

VA research improves VA health care and Veterans' lives. Our job in VA Research Communications is to keep Veterans and the public informed about this vital work. By completing this survey, you will help us in that effort. This survey is anonymous: It does not ask for your name. You may skip any question you do not wish to answer, but we hope you will answer as many as possible so that we can do a better job of keeping Veterans and the public informed.

To select an answer, place an X in the box next to your choice [X].

1. Have you received the publication *VA Research Currents* by mail or looked through a copy at a VA medical center? Please select all that apply.

- I have received *VA Research Currents* in the mail at home or at work
- I have looked through *VA Research Currents* at a VA medical center one or more times before today
- This is the first time I have looked through an issue of *VA Research Currents*

2. When you receive *VA Research Currents* by mail or when you look through an issue at a VA medical center, how often do you read one or more articles?

- This is the first issue I've seen
- I **usually** read one or more articles
- I **sometimes** read one or more articles
- I **rarely** read one or more articles
- I **never** read one or more articles

3. Which of the following recent issues of *VA Research Currents* have you looked through? Please select all that apply.

- Spring 2014 (This issue)
- Winter 2013/2014
- Fall 2013
- I don't recall

4. Please tell us your impressions of the following features of *VA Research Currents* by marking [X] one box in each row to indicate your opinion.

SELECTING THE MIDDLE BOX (4) MEANS YOU THINK *VA RESEARCH CURRENTS* IS ABOUT AVERAGE REGARDING THAT FEATURE.

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BORING	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	INTERESTING
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POOR-QUALITY PHOTOS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	GOOD-QUALITY PHOTOS
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NOT INFORMATIVE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	INFORMATIVE
POOR USE OF TAXPAYER MONEY	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	GOOD USE OF TAXPAYER MONEY

5. *VA Research Currents* has:

- Too many pages
- About the right number of pages
- Not enough pages
- I have no opinion on this question

6. *VA Research Currents* is mailed out every three months. This is:

- Too frequent
- About the right frequency
- Not frequent enough
- I have no opinion on this question

Next, please tell us a little about your background so that we can better serve our readers.

7. Are you a VA staff member?

- Yes
- No

8. Are you a Veteran?

- Yes → Please continue with **Question 8a**
- No → Please skip to **Question 9**

8a. Do you currently belong to a Veterans Service Organization (VSO)? Please select all that apply.

- I do not *currently* belong to any VSO
- American Legion
- AMVETS
- Disabled American Veterans
- Veterans of Foreign Wars
- Vietnam Veterans of America
- Other (please specify) _____

8b. Which branch of the military have you served in (active duty, guard, or reserve)? Please select all that apply.

- Army
- Navy
- Air Force
- Marines
- Coast Guard

8c. How many years in total have you served in the military?

- 1–5
- 6–10
- 11–15
- 16 or more

8d. During which era(s) did you serve? Please check all that apply.

- World War II
- Korean War
- Vietnam War
- Gulf War
- OEF/OIF/OND
- Other

9. Do you work in research?

- Yes, inside VA
- Yes, outside VA
- No, I do not work in research

10. Do you work in the health field?

- Yes, inside VA
- Yes, outside VA
- No, I do not work in the health field

11. What is your gender?

- Male
- Female

12. What is your age?

- Under 18
- 18-35
- 36-54
- 55 or older

13. What is the highest educational level you have attained?

- Less than high school or GED
- High school diploma or GED
- Vocational or other training after high school
- Associate's (2-year) or bachelor's (4-year) degree
- Graduate/advanced degree

14. What is your race? You may select more than one.

- White
- Black or African-American
- Asian
- Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Other

15. Are you of Hispanic or Latino origin or descent?

- Yes, Hispanic or Latino
- No, not Hispanic or Latino

16. What language do you speak most often at home?

- English
- Spanish
- Other (please specify): _____

Finally, we would like to give you an opportunity to tell us your opinion of *VA Research Currents* in your own words, if you wish.

17. What do you like about *VA Research Currents*? _____

18. What do you dislike about *VA Research Currents*? _____

19. Do you have any suggestions to improve *VA Research Currents*? _____

Please seal your completed survey and put it in the mail—the postage has already been paid. You may also give it to a VA staff member and ask him or her to place it in the mail.

Thank you for completing this survey and helping us do a better job of serving Veterans!

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- Biorepository targets ALS, Gulf War illnesses
- Biomedical labs get face lift
- Chaplaincy and mental health
- Vitamin E slows Alzheimer's disease
- Transplanting insulin-producing cells



- The emotional burden of killing in war
- Veterans with spinal cord injury re-enter the workforce
- MVP: Veterans share their reasons for enrolling
- When reintegration goes awry
- Natural supplement put to the test for PTSD



- Hormone findings point to possible TBI therapy
- Study links combat injuries to changes in brain's cortex
- Agent Orange linked to aggressive prostate tumors
- VA-Case Western Reserve team working on simple but elegant solution for preventing pressure ulcers
- Online brain training effective, but more evidence needed



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