



Center for Visual &  
Neurocognitive Rehabilitation



*The CVNR team celebrated the renewal of grant funding with a special cake.*



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# Special E-news Bulletin

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## CVNR AWARDED MORE THAN \$6.2M

The Center for Visual and Neurocognitive Rehabilitation (CVNR) was recently renewed and awarded \$6,294,500 by the VA Office of Research and Development. The CVNR is one of just 13 VA Rehabilitation Research & Development Centers in the nation. The five-year grant allows CVNR to continue delivering on its mission of improving the quality of life for Veterans who are experiencing visual and neurocognitive deficits.

During strategic planning for this renewal cycle, the Center has developed and supported CVNR investigators across three research themes: restoring eye and brain function with novel rehabilitation methods; optimizing exercise interventions to improve visual and neurocognitive function; and, developing biomarkers for personalized visual and neurocognitive rehabilitation. Over the next five years, we will continue targeted research in these strategic areas.

## MESSAGE FROM CVNR'S INTERIM DIRECTOR JOE NOCERA PhD

The Atlanta VA Rehabilitation Research & Development Center has been serving Veterans for more than 35 years, but our continued advances are not possible without consistent funding and investment. Rising to the challenge and exceeding the high standards for Center renewal is a significant accomplishment that would not have been possible without the support of the Atlanta VA Health Care System Leadership, our Research office, and of course all of you.

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*CVNR's Joe Nocera, Lisa Calas and Machel Pardue (l-r) at the grant renewal celebration.*

## Message continued

To the entire team of researchers and support staff - thank you for your dedication and desire to continuously innovate to improve the health and well-being of Veterans. It's an honor to have the ongoing support of the Atlanta VA's leadership, whose keen understanding of the complexities and application of eye and brain research has been an integral part of CVNR's success. Importantly, our research studies would not have succeeded without all of the Veterans and community participants - we appreciate your support!

Looking to the future, we will continue to engage each of you in opportunities, outreach, and promotion of our scientific endeavors. To learn more about our work, join our registry, or participate in one of our many research studies, please visit our website.

## CVNR MISSION

To develop novel, clinically-relevant rehabilitative approaches based on scientific discoveries that improve the health and quality of life of Veterans with visual or neurocognitive deficits.



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