

NCODA VETERAN SUPPORT RESOURCES: SERVING THOSE WHO SERVED OUR COUNTRY

Cancer care for U.S. military veterans presents unique clinical and logistical challenges. Veterans may face higher risks for certain cancers, with health histories that include service-related exposures, post-traumatic stress and barriers to timely, coordinated oncology care.

To support oncology professionals in addressing these needs, NCODA has curated a suite of veteran-focused resources that equip clinicians with insights, education and practical tools for delivering high-quality, patient-centered care to this deserving population.

At the heart of these efforts is an understanding that veteran patients often navigate multiple healthcare systems, including the Veterans Health Administration (VHA) and community practices, and that optimized care requires both clinical expertise and systems-level coordination.

NCODA's Veteran Patient Care Resources act as a central hub where providers can access strategies for communication, treatment planning, psychosocial support, community care navigation, and survivorship planning.

Educational materials highlight the tailored approaches needed for veteran care, including best practices for managing complex health profiles and empowering patients with clear, tailored education.

Resources also address the transition from active treatment to long-term survivorship and survivorship, emphasizing the importance of patient engagement, adherence strategies and whole-health care planning.

NCODA collaborates with key stakeholders both within and outside the VHA system to expand access to clinical trials for



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A central hub of tools and guides for clinicians caring for veteran patients:

- ▲ Veteran Care Resource Sheet
- ▲ Quick-reference guidance for community providers navigating VHA coordination and claims.
- ▲ Clinical Perspectives & Articles
- ▲ Best Practices for Patient Management in Veteran Health
- ▲ Serving Those Who Served: Delivering Oncology Care to Veterans
- ▲ Opportunity Awaits: Addressing the Unique Needs of Our Nation's Veterans

Featured Webinars and Podcasts, including:

- ▲ S7 Ep. 16: Improving Oncology Care for Veterans (PQI Podcast)
- ▲ Understanding Prostate Cancer in Veterans (Webinar)
- ▲ Overview of Advanced Prostate Cancer Management in the VA System (Webinar)

veterans. Partnerships with organizations such as the National Association of Veterans' Research and Education Foundations help connect oncology providers and VHA investigators, enabling veterans

to participate in cutting-edge research and access emerging therapies while remaining within trusted care networks.

Veteran-focused perspectives and interviews further deepen understanding of care challenges and opportunities. Articles such as **Serving Those Who Served: Delivering Oncology Care to Veterans** and **Best Practices for Patient Management in Veteran Health** offer firsthand insight into the unique operational and clinical dynamics within the VHA and community settings.

NCODA also promotes awareness of advocacy opportunities, encouraging oncology professionals to engage with policymakers to help shape systems that improve timely access to care and bridge gaps between VHA and community oncology practices.

For clinicians seeking to strengthen care for veteran patients, NCODA's veteran resources provide practical, multidisciplinary guidance that respects the experiences of those who served while enhancing clinical outcomes and patient experience.

For a directory of NCODA Veteran Services, go to www.ncoda.org/veterans.