

LEARN Evidence-Based Policy Evaluation Center

The Leading Evaluations to Advance VA's Response to National Priorities (LEARN) Evidence-Based Policy Evaluation Center

Rigorous evaluations are critical for optimizing value and operational efficiencies through evidence-based policymaking. In partnership with VA national leaders, the LEARN Evidence-Based Policy Evaluation Center conducts time-sensitive, rigorous and responsive national evaluations, and disseminates evaluation findings, to influence continual improvements in VA policies and programs. LEARN also establishes a pipeline of early-to-senior career-level expertise in evaluation, and expands relationships with academic affiliates, to enhance VA's evaluation capacities.

Our Aims



Design partnered evaluation plans that respond to priorities of senior VA leadership and other United States executive and legislative leaders



Conduct timely and rigorous partnered evaluations of VA policies and programs



Support continual improvements in VA policies and programs through dissemination of evaluation results and evidence-based recommendations to stakeholders



Expand capacity and expertise to design and conduct VA evaluations, with attention to supporting early career investigators and expanding investigator diversity, equity, and inclusion

Evaluation Topics

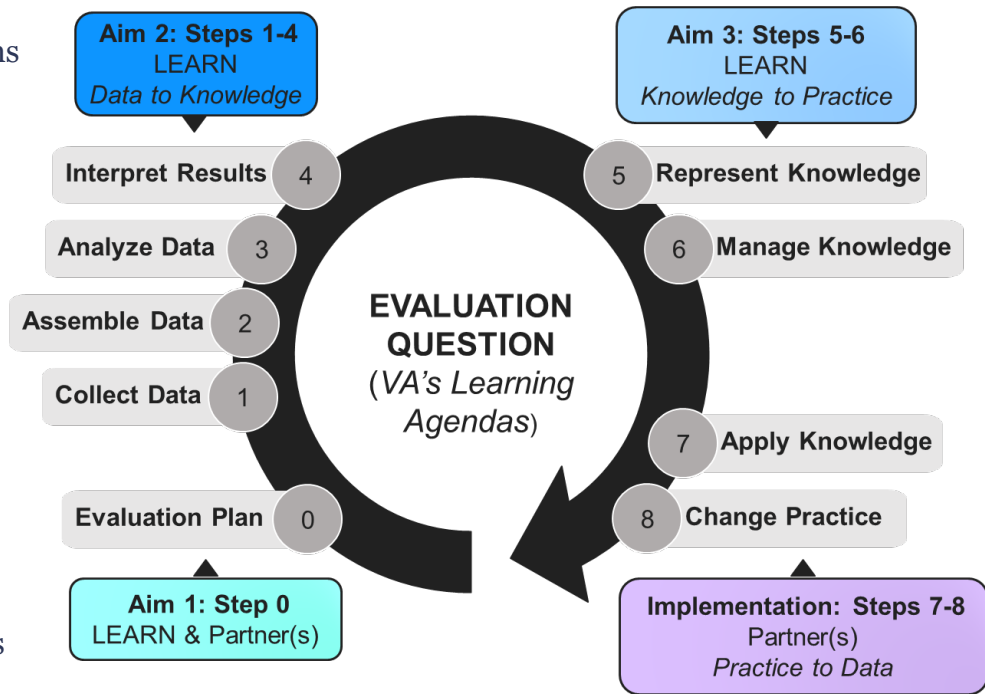
LEARN will conduct evaluations aligned with VA priorities including but not limited to:

- *Women's health initiatives*
- *Employee recruitment, retention, and well-being*
- *Veteran homelessness*
- *Health disparities/social determinants of health*
- *Virtual care*
- *VA electronic health record modernization*



Evaluation Strategies

- Use the Learning Healthcare System framework to guide evaluation and knowledge translation efforts
- Ensure information learned aligns with stakeholder needs
- Formatively and summatively assess programs and policies, including:
 - Implementation, effectiveness, efficiency and impacts
 - Variations across groups and settings
 - Contextual factors influencing variations
 - Implementation strategies
- Apply and integrate quantitative and qualitative approaches
- Utilize multi-disciplinary theories and methods
- Disseminate evaluation results across internal and external VA stakeholders



The LEARN Learning Cycle

Anticipated Impacts

- **Provide** rapid and rigorous evidence to answer questions derived from VA and legislative leaders, to fulfill core requirements of the Evidence Act
- **Support** the VA learning healthcare system engaging in evidence-based continual improvement and innovation that optimizes VA care
- **Enhance** VA's pipeline of early to senior career level expertise in partnered evaluation, with an emphasis on investigator diversity, equity, and inclusion