

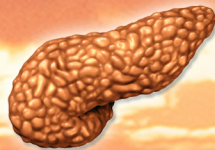
Service-connected Vets' use of VHA care

VA researchers examined the records of 4,029,672 Veterans who had an active award status for service-connected conditions in October 2016.

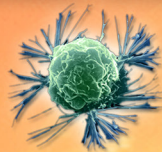
52% of those with service-connected conditions used VHA health care.



More than **65%** of those with major depression, PTSD, Agent Orange exposure, or diabetes used VHA care.



76% of those with a 100% disability rating used VHA care.



Almost **33%** of users of VHA care were compensated for PTSD.

Conclusion: "Veterans with service-connected conditions, particularly those with diabetes or mental illness such as depression or PTSD, depend heavily upon VHA for health care, including mental health services."

Source: ["The Burden of Mental Illness Among Veterans: Use of VHA Health Care Services by Those With Service-connected Conditions,"](#) *Medical Care*, November 2017. Infographic by VA Research Communications, November 2017. Photos © iStock