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Dallas VA Research Corporation receives grant to benefit Veterans with spinal cord injuries

DALLAS – The Dallas VA Research Corporation, in conjunction with VA North Texas Health Care System’s Spinal Cord Injury Service, received a Craig H. Neilsen Foundation Quality of Life Grant to establish a clinical video telehealth (CVT) program for Veterans with spinal cord injuries.

The \$42,500 Quality of Life grant will fund a project that assesses the effectiveness of CVT to home whole-health education. Among the first in the nation to address the specific physical, mental and emotional health needs pertinent to Veterans with spinal cord injuries, this grant supports purchase of 50 high-definition cameras for use with Smart Board technology.

Each Veteran who participates in the program can receive a camera allowing them to interact with facilitators on site and other Veterans in the program.

“To deliver Whole Health, VA is applying the Elements of Patient Centered Care,” said Jeffery Milligan, Director of VA North Texas Health Care System. “That model starts with an exploration of what matters most to Veterans, and partners with them to achieve their best possible health.”

Participants will also receive wellness kits for their individual health and self-care needs.

“The model places the Veteran at the center of his or her health and embraces self-care as well as professional care, all in the context of the Veteran’s community,” said Dr. I. Manosha Wickremasinghe, Dallas VA Chief of Spinal Cord Injury.

VA North Texas Health Care System serves more than 119,000 patients each year, delivering more than 1.4 million outpatient visits to Veterans in 38 North Texas counties and two counties in southern Oklahoma.

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