



**Job Opportunity: Health Services Research Investigator with an interest in Decision-Making Sciences**

Houston Center for Quality of Care and Utilization Studies  
Veterans Affairs Medical Center and Baylor College of Medicine  
Houston, Texas

**Overview:**

The Houston Center for Quality of Care and Utilization Studies (HCQCUS) consists of the Veterans Affairs Health Services Research and Development Centers of Excellence (one of 13 nationwide), and the Baylor College of Medicine Section of Health Services Research. Over the last 12 years, the HCQCUS has grown into a research powerhouse, continuing its mission of impacting health and health care by conducting and translating outstanding research and by developing influential leaders in health outcomes, quality, access, utilization, and costs. The Houston Center supports 32 independent investigators with expertise in statistics, measurement, psychology, epidemiology, medical ethics, health economics, and sociology who work together on multidisciplinary teams to ultimately improve the quality and efficiency of patient care.

**Job Description:** This position involves independent methodological research and collaborative work in Health Decision Making and Decision Sciences. HCQCUS has currently identified four major areas of research interest, which include Health Decision-Making, Chronic Care Models, Implementation and Diffusion of Research Findings, and Health Disparities. These areas, each led by an Associate Director, reflect our scientific goal of achieving excellence in research to improve the quality of health care delivery. The incumbent will be expected to assist in the development of Health Decision Making research agenda and also collaborate with researchers in the other three areas. No formal teaching is required in this position

**Qualifications:** Individuals should hold a medical or doctorate degree, and have prior Health Services Research training and experience, with proven track record as evidenced by publications and ability to acquire grant funding. Candidates should have a research agenda relevant to the field of Health Decision-Making.

**Other:** Individuals from minority groups are encouraged to apply. Positions may be partly funded by minority supplement grants that require potential candidates to be:

- (i) Of minority status as recognized by NIH guidelines; and
- (ii) Be citizens or non-citizen residents of the United States.

**Salary and Benefits:**

The positions offer highly competitive salary and excellent benefits. An academic appointment at Baylor College of Medicine will be considered subject to qualifications, expertise and career goals.

**Target Start Date:** April 15th, 2004.

**How to Apply:** Interested applicants should e-mail or fax Cover letter, Curriculum Vitae, and three (3) reference letters to Tamara Lavin. E-mail: [tlavin@bcm.tmc.edu](mailto:tlavin@bcm.tmc.edu) Fax: 713-748-7359. Center for Quality of Care and Utilization Studies, VAMC (152) Research, 2002 Holcombe Blvd., Houston, TX 77030.