



## Seattle Institute for Biomedical and Clinical Research

### Spotlight Feature

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#### EDWARD J. BOYKO, MD, MPH



**Edward J. Boyko, MD, MPH**, is a Staff Physician at VA Puget Sound Health Care System where he has worked since 1989 and a Professor of Medicine and Adjunct Professor of Epidemiology at the University of Washington. His research program focuses on the epidemiology of chronic illnesses, in particular type 2 diabetes risk factors and complications. He has held national and international positions including Associate Editor of Diabetes Care and the American Journal of Epidemiology; Chair of the NIH Kidney, Nutrition, Obesity, and Diabetes (KNOD) study section; and President of the International Diabetes Epidemiology Group. In 2013 he received the Kelly West Award from the American Diabetes Association recognizing his accomplishments in diabetes epidemiology, and in 2021 he received from the same association the Roger E. Pecoraro Award for his contributions to research on diabetic foot complications. He recently served as Scientific Programme Chair of the 2019 International Diabetes Federation Meeting held in Busan, Korea, and he currently serves as Co-Chair of the International Diabetes Federation Atlas 10th Edition which is now available online at [www.diabetesatlas.org](http://www.diabetesatlas.org). He has received two mentorship awards from the University of Washington recognizing his work in developing the careers of over 60 mentees. In addition, he provides primary care to a panel of patients at VA Puget Sound Health Care System in Seattle.

Dr. Boyko currently leads several ongoing research projects. He is the Chair of CSP #505: Millennium Cohort Study, a prospective study jointly conducted by DoD and VA to investigate the health effects of military service that has enrolled over 250,000 participants and is planned to continue follow-up of participants until 2068 ([www.millenniumcohort.org](http://www.millenniumcohort.org)). He has led the Million Veteran Program VA Puget Sound site since its inception in 2011, with more than 23,000 Veterans recruited from the Seattle and American Lake campuses to date. He also is lead investigator of a VA All of Us site that opened in 2021, one of multiple VA sites around the country that aims to recruit veterans into this research program which is a key component of NIH's precision medicine initiative ([www.joinallofus.org](http://www.joinallofus.org)). The NIH funding for All of Us study is administered by SIBCR. He turned his attention to COVID research with the onset of the pandemic and completed work funded by a VA rapid response award, and is currently a co-PI of the recently funded VA COVID-19 Observational Research Collaboratory (<https://www.research.va.gov/corc/default.cfm>). He also continues to conduct research on two prospective studies that ended subject recruitments years ago, a VA funded project assessing risk factors for diabetic foot complications, and an NIH-funded project entitled "Japanese American Community Diabetes Study."

Dr. Boyko takes time for recreational activities and is looking forward to the end of winter and resumption of the hiking season in the Pacific NW. In 2021, he successfully hiked the 93-mile Wonderland Trail around Mt Rainier in 6 days after two previous unsuccessful attempts. His indoor interest is learning how to play the classical guitar. In addition, he spends much time assisting his 96- and 97-year old parents who are still living independently and reside across the country in Florida by providing remote assistance with internet assisted delivery of groceries and meals and in-person assistance having completed 6 trips there in 2021.

#### NIH BIOSKETCH & OTHER SUPPORT PAGES

New NIH Biosketch and Other Support formats have been optional but will be mandatory for deadlines after January 24, 2022 as part of the Forms G rollout.

**Biosketch:** Newly requires new start dates of degree programs, OMB header has changed, and Section D has been eliminated (content moved to Section A). See: <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/forms/biosketch.htm>

**Other Support:** **Note in particular the requirement for a verified electronic signature (not an image of a signature), disclosure of all appointments, and the new in-kind support section.** See: <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/forms/othersupport.htm>

**Biohazards:** If your proposal includes biohazards, plans and resources for handling them should be addressed in the Facilities & Other Resources document.

**Senior/Key Personnel:** **All** Senior/Key Personnel on applications are now required to have an eRA Commons ID - need to register in advance.

#### HR UPDATES

The Legislature and Governor Inslee have announced plans to change and improve the WA Cares Fund during the 2022 legislative session, which is scheduled to conclude in March 2022. Per direction from the Governor, premiums from employers will not be collected until April 2022 or until further direction is received. Please see: <http://www.wacaresfund.wa.gov/>

Have you tested positive for COVID-19 and are you an SIBCR employee? If yes, then please notify SIBCR HR at 206-764-2929 if you test positive. SIBCR is required to notify appropriate authorities for positive cases and we have to follow both State law and VA policies related to COVID-19.

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