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Dr. Kiratli is a Research Health Scientist and Director of the Spinal Cord Injury Clinical Research Program with 30+ years of experience conducting research on clinical issues of persons with SCI. Dr Kiratli's funded research has included projects on musculoskeletal and cardiometabolic conditions, including bone and body composition; nutrition, activity, and exercise interventions; and cardiovascular risk - with a focus on extending therapies into the home to facilitate wellness. She is an integral member of the Spinal Cord Injury and Disorders (SCI/D) Leadership Council; this role provides her with a perspective of gaps in current clinical practice as well as an appreciation for tangible, realistic solutions. She has also been a member of the VA Central IRB since its inception in 2007 to provide oversight on human subjects research conducted as multi-site projects across the VA System. Dr Kiratli is the Director of the VA Advanced Fellowship Program in SCI Research and Associate Research Director for the SCI Medicine Clinical Fellowship Program. As such, she is dedicated to mentoring junior investigators and fostering partnerships with Veterans and other stakeholders and colleagues with the objective to conduct translatable research that can be implemented into best practice.