**Hospital Program – November/December 2019**

**VA Office of Research and Development has a wealth of information on their website. Check it out at http://www.research.va.gov/topics**

VA researchers address many healthcare topics. Just a few of these are post-deployment health, mental illness, and chronic diseases.  **From their website, you simply click on a topic to find current projects, reports, seminars, videos, or other resources**.

* [Mental Health](http://www.research.va.gov/topics/mental_health.cfm) mental health —Women Veterans with...
* [Homelessness](http://www.research.va.gov/topics/homelessness.cfm) being homeless, or being at risk of...
* [Depression](http://www.research.va.gov/topics/depression.cfm) types of depression medications, or antidepressants,...
* [Suicide Prevention](http://www.research.va.gov/topics/suicide.cfm) VA full-time suicide prevention coordinators ...

Publication Briefs (2 of more than 32 HOMELESSNESS focused publication briefs ) are partially listed below).

* [**VA Opioid Treatment Outcomes Vary Significantly among Homeless and Unstably Housed Veterans**](https://www.hsrd.research.va.gov/research/citations/PubBriefs/articles.cfm?RecordID=994)
To better address the opioid epidemic in Veterans who are unstably housed or homeless, it is necessary to determine where gaps in opioid-related care exist. ...

*Date*: August 1, 2019

* [**Unique Link between Homelessness and Suicide**](https://www.hsrd.research.va.gov/research/citations/PubBriefs/articles.cfm?RecordID=950)
Evidence suggests suicide rates are much higher among those who are homeless or have been homeless. This study sought to replicate these previous findings with a larger, national population cohort. After controlling for common risk factors, results suggest a unique link between homelessness and suicide. Veterans with a history of homelessness were 8.8 times more likely to have attempted suicide ...

**The Fargo VA is holding a stand down November 14 for homeless veterans.** The services that will be available are; Veterans Justice Outreach, Homeless Needs Assessment, Housing Resources, Resource Referral, Employment Referral, VA Eligibility Screening, VA Claims Assistance, and Flu Shots. Veterans can also receive haircuts, limited free clothing and a meal.

Please remember our hospitalized veterans during the holiday season with a personal visit or donation. It means so much to them. Thank you for all you do for the Hospital program. Happy Thanksgiving to you and your families.

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