The mission of the Center for Compassionate Care Innovation (CCI) is to explore emerging therapies that are safe and ethical to enhance Veteran physical and mental well-being when other treatments have not been successful.

CCI is a program within the Veterans Health Administration (VHA)’s Office of Community Engagement (OCE) that supports innovations in health care that aim to help Veterans and their families, caregivers, and survivors. These innovations might include new types of treatments or therapies, or the use of a treatment for a different condition or symptom than it is typically used to treat.

CCI conducts a thorough and thoughtful review process to determine if a proposal is feasible and appropriate for implementation. Proposals shared with CCI should: be aligned with CCI’s mission and guidelines; be developed with the fundamental principle to “Do No Harm”; be feasible to implement; and be innovative approaches that are not already available within the VHA network.

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CCI’s major focus areas:

» **Suicidality:** VA is working to reduce suicide rates among all Veterans, whether or not they are enrolled in VA health care.

» **Traumatic brain injury (TBI):** an injury to the head that disrupts the normal functioning of the brain. TBI caused by exposure to explosions is common among Veterans.

» **Posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD):** a mental health problem that some people develop after experiencing or witnessing a life-threatening event, such as combat, a natural disaster, a car accident, or sexual assault.

» **Chronic pain:** pain that lasts more than several months (variously defined as three to six months, but longer than “normal healing”).

CCI is passionate about exploring safe and novel solutions that improve Veterans’ health.

To contact CCI, please email: communityengagement@va.gov.

To submit a proposal for an innovation, visit the submission portal at: tinyurl.com/cciprogram.

Please note that submitting a proposal to CCI is not a substitute when other avenues of submission within VA are more appropriate, such as Research and Development Requests for Proposals (RFPs) or contracting. CCI does not award contracts, provide research grants, or offer other forms of financial support.