

# CONDUIT

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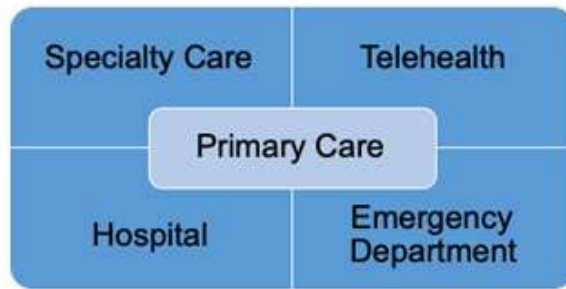
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs  
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## Consortium to Disseminate and Understand Implementation of Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) Treatment

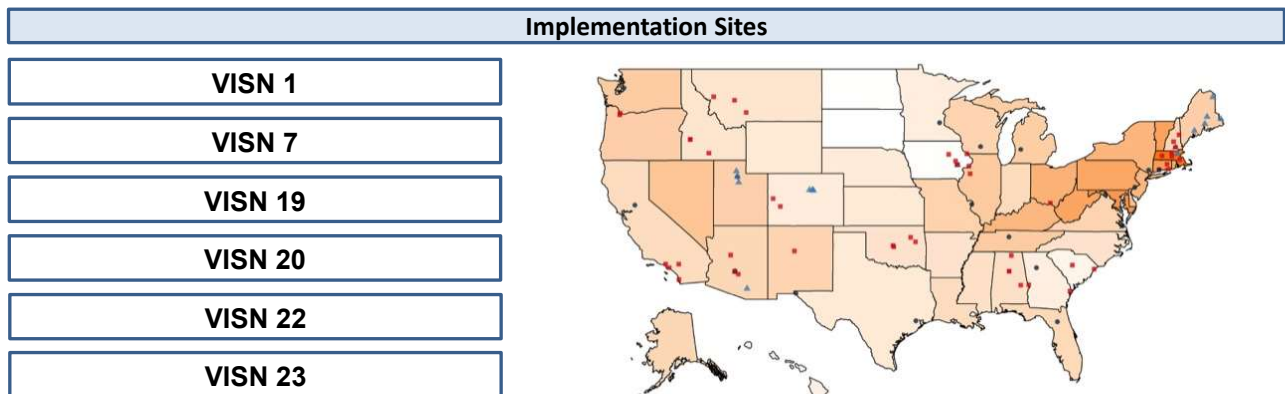
Expanding access to effective treatments for OUD

Opioid and other drug overdose is the number-one cause of accidental death in the U.S. Veterans experience opioid overdose at nearly twice the rate of non-Veterans. Effective medications are available for opioid use disorder (OUD), but Veterans' access to these medications varies. The **CONDUIT QUERI Partnered Implementation Initiative** (PII) is supporting providers at VA sites to facilitate Veterans' access to effective treatments for OUD (e.g., buprenorphine) and chronic pain across diverse settings through use of tele-health technology and referral to specialty services.

### Provider Support at Over 50 VA Sites

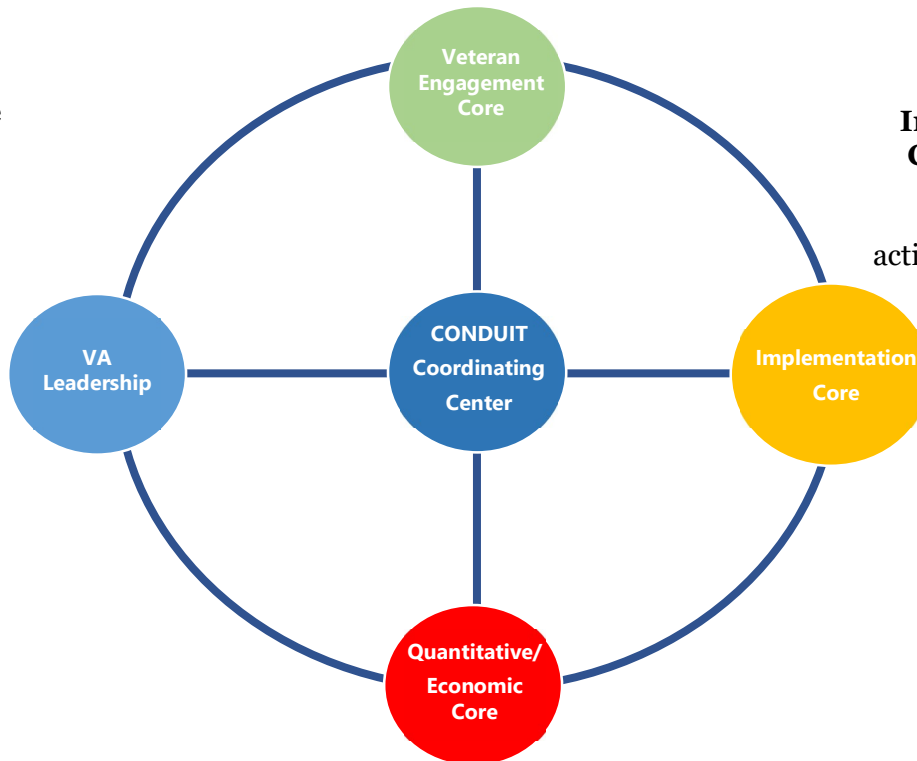


A cross-cutting center comprised of diverse, experienced, multi-disciplinary experts in addiction medicine, addiction psychiatry, chronic pain, primary care, hospital medicine, implementation science and health economics, CONDUIT is working closely with multi-level stakeholders across VA to improve quality of care in this critical clinical arena for Veteran health and safety. Our implementation teams work with staff at local sites in a process called “Implementation Facilitation (IF)”, which is a set of strategies and tools to enhance adoption of evidence-based practices.



# Three Cores Support CONDUIT's Mission

**The Veteran Engagement Core** includes 13 Veterans who provide feedback to ensure that efforts are Veteran-centered.



**The Implementation Core** supports all teams in implementation activities and evaluates implementation outcomes.

**The Quantitative/Economic Core** supports the assessment of key outcomes across all sites and quantifies the value of the IF efforts through measurement of implementation costs.

## CONDUIT Outcomes & Goals

**CONDUIT** will assess outcomes including:

- Number of Veterans using and retained on medications for OUD
- Number of VA providers licensed to prescribe buprenorphine
- Opioid prescription dose for Veterans on long-term opioid therapy

**CONDUIT** goals include:

- Assess the value and impact of the work in terms of costs vs. benefits
- Develop and refine products that will expand Veteran access to medications for OUD

**If you would like to learn more or partner with us, please contact our Program Coordinator, Maria Zenoni, at [maria.zenoni@va.gov](mailto:maria.zenoni@va.gov).**

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