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### **VA Research Awarded DoD Contract for Amputation Care Study**

PROVIDENCE, R.I. – A research scientist at the Providence VA Medical Center was awarded a three-year contract by the Department of Defense Friday, Sept. 23, to study the care of Veterans and service members with upper-limb amputations.

“This study will be the largest, most comprehensive, study of Veterans and service members with upper-limb amputation,” said Dr. Linda J. Resnik, the principal investigator for the study, who is also a professor of research at the Department of Health Services, Policy and Practice at Brown University. “Findings will be used to improve quality of care, and inform evidence based policies for device prescription and provision of rehabilitation services.”

The nearly \$2.5 million contract, awarded by DOD’s Orthotics and Prosthetics Outcomes Research Program to the Ocean State Research Institute Inc., the non-profit arm of the Providence VAMC, will provide data to assess the quality of amputation care in VA and the DOD, and the impact of their new evidence based clinical practice guidelines for the rehabilitation of people with upper limb amputation over a one-year follow-up period.

A cross-agency collaboration, the study will include participation by the University of Massachusetts Medical School; University of South Florida; Henry M. Jackson Foundation for the Advancement of Military Medicine Inc. at the Center for the Intrepid at Brooke Army Medical Center; Tampa VA Research and Education Foundation at the James A. Haley VA Medical Center; North Florida Foundation for Research and Education at the Malcom Randall VA Medical Center; McGuire Research Institute at Hunter Holmes McGuire VA Medical Center; and the Seattle Institute for Biomedical and Clinical Research at VA Puget Sound Health Care System.

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**Dr. Linda J. Resnik, research scientist at the Providence VA Medical Center; research professor at the Department of Health Services, Policy and Practice at Brown University; and the principal investigator for a three-year contract awarded by the Department of Defense Sept. 23, 2016, to study the care of Veterans and service members with upper-limb amputations. (Photo courtesy of Dr. Linda Resnik)**

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