

The Phoenix VA Health Care System offers high quality health care services to our nation's Veterans. We are classified as a referral 1b facility, and offer both inpatient and outpatient services. We have 129 Inpatient Medical-Surgical beds, 104 Community Living Center beds, 48 Mental Health beds, and 20 beds in the community for Substance Abuse and Alcohol Treatment Programs.

We are a teaching hospital that supports resident training in medicine, surgery, psychiatry and radiology as well as nursing students, social work students, dietary students and other allied health trainees. Since learning and patient care are intertwined, teaching hospitals often provide better medical care. We have more than 191 teaching agreements and affiliations with 151 academic institutions. Each year, more than 700 physicians, nurse and health care professionals receive training at the Phoenix VA Health Care System.

### **Numerous Accreditations**

The Phoenix VA Health Care System is accredited by numerous external organizations, the most significant being the Joint Commission. Other accrediting agencies include: Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education, American College of Surgeons-Commission on Cancer, American Dental Association, College of American Pathologists, Federal Drug Administration, American Psychological Association, Arizona Affiliate of the American Heart Association, American Association of Blood Banks, the Commission on Cancer, the American College of Radiology and the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities.

It is through the commitment to serve our Veterans, with the most technologically advanced methods, that we have attracted the finest health care professionals. Partnerships, with the University Of Arizona College Of Medicine, the Arizona State University School of Medicine and other teaching institutions enhance our ability to attract exceptional candidates.

As a VA network of medical centers in Veterans Integrated Service Network 18, we offer special needs services to patients via Albuquerque VA Medical Center's Magnetic Source Imaging Center for highly specialized neurosurgery and their Spinal Cord Injury center for rehabilitation. We can also refer them to the Tucson VA for Blind Rehabilitation.

### **Speakers Bureau**

With more than 300,000 Veterans in Maricopa County and health care services for more than 75,000 Veterans, the Phoenix VA Health Care System understands it is a vital part of the Phoenix community. We are happy to share our health experts with you for speaking engagements after work or on the weekends.

If you would like a speaker from our Speakers Bureau, please contact VA Public Affairs Officer Paula L. Pedene APR at (602) 222-2667 for more information.

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