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# **Tampa Polytrauma Rehabilitation Center – Additional Rehabilitation Programs**

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## **AMPUTEE PROGRAM**

The Amputee Program at the Tampa Polytrauma Rehabilitation Center is designed to help veterans who have lost one or more limbs due to trauma, infection and or disease. Treatment plans are customized for each patient's rehabilitation and prosthetic needs. Our goal is to maximize each client's independence, mobility, and quality of life. An Amputee Clinic is available for patients with problems related to their residual limbs and pain. Tampa's Amputee Clinic team has been trained in the latest prosthetic technologies. We continually educate all Team Members in new techniques and practices.

### **Referral Information**

For Inpatient care, or clinic care please contact Jim Switzer at (813) 972-2000 Ext. 4576.  
To contact the Amputee Clinic, please contact Laura Manore at (813) 972-2000, Ext. 7688.

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## **CHRONIC PAIN REHABILITATION PROGRAM**

The Chronic Pain Rehabilitation Program (CPRP) in Tampa, Florida, has been the VA's leading chronic pain treatment center for over a decade and it remains the sole CARF-accredited pain center in the VA healthcare system. Since its inception in 1988, the program staff has treated over 20,000 World War II, Korean, Vietnam, Gulf War, and Afghanistan/Iraq era veterans and active duty personnel with chronic pain.

For more information on Chronic Pain Rehabilitation Program visit [www.VAChronicPain.org](http://www.VAChronicPain.org). You can also view the [Pain Program Brochure](#) online.

### **Admission and Referral Information**

To be eligible for referral, patients must have chronic pain, be medically and psychiatrically stable, and not be involved in an ongoing lawsuit related to their pain (NOTE: this does not include either the service connection or disability application process). A work-up should be complete prior to referral for the pain program.

For admission and referral information, please contact Susan Hagan (ARNP-C) at (813) 613-4024.

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## **SPINAL CORD INJURY AND DISORDERS**

Our Spinal Cord Injury (SCI) Program provides outpatient, inpatient, and homecare services. The SCI Rehab Team is made up of physicians and therapists from many different disciplines to provide a unique rehabilitation approach. We also provide ventilator weaning and rehabilitation. Our team works closely with the patient and his/her family to design a plan that will meet their needs. Team meetings, training, and support groups aid in the treatment plan. All staff members strive to help the patient remain active in the community.

For over 20 years, our facility has been recognized as a national leader in treating spinal cord injuries. We provide a state-of-the-art, 70-bed, lift-free building for our physicians and patients.

### **Admission and Referral Information**

To be eligible for treatment, the patient must have bowel, bladder, or gait problems. These problems must be related to a spinal cord injury or disorder, such as multiple sclerosis.

Referrals are made by consult or phone. Inpatient transfers from other hospitals are made through the VA Transfer Clerk, available at (813) 972-7614.

For more information about the SCI program, please contact the SCI Administrative Assistant at (813) 972-2000, Ext. 6399.

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## **BLAST INJURY OUTPATIENT PROGRAM**

In our Blast Injury Outpatient Program, an interdisciplinary team evaluates and manages the care of individuals who have experienced an explosion and been close enough to see or feel the blast wave. Our goals are to:

- provide post-acute medical assessments for patients injured by blasts,
- provide medical, rehabilitation, and psychological treatment services, as required, and
- monitor short and long-term outcomes for our patients.

To learn more, please read our [Blast Injury Brochure](#).

### **Admission and Referral Information**

For admission and referral information, please contact our Blast Injury Program Coordinator, Lisa Perla (MS, ARNP), at (813) 972-2000, Ext. 4525 or Toll-Free at (866) 802-5278. Patients already in the VA system can request a referral from their primary care physician.

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## **VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION**

In the Vocational Rehabilitation Service, our mission is to assist our clients in their efforts to achieve meaningful life activity. This program helps coordinate functional assessments and functional capacity evaluations for veterans in need of those services. We work closely with families to:

- provide education about VA Benefits,
- identify community based resources, and
- provide linkage with the Regional Office Representative who can assist with the application for VA benefits and answer questions related to those Benefits.

### **Admission and Referral Information**

Patients must be identified as eligible by the eligibility unit and have an expressed interest in addressing occupational education or independent living needs. For more information, please contact our Vocational Rehabilitation Supervisor, James MacAulay, at (813) 972-2000, Ext. 7830.

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