Key questions defining research program:

1) How does perceived discrimination (e.g., unfair treatment because of one’s race, gender, or class), on the part of patients, and unconscious bias, on the part of healthcare providers, impact patient health and interactions with the healthcare system?

2) Can health disparities in pain caused, in part, by perceived discrimination be reduced through patient-level interventions designed to increase psychological resiliency?

Key words describing research program:

1) Perceived discrimination
2) Health and healthcare disparities
3) Patient experiences/satisfaction with care
4) Pain management

Titles for shovel-ready research projects:

1) Are there racial or sex differences in perceived discrimination in a diverse sample of Veterans cared for in the Veterans Affairs Healthcare System?

2) Is race-based or sex-based perceived discrimination associated with patient satisfaction, trust, or healthcare utilization in a diverse sample of Veterans cared for in the Veterans Affairs Healthcare System?

3) Is perceived discrimination associated with self-reported pain or psychological well-being in a sample of African American and White Veterans with knee arthritis?

Data sources for shovel-ready research projects:

1) VA-funded Disparities in Satisfaction with Care (DISC) study (PI: Zickmund; Co-I: Hausmann)
2) VA-funded Staying Positive with Arthritis study (PI: Hausmann)