Why choose VA San Diego Healthcare System for your health care?

VA San Diego Healthcare System provides the highest quality care with staff that are committed to excellence in health care, customer service and patient safety. Listed below are some of our accomplishments:

1. VASDHS is accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) 2001 - 2004, and the Commission for Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF); Spinal Cord Injury, Medical Rehabilitation, Wellness and Vocational Rehabilitation Enhancement and Homeless programs.

2. Committed to customer service
VA San Diego has some of the top scores nationally for patient satisfaction for inpatient and outpatient care.

3. Committed to serving veterans
We provide specialized care to meet the needs of veterans including care for post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), screening for Gulf War Syndrome and Agent Orange exposure, prosthetics, support groups for Ex-POWs, outreach programs for homeless veterans including Stand Down.

4. Leader in patient safety initiatives

5. The Spinal Cord Injury Center was awarded the distinction of Clinical Program of Excellence.

6. The medical center diabetes care team received American Diabetes Association (ADA) certification in diabetes education.

7. Continued implementation of advanced technologies to provide modern, quality health care.

8. Patients directly benefit from the extensive research program at VA San Diego Healthcare System - one of the largest research programs within the VA nationally.
VA Health Care Enrollment

Enrollment is easy. Come in and enroll at our medical center in La Jolla or clinics in Mission Valley, Chula Vista, or Vista. For more information about enrollment:

- Call our Enrollment Office at (858) 552-7523
- Visit the eligibility page on the VA website at www.va.gov/elig

To apply for VA health care, complete the 1010EZ form and bring a copy of your discharge papers (DD214) to the medical center or clinic when you come to enroll. For your convenience, we can schedule an appointment for you to complete your enrollment with our staff. Just call (858) 552-7523 to schedule an appointment.

After you enroll, you will be able to schedule an appointment at the medical center or clinic of your choice.

VA Health Care Eligibility

- Honorable Discharge
- Served in Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, Commissioned Officer of the Public Health Services, Environmental Services Administration, National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration of Merchant Marines (WWII).

For enrollment information, call: (858) 552-7523 Monday-Friday

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The VA San Diego Healthcare System (VASHDS) provides a wide range of inpatient and outpatient health services at the medical center in La Jolla, and at five community clinics located in Chula Vista, Escondido, Imperial Valley, Mission Valley, and Vista. We provide medical, surgical, mental health, geriatric, spinal cord injury, and advanced rehabilitation services. VASHDS has 238 hospital beds, including skilled nursing beds, and operates several regional referral programs including cardiovascular surgery, and spinal cord injury. We are affiliated with the University of California, San Diego School of Medicine and provide training for 487 medical interns, residents and fellows, as well as 64 other teaching affiliations for nursing, pharmacy, dental and dietetics. VASHDS has one of the largest research programs in the VA nationally with a budget of $52.4 million (FY 2003), 212 principal investigators, and more than 889 projects.

VASDHS Services

- Alcohol/Drug Treatment Center
- Ambulatory Care
- Audiology & Speech Pathology
- Cardiac Care
- Critical Care
- CT Scanner
- Dental Services
- Dermatology
- Diabetes Care Clinic
- Extended Care Center
- Geriatrics
- Gulf War Health Screening
- Hemodialysis Center
- Healthcare for Homeless Veterans
- HIV/AIDS Treatment (Special Infectious Disease Program)
- Home-Based Primary Care
- Magnetic Resonance Imaging
- Mammography
- Neurology
- Nuclear Medicine
- Nutrition Counseling
- Oncology
- PET Scanner
- Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Clinic
- POW-MIA Program
- Prosthetic Treatment Center
- Psychiatry
- Psychology
- Rehabilitation Medicine
- Research
- Sexual Trauma Counseling
- Spinal Cord Injury Unit
- Surgery
- Ultrasound
- Visual Impairment Services
- Women's Clinic