

ISTAART Immersives: Partnering with the Veterans Health Administration for Alzheimer's Disease Research

Saturday, July 11, 2026 | 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Arora 12, 13, 15, 16 — InterContinental — London, United Kingdom

All times are in British Summer Time

In-person attendance only

Overview

It is the mission of the Veterans Health Administration (VHA) to provide state-of-the-art care to Veterans, and one of our challenges today is to address the care and treatment of the increasing number of Veterans living with Alzheimer's and related dementias. To facilitate and coordinate the VHA's efforts to address this challenge, the VHA recently established the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias National Coordinating Center (ADRD NCC) at the Ralph H. Johnson VA Health Care System in Charleston, SC. The core of the center's mission is to facilitate and coordinate efforts across our VHA network to provide advanced clinical care and research clinical trials access to Veterans with dementia that we serve. The goal of this workshop is to deepen the understanding of how to partner with the VHA to sponsor or conduct clinical research. This workshop is open to investigators (VA and non-VA affiliated), VA non-profit corporations (NPCs), and other potential partners. Topics will include the current state of Alzheimer's research within the VHA, how to get involved with research at the VHA from investigator-initiated projects to sponsored clinical trials, how to establish partnerships between the VHA and industry, how to work with your local VA NPC, and the administrative processes to starting a study.

Organizing Committee

- Kayla Wilson, PhD

Target Audience

This ISTAART immersive workshop is designed for individuals at the beginner level in Administration, Clinical Practice, Research, Industry, and VA NPCs.

Learning Objectives

- Describe the burden of Alzheimer's Disease within the VHA system.
- Understand how to partner with the VHA for research, particularly the regulatory

- process and how it is unique to the VHA.
- Recognize who to communicate with to learn more about Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias research within the VHA.

Registration

Pre-conferences are offered for in-person attendance only. Preconferences require a separate registration fee in addition to AAIC full conference registration, or they may be purchased as stand-alone events. Visit alz.org/AAIC.

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Time	Session Details	Speakers and Moderator
8:00 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.	Introduction and Session Overview	
8:15 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.	Presentation on ADRD NCC updates	
8:30 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.	Panel discussion on how to get engaged with the VHA	
9:15 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.	Break	
9:45 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Interactive session: Starting a study with the VHA – legal, regulatory, and other administrative considerations	
11:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.	Break	
11:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Q&A/Wrap up	