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THIRD QUARTER 2017

COLUMBARIUM EXPANSION PROJECT

VA released a Request for Proposal (RFP) May 2017, seeking competitive responses from qualified organizations interested in constructing the new Columbarium on the VA West Los Angeles Medical Center campus. Proposals were due late June with an award tentatively set for late August. Construction is anticipated to begin late-Summer 2017. The Columbarium Expansion is a nine phase project with each phase adding an additional 10,000 gravesites for a total of 90,000. The estimated start date is Oct 2017 with a completion time of 354 days from the start date.

A LOOK AT SPINAL MANIPULATION FOR ACUTE LOW BACK PAIN

Spinal manipulation, also called spinal manipulative therapy, is a manual therapy that involves manipulating or moving the joints of the back to relieve pain, reduce inflammation and improve nerve function. A recent VA Spinal Manipulation Study by Dr. Paul Shekelle of the VA West Los Angeles Medical Center and the Rand Corp, sought to resolve the discrepancies related to use of spinal manipulative therapy and update previous estimates on its effectiveness in patients with acute low back pain. Data from the study showed that spinal manipulative therapy was modestly more effective than comparison treatments in improving pain and function, on average about as effective as taking non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs such as ibuprofen or naproxen. There was not enough data to determine whether it was the best available therapy, or whether spinal manipulative therapy provided added benefits to other standard therapies. The full study is available online at The Journal of the American Medical Association. <https://nccih.nih.gov/health/pain/spinemanipulation.htm>

ACCESS TO CARE

Over 3000 Veterans and family members attended Open House events in April and May at Community Based Outpatient Clinics in Bakersfield, Los Angeles, Santa Maria, Lancaster, East Los Angeles, Oxnard and Sepulveda. The event was promoted as an easy one-stop shop for Veterans and their families to learn about healthcare benefits, VA specialty programs, local job opportunities and healthcare enrollment. Nearly 140 Veterans were vested or newly enrolled into VA health care system. This marks the first year Open House events were hosted at Lancaster, Oxnard and East LA.

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QUICKSTATS & map



WORKFORCE

Total Employees: 5,445
Employees That Are Veterans: 1,446

- Vietnam Era Veteran: 317
- Pre-Vietnam Era Veteran: 11
- Post-Vietnam Era Veteran: 1,070
- Not Vietnam Era Veteran: 48



Total Outpatient Visits: 1,396,197

OPERATIONAL BEDS

- Total Operational Beds: 1,049
- Hospital Operating Beds: 316
- Skilled Nursing Home Beds: 372
- Domiciliary Beds: 296
- Compensated Work Therapy (CWT): 65

- Female Veterans: 6211
- Unique Veterans: 88,137



VOLUNTEERING

- Volunteers: 2008
- Volunteer hours: 206,691
- Donations: \$2,092,238.41



RESEARCH

- Total funding: \$36,269,246
- Research articles published: 94



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