

Mission

The mission of the Palo Alto Veterans Institute for Research (PAVIR) is to facilitate research and education activities conducted at the VA Palo Alto Health Care System (VAPAHCS). The range of research activities is broad and includes special emphasis on:

- Cardiovascular medicine
- Cancer
- Mental health - including Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)
- Chronic inflammatory disease
- Stem cell/regenerative medicine

Vision

Genomic medicine is a major overarching interest in our pursuit of health improvements for Veterans. We believe that advances in genomics will make personalized medicine a reality. We also support various educational instruction or other learning experiences of benefit to employees and veterans.

Title 38 USC §7361-7366 authorizes VA medical centers to establish nonprofit research and education corporations to accept and administer private and non-VA federal funds in support of VA's research and education missions. The congressional intent in enabling these corporations is to provide VA facilities with a flexible funding mechanism for the conduct of research as well as staff and patient education.

Congress delegated to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs the authority to oversee the operations of the nonprofit corporations affiliated with VA medical centers. This guidance can be found in Veterans Health Administration Handbook 1200.17.

PAVIR was incorporated in the State of California on November 30, 1988 and is a 501(c)(3) tax exempt corporation. PAVIR may exercise all rights and powers conferred on nonprofit public benefit corporations under the laws of the state of California. As provided in the authorizing statute, all funds expended by PAVIR must directly or indirectly support research or educational activities.

PAVIR is governed by its Board of Directors. The Board of Directors has appointed a Chief Executive Officer to develop and implement policy and manage the operations of PAVIR.

For additional information on PAVIR, please visit [PAVIR.org](https://pavir.org).