



Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation Service



AMPUTATION SPECIALTY PROGRAM (ASP)

Outcomes and Patient Satisfaction

The ASP is part of the Comprehensive Integrated Inpatient Rehabilitation Program and is accredited by the Joint Commission (TJC), and the Commission of Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF).

- In 2014, we treated 27 veterans with amputations with an average length of stay of 17 days.
- Our amputee patients achieved functional gains similar or higher than those in other VA facilities, or the private sector.
- 70% of our patients were able to safely return home and their communities.
- 80% of program participants and their families rated the services as **Excellent**.
- 99% would recommend our Program to other Veterans.

Source: Uniform Data System for Medical Rehabilitation, Standard Report, 2014/ Satisfaction Survey (USPEQ) 2014



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Scope of Services

Our Amputation Specialty Program is an integral component of the Comprehensive Integrated Inpatient Rehabilitation Program (CIIRP). The program provides interventions to address the needs of the person served throughout the continuum of care by:

- Preventing, recognizing, assessing, and treating conditions related to limb loss and its complications, including ulcers, and injury.
- Identifying and reducing the risk factors for further amputation.
- Facilitating functional independence and performance.
- Identifying and meeting the need for prosthetic care.
- Facilitating psychological and social coping and adaptation skills.
- Facilitating community integration and participation in life roles.
- Providing services for families/ support systems, including family conferences, education, peer visits, and support groups.

Admission & Discharge criteria are the same as for the general rehabilitation (CIIRP) program.

In addition to **all the services available upon admission to CIIRP**, the ASP includes strategies to address but are not limited to:

- cardiovascular health
- depression
- diabetes management
- identification and utilization of specialized equipment/technology
- infection prevention and control
- life role functioning
- lifestyle
- nutrition counseling
- pain management
- preventive foot care and limb care
- pulmonary capacity
- recreation/leisure and other activities
- residual limb management
- skin integrity
- smoking cessation
- vocational choice
- weight control
- wellness
- adjustment to limb loss

CONTINUUM OF CARE

Generally, persons with amputations go through several rehabilitation phases. These are:

- Pre-operative
- Acute Postoperative
- Pre-Prosthetic
- Prosthetic Training
- Long Term Follow up

Our ASP provides services in 2 of these phases:

- Pre-Prosthetics
- Prosthetic Training

The **ASP** works in close collaboration with the Preservation of Amputation Care and Treatment (PACT), and the Amputation System of Care at the VACHS Polytrauma Network Site (PANS). By merging these three VA initiatives, services are provided throughout the continuum of care, ensuring lifetime follow up management.

The PANS Coordinator and PACT coordinator work in partnership with the CIIRP/ASP Case Manager to achieve the integration of care and appropriate individualized follow up after discharge from acute inpatient rehabilitation.

During their stay, person served receive weekly rounds by specialized health care providers from PACT and PANS. This includes Prosthetist visit. Also, they may receive Peer Visits, and/or Caregiver Peer Visits with the purpose of facilitating coping, social adaptation and community re-integration.

After discharge, patients are scheduled for follow up in our PMR Amputation Clinics and High Risk Foot Clinic.

EDUCATION

Within the **ASP** patients receive comprehensive Post-Amputation Rehabilitation Education.

This includes a variety of topics for the patient and family/support system.

To our Stakeholders:

For complete information regarding our Scope of Services, request a copy of our *CIIRP Operations and Planning Service Memorandum* or Access our SharePoint site in the VA Intranet.

To our Potential Patients:

For additional information you may Access our Orientation Manual in our Website at:

<http://www.caribbean.va.gov/>

For a complete and recent

Outcomes Report

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