To care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow and orphan

- President Abraham Lincoln

Mission Statement
The mission of the Louis Stokes Cleveland Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center Spinal Cord Injury System of Care (SCSC) program is to provide high quality, state of the art health care services to those Veterans with spinal cord injury and/or disorders (SCI/D). We provide compassionate and ethical care based on current evidence and clinical standards. This mission is accomplished through a comprehensive health care delivery system that encompasses acute medical and surgical care, rehabilitation, patient and family education, psychological, social, and vocational care that spans from initial injury to end of life. The professionals who serve in our SCSC program are dedicated to continuous professional development, research, and advocacy on behalf of our Veterans.

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**SCI/D Services**

The Louis Stokes Cleveland VAMC is a designated Spinal Cord Injury Center within the Veterans Health Administration. The SCI/D Center serves as the central hub for SCI Veterans receiving care in the network of VA hospitals and clinics throughout Ohio, Western Pennsylvania, Southern Michigan, West Virginia and Western New York. In addition, the SCI/D Center in Cleveland is a “VA Center of Excellence”, reflecting our commitment to the highest standards of care. The SCI/D Center has a complete range of services that include: Acute inpatient rehabilitation, Primary care for local Veterans, Outpatient clinics, Telehealth services, Home care services, Research programs, Caregiver support services, Wheelchair sports.

**SCI Research**

The SCI/D Center is proud to have an active research program with numerous funded projects. The Center is closely affiliated with the VA Center of Excellence for Functional Electrical Stimulation (FES).

**Accreditation**

The acute SCI/D rehabilitation program at the Louis Stokes Cleveland VAMC is certified by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF).

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**Acute Rehabilitation Program**

The SCI Center provides services for eligible persons with tetraplegia, paraplegia, complete or incomplete injuries who are 18 years and older. The acute rehabilitation program focuses on teaching veterans the skills needed for daily living with an injury. Benefits of acute rehabilitation include:

- General health
  - skin care, bowel and bladder management, nutrition, disease prevention and treatment of individual medical conditions.
- Mobility
  - Walking, transfers, wheel-chair skills.
- Activities of daily living
  - Grooming, bathing, dressing, feeding and home management.
- Adaptive equipment and pros ethics
- Emotional well-being and coping
- Recreational and leisure activities
- Discharge planning destination and support services
- Vocational Rehabilitation
- Drivers Training

Payer Sources: private insurance maybe billed if the Veteran is insured, however the Veteran will not receive a bill for anything insurance does not cover.

Fees: are based on the VA classification of Veteran through means testing and service connected disability. The majority or SCI Veterans are category 4 and above, which eliminates co-pays. If you have questions about your classification or service connected disability, ask to speak to a Social worker or benefits officer.

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**SCI Center Statistics (2012)**

- 266 Inpatient admissions
- 7,241 Outpatient visits
- 2,530 Home Care visits

**Acute Rehabilitation Outcomes (2012)**

- We served 47 Veterans with average length of stay of 38 days.
- 72% of these Veterans returned to home to their communities.
- Of the 47 Veterans treated in our rehabilitation program, the majority were tetraplegic with incomplete disabilities.
- The majority of Veterans are Caucasian with average age of 58. No women were treated during this fiscal year.
- Overall, Veterans rated our program a 9 out of 10, and 100% of them indicated they would recommend our rehabilitation services to other Veterans with SCI.

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**Rehabilitation Therapies**

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