"The Women's program has been my lifeline. It offers me support, tough love and the best health care possible."
Woman Veteran (California)

"The WVPM thoroughly discusses everything with me - she listens to me and answers my questions."
Woman Veteran (Kansas)

"I can make appointments in the Women's Health Clinic and if I need other appointments they help me do that."
Woman Veteran (Ohio)

A place to meet the needs of women veterans is as close as the nearest VA Medical Center

For additional information:
Call: 1-800-827-1000
Log on to: www.va.gov/wvhp

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Women Veterans Health Program

A Promise Kept

The Women Veterans Health Program will promote the health, welfare and dignity of women veterans, and their families, by ensuring equitable access to timely, sensitive, quality health care

WOMEN VETERANS HEALTH PROGRAM

WOMEN VETERANS

The number and percentage of women in military service has grown and the number of women veterans has grown accordingly. Many of the women who have served our country don't know they're entitled to VA benefits and health care and are not sure about how to access these benefits and services.

For two hundred years, women have made tremendous sacrifices and overcome enormous odds to serve their country bravely, and then they've quietly gone home, but things are starting to change.

THE WOMEN VETERANS HEALTH PROGRAM

The VA Women Veterans Health Program has been in existence since 1985. The Veterans Health Care Act of 1992 enabled VA to dramatically improve its programs for women veterans, establishing state-of-the-art facilities and programs that focus on Women's health, creating an environment that is warm, comfortable and private. The Women Veterans Health Program provides a full range of medical and mental health care services, including:

- Primary Care
- Gynecology Services
- Patient Education
- Reproductive Health Care, Maternity Care, HIV Testing and Infertility Evaluation
- Preventive Health Screening including Breast Cancer, Cervical Cancer and Osteoporosis
- Screening, Counseling and Treatment for Sexual Trauma, Substance Abuse, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and Domestic Violence
- Vocational Rehabilitation
- Homeless Programs
- Research

WOMEN VETERANS HEALTH CARE TEAM

Every VA Medical Center has a Women Veterans Program Manager (WVPM), who helps women understand their benefits and coordinates their care. The WVPM assists women veterans in:

- Establishing their eligibility
- Understanding their benefits
- Obtaining their health care in the VA system

The Women Veterans Program Manager is most often a clinician (nurse, social worker, psychologist) who works as an advocate to assist women veterans.

The Women Veterans Program Manager's focus is on:

- Quality customer service
- Improving the public image of the VA and women veterans
- Targeted outreach to women veterans
- Expansion of appropriate women's health care services
- Educating VA health care providers and students
- Case management for high-risk women veterans
- Monitoring clinical trends and outcomes