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# VA Health Care System

- Established as a Federal Agency – July 21, 1930
  - Veterans Health Administration (VHA)
  - Veterans Benefits Administration
  - National Cemetery Administration
- Employs 340,000 employees
- Largest Health Care System in the US
- Serves 9.4 million Veterans
- Largest age group served – 65 years and older
- FY 15 Annual budget - \$68.3 billion
- 151 VA Hospitals



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# VA Health Care System: Research and Development

Total annual FY 15 budget: \$588 million; FY 16 proposed budget: \$621 million

- Main Research Services
  - Biomedical Laboratory Research
    - Clinical Science
    - Health Services
    - Rehabilitation
  - VA Research Priorities
    - Mental Health: PTSD, Depression, Anxiety, Substance abuse, Suicide
    - TBI/Neurotrauma/Polytrauma
    - Neurodegenerative Diseases: AD, Parkinson's disease
    - Geriatrics Research: Stroke, Heart failure, Palliative care
    - Models of care, Health Quality
    - Telemedicine and Health Technology
    - Genomics Research: Million Veterans Program (MVP)
    - Comparative Effectiveness Research



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# VA Research & Development Program

## VA Centers of Excellence

- Geriatric Research, Education and Clinical Centers
- Mental Health Research Centers (MIRECCs)
- Epilepsy Centers of Excellence
- Parkinson's Disease Research Education and Clinical Centers (PADRECCs)
- Rehabilitative Research and Development Centers of Excellence
- Epidemiology Research, Education and Clinical Centers (EIRECCs)
- DOD CoE
  - Psychological Health & TBI Centers of Excellence
  - Vision Centers of Excellence
  - Extremity Trauma and Amputation Centers of Excellence
  - Defense Hearing Centers of Excellence