

The Center For Home Care Policy & Research at VNSNY

Founded in 1993, the Center has since fostered on-going collaborations with world-renowned research institutions and subject-matter experts.

The Center has been awarded more than 49 million dollars in Federal and private grant and contract funding, evolving into a multi-functional scientific research and evaluation team that informs VNSNY, national, and international health policy and evidence-based practice (EBP).



The Center's establishment and subsequent capacity growth

1992	Board commits \$3.5 million to new Center
1995	First foundation grant awarded to reduce inappropriate medication use
1999	"Outcomes" arm established
2000	Clinical Data warehouse launched
2002	First endowment gift received; external grant funding surpasses \$10 million
2010	Total published articles since inception exceed 200
2011	Center establishes secure server computing environment enabling it to receive grants involving analysis of large-scale national CMS claims data
2011	Board commits \$13.8 million to Center to promote growth & ongoing excellence
2013	Total external grants & contracts funding since inception surpasses \$40 million
2014	Center recruits internationally renowned nurse scientist, Professor Kathryn Bowles, to assume Center leadership, with founding Director Dr. Penny Feldman transitioning into Director Emerita and Senior Research Scientist role
2015	Center upgrades qualitative & survey research software to enterprise platforms
2017	Large-scale investments to upgrade Center's computing resources & capacity

Contributions to VNSNY and industry excellence

2002	First quality scorecard posted on Outcomes website	2011	Medicare & Medicaid models inform federal and state payment reform
2003	New risk tool targets patients with high rehospitalization risk	2014	VNAA-funded EBP finding: Socially vulnerable patients w/ complex conditions profit home care agencies less, increasing chance of reduced care access
2004	Renfield Clinical Lecture Series launched to bring nursing research to VNSNY staff	2015	Center participation in <i>Home and Community-Based Services Quality Measures Risk Adjustment</i> technical expert advisory panel sponsored by CMS and Office of U.S. Ass't Secretary for Planning and Evaluation
2006	New model provides standards for consistent home health aide use	2016	EBP finding: Nurses' use of clinical decision support is associated with reduced medication complexity risk and hospitalization
2009	Modeling for Medicaid prospective payment begins	2017	EBP Finding: Frontloading home care nurse visits and physician follow up within 1 week for heart failure patients significantly reduces rehospitalization
2010	Model developed to identify appropriate Behavioral Health patients		
2011	EBP finding: same nurse providing care for patient's entire home care episode reduces hospitalizations & emergency care		

Building our national & international eminence

1995	Center designated National Program Office for new RWJ F Home Care Research Initiative	2015	Increased participation in federal & national scientific and policy committees by Center staffers continues, including new advisory roles with the NINR Nat'l Advisory Council, the National Quality Forum, the American Medical Informatics Association, and the Nat'l Center for Health Statistics at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
1998	Center convenes 1 st of 6 Nat'l meetings on policies promoting home & community-based services		
1999	Funded to conduct first trial in a home care setting of improving care practices and outcomes via email reminders.		
1999	AdvantAge Initiative launched to support Healthy Aging in place	2015	NINR awards grant to the Center, in collaboration with UPenn Nursing and CUNY Hunter, to study the effectiveness of frontloading nursing visits and early medical provider follow-up on readmission for sepsis survivors.
2003	First of many articles published on reducing ER use & hospitalization after home care admission		
2003	Center convenes first of 2 national conferences to advance home care quality		
2006	Launch of National Collaboration for Homecare Advances in Mgt. and Practice (CHAMP)	2016	2nd Center staffer inducted as a Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing (Bowles & Dowding)
2010	First article published on blood pressure control in high risk home care patients	2017	Director Bowles invited by the United Nations to present keynote address to UN NGO Health Committee on empowering women to transform elder care, and is also inducted into Sigma Theta Tau International Nurse Research Hall of Fame
2010	Two major comparative effectiveness grants awarded from AHRQ and NIA		
2011	Center joins NYU and Columbia U. in NINDS-funded Center for Stroke Disparities Solutions		
2013	Center and Columbia University successfully recruit internationally renowned nursing informatics scientist Dr. Dawn Dowding into dual-appointment as Professor of Nursing	2017	Center formalizes first collaborations w/ Harvard's Dana Farber Cancer Institute, the New School, UPenn School of Engineering, Johns Hopkins University, and the MET Council.

VNSNY is the only American home health organization that supports an internal scientific research & evaluation department.

For 25 years, the Center has benefited VNSNY's own organizational needs, as well as those of the greater scientific and political communities and the public.