

# VETERANS UPDATE

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## VA LAUNCHES ONLINE PTSD TOOL



The Department of Veterans Affairs launched a new online tool in June that will help Veterans compare various treatment options for post-traumatic stress disorder.

The PTSD Treatment Decision Aid, located at [www.ptsd.va.gov/apps/decisionaid](http://www.ptsd.va.gov/apps/decisionaid), is a free, interactive online tool that helps educate patients about effective treatment options for PTSD and encourages them to participate actively in de-

cisions about their care.

"By helping to bridge understanding and communication between Veterans and providers about the most effective treatment options available, we are ensuring Veterans receive the treatments that best promote their healing and recovery," said VA Secretary Dr. David J. Shulkin.

To learn more about PTSD, visit the National Center for PTSD website at [www.ptsd.va.gov](http://www.ptsd.va.gov).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**July 6, 10 a.m., Grand Opening - Integrative Health & Wellness Center**, room 243C, second floor, main hospital building. A new center providing alternative therapies and wellness services to enhance Veteran health and wellbeing.

**July 14, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., HIV/HEP C Information Luncheon and Clinic**, Homeless Patient-Aligned Care Team Clinic. Presented with Operation Stand Down Rhode Island.

**August 2, 5:30 - 7 p.m., VBA and VAMC Joint Veteran Town Hall**, 5th floor auditorium, main hospital building. Get an update, meet with leadership and ask questions.

## MAKE YOUR DREAM HOME A REALITY WITH A VA HOME LOAN

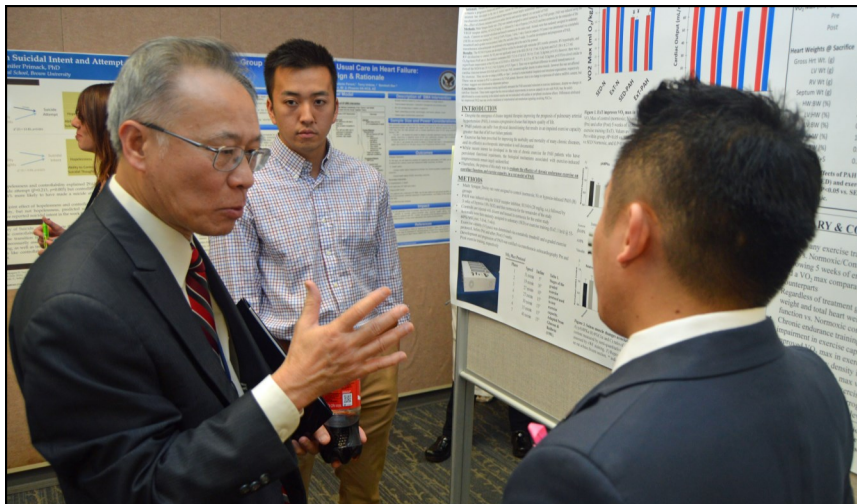
Make your dream of owning a home a reality with U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs home loan benefits.

Most loans require you to put a certain percentage down, but with a VA home loan, your service is your down payment.

To learn more and apply online, visit <https://explore.va.gov/home-loans-and-housing>, or stop by the Veterans Benefits Administration satellite office in the Providence VA Medical Center, room D146, which is just down the hall from the coffee shop, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.



# CELEBRATING PVAMC RESEARCH



Dr. Alex Chiu, senior program manager with the VA Office of Research and Development, left, discusses the Exercise Training in Pulmonary Hypertension research project with researchers Richard Kue and Alexander Vang, right, during Research Day at the Providence VA Medical Center Friday, May 19, 2017. (Providence VA Medical Center photo by Winfield Danielson)

The Providence VA Medical Center highlighted medical advancements and VA research during Research Day Friday, May 19. The event was part of the Department of Veterans Affairs' celebration of National VA Research Week.

This year's theme for Research Week was "VA Research -- Bridging the Gap," which underscored the history of VA research accomplishments that have improved Veterans' lives and advanced American medicine.

Research Day at the Providence VAMC featured guest speakers, including keynote speaker Dr. Sharon Rounds, pulmonary/critical care physician, director of the VA Endothelial Injury and Repair: Cardiopulmonary Vascular Biology Center of Biomedical Research Excellence at the Providence VAMC, and professor of Medicine and of Laboratory and Pathology Medicine at Brown University. There were also poster presentations highlighting many of the more than 240 research projects at

the Providence VAMC.

"The innovations VA researchers develop advance health care not only for Veterans, but for all Americans," said Dr. Susan MacKenzie, director of the Providence VAMC. "The future of medicine is determined by the research we do today, and we are proud of the VA researchers, staff and Veteran research volunteers who will ensure



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that future Veterans continue to receive the excellence of care they have earned through their service and sacrifice."



Dr. Susan MacKenzie, director of the Providence VA Medical Center, left, presents Dr. Sharon Rounds, pulmonary/critical care physician, and director of the VA Endothelial Injury and Repair: Cardiopulmonary Vascular Biology Center of Biomedical Research Excellence at the Providence VAMC, with a certificate from Congressman David Cicilline during Research Day, May 19, 2017, recognizing Dr. Rounds for receiving the 2017 Trudeau Award from American Thoracic Society. The award recognizes lifetime achievement in the prevention and treatment of lung disease. (Providence VA Medical Center photo by Winfield Danielson)