

**The Third Annual Trauma Spectrum
Conference: Emerging Research on
Polytrauma, Recovery and Reintegration of
Service members, Veterans and their
Families**

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Partners in Research

- The **National Institutes of Health (NIH)**, the leading biomedical research agency within HHS, and the **Office of Research on Women's Health (ORWH)**, the focal point for Women's Health and Sex Differences Research at NIH, are pleased to welcome all of you to this conference.

Evolution of this conference

- The original three federal agencies (DoD, NIH, VA) have now expanded to six agencies, with the addition of the Departments of Education, Labor and the USDA, as well as HHS agencies such as SAMHSA and HRSA.
- The title of the conference has been altered to reflect the increasing complexity of the issues being addressed, and the additional focus on National Guard and Reserves.

NIH's contributions to Research on Military, Veterans, and Families

- Topics include PTSD, Traumatic Brain Injury, Clinical trials, depression, family and couple functioning, Infectious diseases, substance abuse, suicide, and violence.
- <http://clinicaltrials.gov/>
- NIH active research project database: <http://projectreporter.nih.gov/reporter.cfm>

New Resource for Information

- *NLM-ORWH Women's Health Resources Web Portal,*
<http://womenshealthresources.nlm.nih.gov>
- This web portal has recently created a new category for “*Women as Military Service members, as Veterans, and Families affected by Military Service.*”

Sample Content

- DoD Advisory Committee on Women in the Services, 2009 Report (and earlier)
- Women's Health Literature Search Database (developed by the VA)
- Systematic Review of Women Veterans Health Research, 2004-2008 (10/2010)
- Traumatic Stress in Female Veterans
- Military Sexual Trauma: Issues in Caring for Veterans

Sample content, continued

Research agendas for substance abuse, co-morbidities.

Background reports & conferences on PTSD, TBI, chronic pain, alcohol use, effects of combat deployment on children, care-giving, PTSD-couples therapy.

Information for Providers, such as combat stress and wellness for Veterans and families, coping with traumatic events.