's new pulmonary trials consortium to assess the effect of a lifestyle intervention that promotes weight loss and moderate exercise among patients with COPD. He is also funded through an HSR&D merit review to test a health systems focused intervention to reduce COPD hospital readmissions by using telehealth approaches to improve primary care access to pulmonary medicine. Dr. Au is also the PI of a program based in Massachusetts and Washington states that seeks to decrease the use of inhaled corticosteroids among patients who do not have an indication for these medications and PI in large clinical trials consortiums such as the NIH funded Long-term Oxygen Treatment Trial. Most recently, Dr. Au received an American Lung Association award administered through SIBCR.

### NEW IN 2017! COMPLIANCE UPDATES

NIH will require the [RPPR format for final progress reports](#) submitted after December 31, 2016. Competing continuation submissions can no longer be accepted in lieu of the final progress report.

Clinicaltrials.gov [registration](#) is now required for all clinical trials funded by the NIH regardless of study phase, type of intervention, or FDA regulation status.

[Good Clinical Practice Training](#) is now required for all investigators and staff involved in NIH-funded clinical trials.

All federal agencies are required to 'https only' secure connections by the end of 2016. [You may need to update your web browser](#) to access eRA Commons or other federal agency sites in the new year.

### HR NEWS

SIBCR will be changing our payroll from once a month to twice monthly effective January 1, 2017. Please contact [hr@sibcr.org](mailto:hr@sibcr.org) for any questions regarding this change. The important dates calendar can be found [here](#). New time sheets will be sent out after January 5th.