The National Core Collection is a dynamic collection of online library resources, available to all VHA employees, to support and enhance the quality of care provided to Veterans, their caregivers and their family members. The collection provides VHA staff with access to a consistent set of online resources and supplements the collections of individual VA Medical Center libraries.

The VHA National Desktop Library, at http://www.va.gov/Library, is a website that was designed to highlight the national resources along with other services and tools that are available to all VHA staff.

**AVAILABLE RESOURCES**
The National Core Collection resources target a wide range of clinical disciplines, including psychiatry and nursing.
- **Online Journals**: Access to 4,500 journals.
- **Online Books**: Access to over 8,000 books.
- **Online Databases**: Access to 25 databases.

**AVAILABLE SERVICES**
The VHA National Desktop Library website provides additional services that are available to all VHA employees:
- Links to online tutorials and specially recorded VA training sessions for the National Core Collection resources.
- Registration for e-Alerts that are delivered straight to your inbox:
  - Literature alerts keep you up-to-date on the latest developments in selected fields.
  - Tables of contents alerts direct you to articles in selected titles from the National Core Collection.

**GETTING STARTED**
The National Core Collection can be accessed in one of the following ways:
- **Local VA Library** – provides access to the National Core Collection as well as resources and services available locally.
- **Athens Remote Access** – Most library resources can be accessed remotely through Athens, http://www.va.gov/Library/Remote_Access.asp, a service that requires only one URL and one username/password. Note: You must be on the VA network to register for remote access.

For more information, please contact the Library Network Office at: vhalno@va.gov.