Prosthetic & Sensory Aids Service

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Mission

To provide comprehensive support to optimize health and independence of the Veteran.
Prosthetic & Sensory Aids Service (PSAS) Team

Local
• Prosthetic Chief and/or Prosthetic Representatives
• Orthotic & Prosthetic (O&P) Clinical Staff
• Purchasing Agents
• Specific program managers

VISN (Regional)
• Prosthetic Representatives
• Associated staff support

National
• VA Central Office Staff
• Data Management Team
Patient Population Served by PSAS

PSAS served 38.26% of the 5.7 Million patients treated by VA in FY09

- Amputees
- Spinal Cord Injury & Dysfunction
- Sensory Impairments
  - Vision
  - Hearing
- Cardio-Pulmonary Disease
- Traumatic Brain Injury
- Post-traumatic stress
- Neurological Dysfunction
- Cerebral Vascular Disease
- Muscular Dysfunction
- Orthopedic Care
- Geriatric care
- Diabetes
- Burn care/support
- Peripheral Vascular Disease
- Cancer
PSAS Services

- Artificial Limbs/Custom Bracing
- Automobile Adaptive Equipment (AAE)
- Blind Aids
- Assistive Listening Devices
- Clothing Allowance
- Home Improvements and Structural Alterations (HISA)
- Home Oxygen
- Medical Equipment and Supplies
- Restorations
- Service Dogs
- Surgical Implants
- Wheelchairs and Accessories
- Adapted Sports and Recreational Equipment
PSAS Program Support

- Women’s Health
- Polytrauma Team
- Spinal Cord Injury/Disorders
- Amputation System of Care
- MOVE! Program
- Fee Based Programs
- All other
PSAS Coverage Policy

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• VHA Handbook 1173
• Establishes uniform and consistent national policy and procedures for the provision of prosthetic services
• 17 chapter document designed to address the process for technologies/equipment/devices provided by PSAS
Guidelines for Care

- Interdisciplinary collaboration
  - Includes VSO participation
- Prosthetic Women’s Workgroup
  - Co-Chaired by Deputy Chief Consultant, PSAS and Chief Consultant, Women Veterans Health SHG
  - Members include: Deputy Medical Inspector for Professional Services, VISN Prosthetic Representative, Prosthetic Representative, Women Veterans Coordinator, PSAS National Program Manager, and DAV
- Information Letter (IL) on women specific items
- Changes to inventory
## Women Veteran Prosthetic Items

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<th>Prosthetic Device</th>
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<th>Qty FY10 (to-date)</th>
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<td>Breast Pumps</td>
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<td>All Bras</td>
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<td>Mastectomy Bras</td>
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<td>Women Shoes/Inserts</td>
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Other women-specific prosthetic items:
- Nursing Bras
- Bathing Suits (post-mastectomy)
- Pregnancy Abdominal Binder (maternity support)
- Eyeglass Frames designed for women
## Number of Women Veterans Served

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<td>Total PSAS Women</td>
<td>72,994</td>
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<td>OEF/OIF to All Women</td>
<td>579 (0.79%)</td>
<td>3,173 (4.05%)</td>
<td>4,479 (5.15%)</td>
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<td>Veteran Costs</td>
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<td>% OEF/OIF to All Women</td>
<td>0.64%</td>
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Specialized Orthotic & Prosthetic (O&P) Services

- 100% accreditation of all O&P clinical services facilities and 156 certified practitioners
- Certified Post-Mastectomy Fitters
- Customized Prosthetic & Orthotic devices
  - Prosthetic feet customized to wear with high heels
Outreach

- [www.prosthetics.va.gov](http://www.prosthetics.va.gov)
  - Over 2 Million hits since its inception
  - 1,058 average visits per day
- IRIS Inquiries – 2,054 resolved (to-date)
- Forward Together (available in Spanish)
  - DVD
  - Informational Booklet
  - Brochures and Videos
    - Automobile Adaptive Equipment (posted on YouTube)
    - Home Improvement and Structural Alterations (posted on YouTube)
    - Service Dogs (in process)
THANK YOU!

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