

# QUERI Evidence, Policy, and Implementation Center (EPIC)

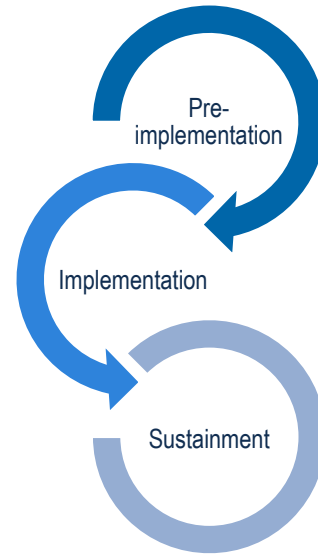
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U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs  
Veterans Health Administration  
Quality Enhancement Research Initiative

## Building Implementation Science Capacity & Impact in VA

The Evidence, Policy, and Implementation Center (EPIC) builds capacity across VA research to conduct state-of-the-art implementation science and enhance the real-world impact of research. The Center is developing methods, metrics, products, and resources to accelerate the translation of research discoveries and transform health care and policy in VA.



## What is EPIC?

EPIC consists of four cores:

- **Operations Core**, led by Allen Gifford, MD, manages the overall administration of EPIC, guiding and coordinating all aspects of the Center.
- **Evaluation Core**, led by A. Rani Elwy, PhD, creates methods and resources and provides support on the use of state-of-the-art implementation science frameworks, measures, and methods.
- **Knowledge Translation Core**, led by Sara Landes, PhD, manages, disseminates, and communicates implementation science tools, methods, and strategies to research leadership.
- **Learning Core**, led by Monica Matthieu, PhD, designs and delivers a professional workforce development program in implementation science and develops comprehensive implementation methods trainings.



Operations Core



Evaluation Core



Knowledge Translation Core



Learning Core

## Evaluation Plans

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The **Evaluation Core** uses an evaluation template that includes learning agenda and evaluation questions to ensure adherence to Evidence Act guidelines. EPIC materials include instruction in developing logic models and incorporation of implementation science theories, frameworks, and models. Per the QUERI Implementation Roadmap, the Evaluation Core will develop resources to assess **pre-implementation** (acceptability, appropriateness, feasibility), **implementation** (reach, effectiveness, adoption, and implementation metrics, as identified in the QUERI ACTION Framework), and **sustainment** (maintenance metrics) evaluation activities.

Common methods used across evaluation plans incorporate Office of Personnel Management competencies and include:

- Pre-implementation consultations with Methods subject matter experts
- Formative qualitative interviews
- Standardized measures of implementation outcomes including sustainment
- Cost collection tools, activity logs, key events templates
- Implementation playbook creation with business case analyses
- Dissemination strategies to VA and congressional stakeholders

## Anticipated Impacts

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Embed implementation methods across the translation spectrum to accelerate the translation of effective innovations into routine care in VA



Enhance the use of state-of-the-art quantitative and mixed-methods and implementation science frameworks, measures, and methods in Evidence Act evaluation plans



Ensure a long-term, sustainable, and diverse implementation science and evaluation workforce in VA

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