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Spotlight Feature

LUCAS M. DONOVAN, MD, MS



Lucas Donovan, MD, MS, is a sleep specialist, pulmonologist, and health services researcher. He is a Core Investigator at the Seattle-Denver HSR&D Center of Innovation, staff physician at VA Puget Sound, and an Assistant Professor of Medicine at the University of Washington. He received his MD from Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, OH, and completed post-graduate clinical training in internal medicine and sleep medicine at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston, MA. Thereafter, he completed training in pulmonary, critical care, and University of Washington in Seattle, WA where he also earned his MS degree in Health Services from the University of Washington School of Public Health.

Dr. Donovan's research focuses on measuring and improving access to care in ways that maximize quality, efficiency, and patient experience. He is currently the principal investigator of a VA Merit Award (IIR 20-240) testing the effectiveness of a remote and self-directed lifestyle intervention among Veterans with obstructive sleep apnea and obesity. He is also co-PI of the Patient Centered Outcomes Research Initiative funded Pragmatic Trial to Enhance Quality Safety, and Patient experience in COPD (EQuIP-COPD, Co-PI Dr. David Au) administered by SIBCR. This cluster-randomized multi-center trial will test strategies to improve population health management aimed at improving quality of care in COPD. EQuIP-COPD will enroll primary care providers and patients at VA Facilities across Washington, Oregon, Minnesota, and South Carolina. In addition to these trials, he is also currently supported by a VA HSR&D Career Development Award designed to integrate non-specialists into the management of specialty care consultations. This work informed the development of the referral coordination initiative, that has been disseminated nationwide across VA. Dr. Donovan also serves as the site director for the Seattle-Denver VA Collaborative Evaluation Center, which conducts comprehensive program evaluations for VA operational partners. His expertise includes pragmatic trials, health system interventions, quantitative analyses of administrative data, and qualitative research.

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DE&I

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