



CHIROPRACTIC SERVICES

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VETERANS SERVED

VA chiropractic care is associated with decreased use of prescription opioid medications in Veterans. VA chiropractic services are used by Veterans across the continuum of care, yet there is particular value in populations with a high prevalence of musculoskeletal conditions such as Women Veterans, older adults, and Post 9/11 Veterans.

SERVICES

VA DCs provide diagnosis and management consistent with both VA and external evidence-based guidelines. Treatment options include active rehabilitation, spinal manipulation and other manual therapies, and patient education and empowerment. VA DCs may also provide other novel nonpharmacologic options for Veteran care.

TRENDS

Since late 2004, VA has established over 200 chiropractic clinics staffed by over 400 DCs, and over 500,000 individual Veterans have received on-station chiropractic care. VA continues to assess and modify its delivery of chiropractic services to meet Veteran demand and optimize outcomes.

CLINICS

VA provides chiropractic services on-site at multiple VA facilities in each VISN. VA facilities that do not have on-site chiropractic clinics provide these services via the Community Care Network. To search for facilities with on-station chiropractic clinics see: <https://www.accesstocare.va.gov/ourproviders/>