

TBI/Polytrauma Team Defined

Physiatrist– a physician who is a rehabilitation specialist.

Physical Therapist– treats musculoskeletal issues that effect mobility and/or cause pain.

Occupational Therapist– works to improve participation in purposeful activities that occupy your day.

Speech Pathologist - evaluates and treats communication and cognitive deficits and dysphasia.

Recreational Therapist– provides active therapy and/or meaningful therapeutic activities to maintain or improve functional independence and life quality.

Rehab-Neuropsychologist-provides differential diagnosis of cognitive versus emotional difficulties that may be related to TBI or other issues, provides treatment and recommendations for adaptive issues related to TBI if indicated.

MA- masters level psychologist that provides psychometric testing for neuropsychological evaluations. Masters level psychologists may also provide evaluation and treatment support in an intern role.

Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist– provides assistance in returning to work or school.

TBI/ Polytrauma Case Manager– assist with coordinating care for those particularly struggling with the effects of brain injury.

Rehabilitation Coordinator- Plans, develops and coordinates all administrative functions essential to program implementation, and the delivery of services.

Clinic Location

Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Department

Check In Window

Second floor

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Clinic Phone: 313-576-4452

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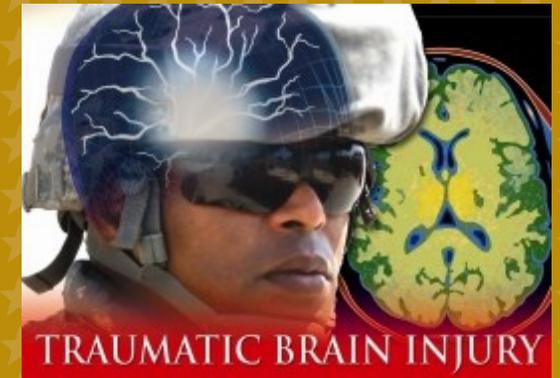


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TBI / POLYTRAUMA- PRIMARY CARE CLINIC

Providing one stop integrated clinical evaluation for OEF/OIF/OND Veterans which includes Physiatrist, Primary Care, Neuropsychology, and Case Management Services all in one visit.

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What is Traumatic Brain Injury?

Broadly defined, Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) occurs when an outside force traumatically injures the brain. There are a variety of different external forces that may cause this, such as blunt force strikes to the head from auto accidents and the like to blast induced trauma. Brain injury is classified as mild, moderate, and severe. The most common form of TBI is mild and one should expect recovery. Common symptoms of mild TBI are:

- Poor concentration
- Irritability
- Fatigue
- Depression
- Blurry vision
- Memory problems
- Headaches
- Dizziness
- Anxiety
- Sensitivity to light

It is important to note that although many people experience the above symptoms, they are not only found with people who have sustained a TBI. Thus, the neuropsychological evaluation will be able to assess if your difficulties are more related to TBI or potentially something else like PTSD, which will allow us to offer recommendations that will best assist you.

What is Polytrauma?

Polytrauma refers to someone who sustains two or more significant injuries to multiple body parts and organs occurring as a result of trauma event or accident.

TBI/Polytrauma Clinic Website

<http://www.detroit.va.gov/services/polytrauma.asp>

Veterans and family members, are invited to attend and complete a comprehensive evaluation in the TBI /Polytrauma Clinic which includes assessment by physiatry, neuropsychology, primary care, and case management on the same day.

We designed the clinic to be responsive to the Veteran and attempt to complete multiple evaluations on the same day. Further diagnostic testing such as a neuropsychological evaluation, and treatments are available through speech therapy, physical and occupational therapy if there are functional goals that are associated with TBI based on individuals history and current presentation.

Disability and Compensation and Pension

You may be eligible for compensation for injuries or illness you suffer as a result of active duty or for any disabilities you had before the service that were made worse because of your active duty. Veterans who want to file a claim for compensation should contact:

VA REGIONAL OFFICE 1-800-827-1000

Patrick V. McNamara Bldg, 12th Floor

477 Michigan Avenue, Detroit, MI 48226

Seamless Transition OEF/OIF Program

This department was specifically created for those who have served in combat or combat support operations during a period of war after the Gulf War. For more information contact:

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Clinical Services Available?

The TBI/ Primary Care clinic Team offers complete evaluation for possible Traumatic Brain Injury, concussion and related symptoms. Individual treatment planning and educational information is provided at every evaluation. Case Management is available for each Veteran to ensure that all necessary services are received to promote his or her recovery. If necessary, referrals can be made to other disciplines including: Neurology, Audiology, Speech, Occupational or Physical Therapy, and/or Behavioral Health (for issues such as depression and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder

