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Principal Investigator: [REDACTED]	VAMC: VA Palo Alto HCS

DESCRIPTION: As a VHA provider of addiction and/or mental health services, you are invited to participate in a research study examining the effect of quality improvement strategies on evidence-based psychotherapy and evidence-based pharmacotherapy reach. You will be asked to complete a survey that should take about 10-15 minutes to complete. The survey questions will ask you about how your VHA team makes care coordination and quality improvement decisions.

TIME INVOLVEMENT: Your participation will take approximately 10-15 minutes.

RISKS AND BENEFITS:
The possible risks or discomforts associated with this study are minimal. You may feel uncomfortable answering questions about your experiences as a frontline provider or about your team. **We cannot and do not guarantee or promise that you will receive any benefits from this study.** However, your responses may help to identify best practices for supporting frontline multidisciplinary care teams in delivery of timely, high-quality addiction and mental health care.

PAYMENTS: You will not receive payments for your participation.

PARTICIPANT'S RIGHTS: If you have read this form and have decided to participate in this project, please understand your participation is voluntary and you have the right to withdraw your consent or discontinue participation at any time without penalty or loss of benefits to which you are otherwise entitled. You do not have to participate and you can refuse to answer any question. Even if you begin the survey, you can stop at any time. The alternative is not to participate. You have the right to refuse to answer particular questions. The results of this research study may be presented at scientific or professional meetings or published in scientific journals. Your individual privacy will be maintained in all published and written data resulting from the study.

CONTACT INFORMATION:
Questions: If you have any questions, concerns or complaints about this research, its procedures, risks and benefits, contact the Protocol Director [REDACTED].

Independent Contact: If you are not satisfied with how this study is being conducted, or if you have any concerns, complaints, or general questions about the research or your rights as a participant, please contact the Stanford Institutional Review Board (IRB) to speak to someone independent of the research team at 650-723-2480 or email at IRB2-Manager@lists.stanford.edu or toll free at 1-866-680-2906. You can also write to the Stanford IRB, Stanford University, 1705 El Camino Real, Palo Alto, CA 94306.

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If you agree to participate in this research, please click on the "take the survey" button.

Thank you for your time,
[REDACTED]