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## Featured Member



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Jodie K. Haselkorn, MD, MPH, is the Director of the Multiple Sclerosis Center of Excellence (MSCoE) – West. In January 2003 the Veterans Health Administration (VHA) established two centers, one in Seattle/Portland (West) and the other in Baltimore (East) to improve care for veterans with MS. Their mission is to provide the best possible care for veterans with MS and provide a valuable resource for MS health care providers across the country. These cooperative centers are organized around four functional cores: clinical care, research and development, education and telehealth.

In two of the MSCoE core areas, research and education, Dr. Haselkorn has three on-going projects with the Seattle Institute for Biomedical and Clinical Research (SIBCR). The Maren Foundation has provided support to develop a VA National MS Data Repository to acquire, synthesize, and analyze VA data to improve clinical care for thousands of veterans with MS. This new database will provide for the assimilation of data already stored in files that are currently accessed by a limited population and make the information available to users of various backgrounds, including clinicians, administrators, policy-makers, and researchers across the country.

The educational outreach programs, in part sponsored by Biogen Idec, have been a series of satellite broadcast programs telecast from the VA studios in Salt Lake City aimed at providers and patients alike. Each program is aired live, taped and reproduced into a DVD format for distribution for educational outreach purposes. The first satellite broadcast was in April 2005 titled "Fatigue and MS", followed shortly by "Treating Multiple Sclerosis: Making a Difference in Veterans' Lives". This telecast was selected as one of the training programs to be included with the Department of Defense and the Indian Health Service education programs. A third broadcast, "The Importance of Care Coordination and Telehealth to Veterans' Care" was about employing emerging technologies for telehealth. The next satellite program is planned for August 2006 titled "Sex in the City: Sexual Function and MS."

The Multiple Sclerosis Foundation awarded a grant to SIBCR for MSCoE to develop curriculum and resources for a "MS Caregiver Education and Skills Program" at VAPSHCS. The last phase to complete this program is to disseminate adapted materials to a focus group of health care professionals from the VA Western Regional MS Council for use in their practice.

## Institutional Highlights

- Many investigators draw on clinical service lines (e.g., laboratory, radiology) to provide tests, scans, or other procedures to help conduct their research. The VA requires that service lines be reimbursed for procedures that are not VA medical care – i.e., those that are required by the research protocol rather than by standard care. *Investigators must not allow patient care dollars to be used to pay for the costs of their research.* SIBCR has some new tools and guides available to assist in budgeting for these costs and to ensure that SIBCR project accounts are appropriately billed. Please see our website at <http://www.sibcr.org/policies/reimbursementpolicy.html> for more information. More resources will be added soon.

## NIH News

Electronic Submissions are here!

- Starting July 18, 2006, NIH will begin accepting grant applications using new form packages. Visit the NIH Electronic Submission website for more news, information and timelines: [http://era.nih.gov/electronicreceipt/news\\_7-12-06.htm](http://era.nih.gov/electronicreceipt/news_7-12-06.htm).
- SIBCR has now successfully processed several NIH electronic submissions. We would like to remind you to contact us at least three weeks prior to the due date with a draft proposal and be prepared to submit at least five business days prior to the due date during this implementation period. Thank you and we look forward to working with you!

## Welcome!

SIBCR is pleased to welcome the following employees: Valerie Baldisserotto, Breanne Barrow, Kelly Bond-Eveland, Susan Byington, Andrew David, Janice Enzmann, Randy Eveland, John Kulstad, Belinda Luk, Molly Mullen, Kathryn Newton, Sukwan Nhan, Katherine Nickel, Erick Perkins, Malia Rumbaugh, Seth Schneer, Kristen Shi, Megan Zdancewic, and Laila Zomorodian.