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| Primary Research Interest: | Anesthesiology  |
| Description of Research:   | Evaluation of the role of mental health disorders such as PTSD and their treatment in the development of postoperative delirium.  |
| Relevance to VA:           | Post operative delirium can lead to adverse outcomes such as longer lengths of stay and increased morbidity and mortality. To date, only limited studies have evaluated the role of mental health disorders such as PTSD in the development of postoperative delirium. Understanding the role these disorders may play and optimizing treatment of these conditions may lead to a decrease in the occurrence of postoperative delirium. |