## **Clinical Research**

PAVIR's mission is "Advancing Veteran and public health through innovative research" and leads us to identifying ways to best support clinical research in addition to the many PAVIR administered outstanding basic research and HSR&D activities at the VA Palo Alto Health Care System (VAPAHCS). Most of the Principal Investigators associated with PAVIR are physician researchers with clinical responsibilities and routine patient contact at VAPAHCS. Therefore, our environment is uniquely positioned to conduct meaningful clinical research benefiting from the outstandingly talented and experienced researchers and access to the veterans who receive their health care at VAPAHCS. Part of the reason we so strongly believe in supporting clinical research is that it offers novel and otherwise unavailable treatment options for one of the highly deserving populations: our veterans.