Women Veterans Health Care in San Diego

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Women Don’t Identify Themselves as Veterans

“We don’t know if it’s because they had different roles, because they felt like they didn’t do the same thing as some of our male Veterans ... whatever it is, they are still not self-identifying.”

General Allison Hickey
VA Under Secretary for Benefits
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What is our Mission?

• Addresses the health care needs of women Veterans
• Works to ensure that timely, equitable, high-quality, comprehensive health care services are provided in a sensitive and safe environment at VA health facilities nationwide.
• We strive to be a national leader in the provision of health care for women, thereby raising the standard of care for all women.
All eligible women Veterans requesting VA care are assured of:

- Comprehensive primary care by a proficient and interested primary care provider
- Privacy, safety, dignity, and sensitivity to gender-specific needs
- The right care in the right place and time
- State-of-the-art health care equipment and technology
- High-quality preventive and clinical care, equal to that provided to male Veterans
Role of the Women Veteran Program Manager:

• Required full-time in every health care system
• Advocate for improved women's health services
• Leader of facility women's program
• Resource for women Veterans in the community
What Can We Do for You?

Services offered at VA San Diego:

• Comprehensive Primary Care
• Mammography
• Gynecology
• Bone Density
• Same Day Mental Health Assessments
• Military Sexual Trauma Counseling
Services offered through Non-VA Care
External Services

- Obstetrical care (via Naval Medical Center San Diego or other local community hospitals via Choice program)
- Gynecologic Cancer Care
- Uro-gynecologic Care
- Radiation Treatment
- Eating Disorders
- Chiropractic Care
VA San Diego Female Patients

**Female Enrollment**
- FY11  7,927
- FY12  8,930
- FY13  9,086
- FY14  12,443
- FY15  12,496
- FY16  13,194

**Assigned to Women’s Health Primary Care Providers**
- FY11  1,925
- FY12  3,568
- FY13  4,202
- FY14  5,336
- FY15  5,576
- FY16  7,157

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VA San Diego Female Patients

OEF/OIF/OND Female Veterans

- FY10  1,633
- FY11  1,981
- FY12  2,190
- FY13  2,465
- FY14  2,497
- FY15  2,385
- FY16  1,631
VA San Diego Female Patients

Gynecology consult totals (per year)
- FY10: 600
- FY11: 761
- FY12: 898
- FY13: 532
- FY14: 1218
- FY15: 1296
- FY16: 1163

Obstetrical/newborn consult totals (per year)
- FY10 161 (community)
- FY11 126 (Naval Medical Center-NMCSD)
- FY12 170 (NMCSD)
- FY13 171 (NMCSD); 71 community
- FY14 158 (NMCSD); 18 community
- FY15 178 (NMCSD)
- FY16 84 (NMCSD); 70 community
Maternity Care Program

- VA San Diego Healthcare System has the highest number of pregnant maternity patients in our region
- First time Moms
- Single income family
- Single parents
- Lack of family or social support
Infant Car Seat Program

- “Born” in August 2014
- Provide a free infant car seat to pregnant women Veterans who are receiving their maternity care through the VA San Diego Healthcare System
- **113 car seats** provided to date, averaging 8 applications per month!
- CVS Health has generously donated over **$5,000** to fund the program
Infant Car Seat Program
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