

# Richard L. Roudebush VA Medical Center

Indianapolis, Indiana

The Richard L. Roudebush Indianapolis VA Medical Center, located two miles northwest of the heart of downtown Indianapolis, has been serving Indiana veterans since 1932. As Indiana's tertiary care facility, Indianapolis VA Medical Center receives referrals from VA facilities at Ft. Wayne and Marion, Indiana, and from nearby Danville, Illinois. Indianapolis VA Medical Center provides acute inpatient medical, surgical, psychiatric, neurological, and rehabilitation care, as well as both primary and specialized outpatient services. Some noteworthy specialized services include comprehensive cardiac care, radiation oncology treatment and community based extended care. Indianapolis VA Medical Center is aggressively utilizing emerging technology in the tele-home care and tele-disease management arenas. The medical center was selected as the site for the Veterans in Partnership VISN 11 Network Polytrauma Center and is providing ongoing support to the returning veterans from Operation Enduring Freedom/Operation Iraqi Freedom (OEF/OIF). Additionally, the medical center will be opening a 50-bed Domiciliary Residential Rehabilitation Treatment Program by the end of fiscal year 2008.



The medical center operates two Community Based Outpatient Clinics (CBOC's) located in Bloomington, Indiana and Terre Haute, Indiana. The more than 50,000 patients treated by the Indianapolis VA Medical Center require almost 450,000 outpatient visits and over 7,100 inpatient episodes of care yearly. The medical center conducts extensive research and training programs. The Indianapolis VA Medical Center has been selected as the host site for the 2008 National Veterans Golden Age Games. Planning is underway to host the 650 competitors and others.

The Indianapolis VA Medical Center has an active affiliation with the Indiana University School of Medicine. At any time, 100 post-graduate physician residents and fellows are pursuing clinical training in the Indianapolis VA Medical Center and delivering veteran care under the supervision of VA physicians who are concurrently faculty of the Indiana University School of Medicine. There are also nursing student affiliations with the Indiana University School of Nursing as well as education arrangements with six other universities in Indiana and Kentucky involving dentistry, pharmacy, social work, allied health, and psychology.

The Research Program at Indianapolis currently supports 96 Principal Investigators engaged in 204 research projects. Our strengths include nephrology, oncology, diabetes research, and health services. We have recently added a team of rehabilitation researchers seeking to improve lives of those suffering from Schizophrenia.

The Richard L. Roudebush VA Medical Center has been named to the nation's MOST WIRED according to the results of the 2007 most wired survey and benchmarking study released in the July issue of Hospital and Health Networks.