

Where Do I Go?

The Tuesday TBI/Primary Care Clinic is held in FIRM-A First Floor, Yellow Building at 7:30

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

Clinic Location

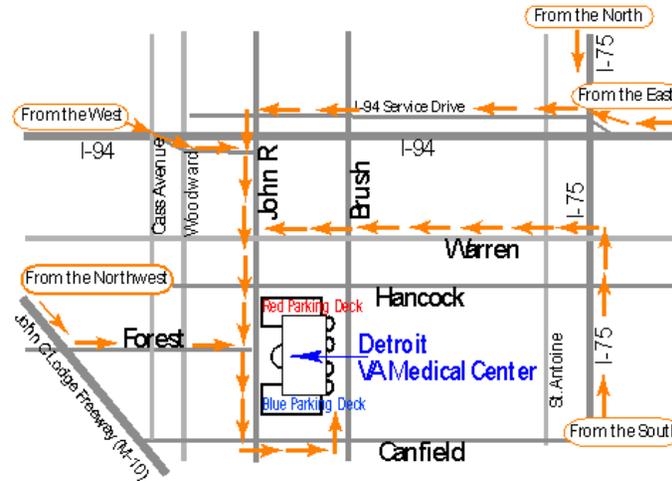
All non Tuesday AM TBI / Polytrauma clinical appointments are located in this area:

2nd floor Yellow Building Room C-2911
Clinic Phone: 313-576-4452
800-511-8056 Ext:64452 (toll free)

For Questions Contact

Dan Kummer, LMSW,
TBI/Polytrauma Coordinator
Room C-2911 Yellow Building
313-576-1000 Ext: 65446
Monday-Friday 7:30 AM- 4:00PM

Directions to the John D. Dingell VAMC of Detroit



From the West

Take I-94 (Ford FWY.) East to Woodward/John R exit 215C. Turn right and proceed South past Hancock (about 1 mile), VAMC is located on the left side.

From the East

Take I-94 West to Brush/Woodward exit 215C, stay on I-94 Service Drive, then turn left onto John R. Proceed South past Hancock (about 1 mile), VAMC is located on the left side.

From the Northwest

Take M-10 (Lodge Fwy.) South to Forest exit. Proceed East to the end of Forest at John R and the VAMC.

From the South

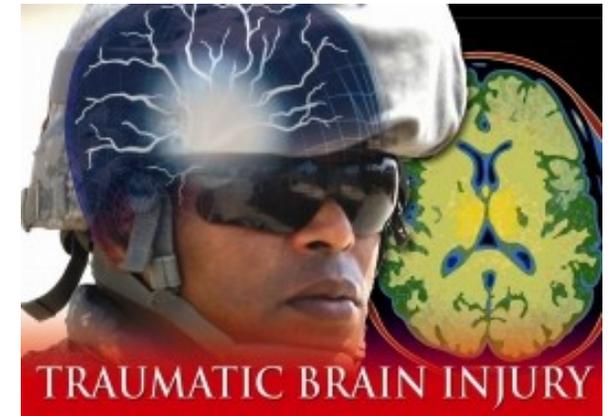
Take I-75 North to Warren Ave. exit 53A. Turn left on Warren Ave. and proceed West to John R. Turn left on John R, and proceed south past Hancock. The VAMC is located on the left side.

TBI/POLYTRAUMA- PRIMARY CARE CLINIC

John D. Dingell VA Medical Center



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



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!

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.

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.

TBI/Primary Care Staff

Dr. Yongmin Liu, Physiatrist, Program Director
Dr. Saroj K. Chowdhury, Primary Care
Dr. Christian Schutte, Rehab-Neuropsychologist
Esther Reynolds, Rehabilitation Coordinator
Dan Kummer, LMSW, ACSW
Crystal Franklin, MA, Psychometrist

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:
Emanuel Dines, LMSW,
OEF/OIF -Program Manager
313-576-1000 Ext: 61249
Room C-1844
John D. Dingell VAMC of Detroit 4646 John R
Detroit, MI 48201

Vocational Rehabilitation Services

Services include counseling, assessment, evaluation, job development/carving, resumes building, preparing for job interviews, and other services related to your rehabilitation goals. Eligibility is usually limited to persons who have "substantial handicap" to employment because of physical or mental disability. For more information contact:
Reginald Rogers,
Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor
313-471-3832
Veteran Affairs-Room 1290
477 Michigan Avenue
Detroit, MI 48226

TBI/Polytrauma Clinic Website

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