



## INTEGRATED NEUROLOGY CARE PORTLAND ECOE

INFORMATION FOR REFERRING PROVIDERS



### Services Provided by the Portland VA Epilepsy Center of Excellence:

- Routine and sleep deprived EEG
- 24 Hour Ambulatory EEG
- Tele-EEG performed at Boise VA and interpreted at Portland VA ECOE
- Inpatient video-EEG Monitoring
- Neuropsychological Testing
- Neuroimaging including MRI, PET, and SPECT
- Antiepileptic Drug management
- Vagus Nerve Stimulator placement and management
- Intracranial EEG monitoring including subdural grids, depth electrodes and foramen ovale electrodes.
- Epilepsy Surgery

Modalities	Refer For:
Face to Face Consult	Any patient with a history of seizures. Especially appropriate for patients with seizures that have not been adequately controlled with AED. (The ECOE provider will determine the most appropriate modality.)
E-Consult <i>All Sites</i>	E-Consults allow primary care providers to request a chart review in order to make recommendations regarding short term management of existing or suspected seizure disorders.
Clinical Video Tele-health (CVT) <i>Roseburg and Boise</i>	Can be requested for new or returning Veterans with suspected seizure disorder.
Store and Forward (SFT) or Tele-EEG <i>Boise</i>	Patients who reside in the vicinity of the SFT EEG site. Improves patient access and limits travel challenges.
EMU (Epilepsy Monitoring Unit) Consult for long term video EEG monitoring <i>Spokane, Boise, Fort Harrison, Billings</i>	EMU admission is the gold standard for diagnosing epileptic vs. non-epileptic events. It is also valuable for the classification of seizure disorders; and pre-surgical evaluation of Veterans with medically refractory epilepsy.
Telephone Clinic	Used to provide education and/or follow-up as needed. Telephone clinical follow-up is provided on a patient-by-patient basis.
SECURE MESSAGING (for Patients)	Any Veteran with an upcoming appointment or who has been seen by the Epilepsy Center in the past 2 years can message ECOE Clinic Coordinator directly with questions.

## SPECIAL SERVICES

### Epilepsy Monitoring Unit (EMU)

Portland VAMC ECoE maintains a three bed seizure monitoring unit with state of the art digital video-EEG for multiday recording. This procedure is invaluable for (a) diagnosing epileptic vs. non-epileptic events; (b) classification of seizure disorders; and (c) pre-surgical evaluation of Veterans with medically refractory epilepsy. The unit is capable of both extra-cranial and intracranial EEG recording.

### Store and Forward EEG's (SFT-EEG) or Tele-EEG

With the Portland VA's Tele-EEG program, a Veteran can have an EEG conducted by a trained technician in a location close to home. The EEG is interpreted by an Epileptologist at the Portland VA. This service improves patient access and limits travel challenges.

### Epilepsy Clinical Video Tele-health (CVT)

Another way to reduce travel and improve access for Veterans with epilepsy is through CVT clinics. These are appropriate for established patients who live closer to another facility than the Portland VAMC. The Veteran can be seen by a Portland ECoE provider using CVT technology without going through the rigors of travel to Portland.

### Education and Training

The Portland ECoE maintains an active educational program in collaboration with the Epilepsy Foundation Northwest (EFNW), the Portland OEF/OIF Program and Rehabilitation Medicine, and the OHSU Comprehensive Epilepsy Center.

### Research

Research is a vital component of our mission, enhancing the delivery of care to Veterans by gaining a better understanding of the epilepsies and their treatment. Our recent research projects involve TBI and epilepsy, complications of antiepileptic drug therapy, psychogenic non-epileptic seizures, neural stimulation in epilepsy, and genetic models of seizures.

## REFERRALS

The Epilepsy Center takes direct referrals from Neurology and Primary Care. We have also established liaisons at several facilities. These individuals are there to help coordinate care delivered virtually and to assist you in determining the best pathway.

### LIAISONS/POCS at PATIENT SITES

**Boise:** Donna Lassere, NP (208) 422-1000

**Montana:** Mark Dietz, MD (406) 447-7708  
Daniel Rodriguez, MD (406) 373-3610

**Spokane:** Mike Cronquist, NP (509) 688-9126

**Wyoming:** Roy Kanter, MD (307) 778-7550

## EDUCATION SERVICES

### Provider Education Opportunities:

- [http://www.epilepsy.va.gov/Provider\\_Education.asp](http://www.epilepsy.va.gov/Provider_Education.asp)

### Patient Education Opportunities:

- [http://www.epilepsy.va.gov/Patient\\_Education.asp](http://www.epilepsy.va.gov/Patient_Education.asp)
- Group Clinics

The Epilepsy Centers of Excellence are charged with:

- (1) Establishing a national system of care to all Veterans with epilepsy,
- (2) Educating Veterans and others in their lives impacted by epilepsy about high quality epilepsy care,
- (3) Providing health professional education and training in order to deliver the highest quality of standard of care to Veterans with epilepsy,
- (4) Using national VA and other databases in order to inform providers and policy makers in Central Office about health care delivery and health policy decisions,
- (5) Conducting state-of-the-art research about epilepsy, and
- (6) Implementing an informatics backbone to meet the above objectives.

### Please contact us with any questions:

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