Information for Professionals

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| A referral from a provider is necessary for any patient to be considered for the CPRP or PEAK. The referral must include the following information about the patient:   1. Name 2. Full Social Security Number 3. Date of Birth 4. Address 5. Phone Number 6. Email address 7. Diagnosis 8. Urine Drug Screen (completed at time of the consult and includes a buprenorphine level if prescribed that medication) 9. Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (completed locally and summary available for review)   This information can be sent several ways. If you are a VA provider, it can be sent via encrypted email to Nicolle Angeli, PhD at [Nicolle.Angeli@va.gov](mailto:Nicolle.Angeli@va.gov) or to Shalah Thomas, DNP at [Shalah.Thomas@va.gov](mailto:Shalah.Thomas@va.gov). It can be faxed to (813) 978-5988 to the attention of Dr. Angeli or Mrs. Thomas. If you prefer to send via regular mail, please address to James A. Haley Veterans' Hospital, 13000 Bruce B. Downs Blvd, Tampa, FL 33612, ATTN: Pain Clinic G321-38.  Once the referral and the results of the UDS are received, our Pain Clinic medical and psychology team will review the medical record and complete an evaluation with the Veteran or servicemember to determine if the patient is a candidate for the program. If so, an admission date is scheduled. Once the patient is given an admission date to CPRP, a social worker from the referring VA helps the patient arrange all of the necessary travel. PEAK patients do not require this since the program is virtually delivered.  If you would like to check on the status of a referral for a long-distance patient and are a VA provider, please check the notes in JLV via CPRS. The status of referrals received will be noted there. Please allow a week for this process to begin; the screening process itself is thorough so please. You can also call the Pain Clinic at (813) 972-2000, ext. 7114 for details regarding your referral.   * For Local Patients   If you are a provider at the Tampa VA or one of the CBOCs, in order to refer a patient for evaluation for either the Inpatient or Outpatient CPRP or PEAK, a consult must be placed to:  Pain (RMS/NEUROLOGY) in CPRS and specify that the referral is for CPRP/PEAK.  \*\*A UDS must be submitted after your referral is placed. A completed Urine Drug Screen is necessary for a provider in the Pain Clinic to see the referred patient.\*\* Please notify us that you would like the patient screened for our programs, and a screening appointment will be scheduled where they will see a member of the medical and psychology staff for evaluation. If the patient is deemed appropriate and is interested, it is possible to schedule an admission date prior to leaving that day.  If you need additional information about referring a patient to our program we are happy to help. Please call the Pain Team at (813) 972-2000, Ext. 7114.  VA Team Training  The CPRP has been designated by VA Central Office to serve as the national training site for VA interdisciplinary pain teams. Training is tailored to individual team and facility needs, and will focus on assisting team members in developing, expanding, or enhancing pain services at their home sites. Training length is negotiable but typically lasts 2 1/2 days. Training occurs on-site at the Tampa VA. We also are developing additional patient and staff education materials and program manuals and guides for dissemination to VA pain providers.  To schedule a training visit we will need the following information:  1) Number of staff visiting  2) Discipline of each attendee  3) Team and/or individual training objectives  4) Name of team leader  Note that the interdisciplinary pain training program is designed to enhance or develop pain services. It is not training in basic pain assessment or treatment strategies. Participants should have basic knowledge and skills in these areas prior to attending our program.  To request additional information about our team training program please e-mail Dr. Nicolle Angeli at [Nicolle.Angeli@va.gov](mailto:Nicolle.Angeli@va.gov).  Educational Opportunities in Pain Treatment  The Chronic Pain Rehabilitation Program offers several types of educational training experiences to VA clinical staff, medical fellows, and psychology interns/residents involved or interested in pain treatment. These experiences include:   * Opportunity to observe directly the salient and rapid impact of intensive pain treatment programming on individuals with severe and longstanding disability. * Close involvement with a high‑functioning interdisciplinary team * In depth exposure to two complementary, but far from identical medical approaches to the diagnosis and treatment of chronic pain through contact and consultation with the program's Neurology Pain Fellow and Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation physiatrist. * Experience in a program that uses a range of behavioral techniques (e.g., operant conditioning, cognitive‑behavioral therapy, reinforced practice, compliance monitoring, traditional therapy and assessment, etc.) to promote behavioral change. * Familiarity with a wellness approach to the treatment of chronic medical problems that emphasizes patient responsibility for health and progress. * Familiarity with a wide range of medical disorders that have chronic pain as a component. * Opportunity to serve as a mental health expert (among other roles) to the team. * In depth experience with the MMPI-2 as applied to medical-surgical patients and mixed psychiatric/medical-surgical patients.   Selected CPRP staff are also available to consult with VA practitioners from other facilities regarding program development or individual treatment issues. Other educational services we provide include serving as speakers at professional conferences, community meetings or workshops, or acting as faculty for VA-sponsored educational programs. |