VA MENTAL HEALTH ACRONYMS

A list of frequently used acronyms for clinics and other VA services.

A
AC: Access Center
ACOS: Associate Chief of Staff
ACT: Acceptance and Commitment Therapy
ADC: Alzheimers Disease Center
ADE: Adverse Drug Event
ADL: Activities of Daily Living
ADSM: Active Duty Service Member
AGO: Agent Orange
AMVETS: American Veterans of World War II, Korea and Vietnam

B
BHC: Behavioral Health Clinic
BH: Behavioral Health

C
C&P: Compensation and Pension
CBOC: Community-Based Outpatient Center
CBRPP: Community Based Residential Recovery Program
CHAMPVA: The Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs health benefits program
CLC: Community Living Center
CPT: Cognitive Processing Therapy
CWT/IT: Compensated Work Therapy/Intensive Therapy
CV: Combat Veteran

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DAV: Disabled American Veterans

DBT: Dialectical Behavior Therapy

DTAP: Disability Transition Assistance Program

DTC: Day Treatment Center

EBP: Evidence Based Psychotherapy

EHR: Electronic Health Record

FOB: Forward Operating Base

GEU: Geriatric Evaluation Unit

H&CBC: Home and Community Based Care

HBHC: Hospital Based Home Care

HBPC: Home Based Primary Care

HCHV: Health Care for Homeless Veterans

HCRV: The VA Healthcare for Reentry Veterans (VA services for Veterans being released from State and Federal Prisons)

HUD-VASH: Housing and Urban Development – Veterans Affairs Supported Housing Program

ICC: Integrated (Primary) Care Clinic for Veterans who served in Iraq/Afghanistan

IED: Improvised Explosive Device

JCAHO: Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations

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M

ME: Motivational Enhancement
MGIB: Montgomery GI Bill
MHBSS: Mental Health and Behavioral Sciences Service
MHC: Mental Health Clinic
MHEC: Mental Health Evaluation Clinic
MHICM: Mental Health Intensive Case Management
MH RRTP: Mental Health Residential Rehabilitation Treatment Program
MHS: Mental Health System
MHTC: Mental Health Treatment Coordinator
MIRECC: Mental Illness Research, Education and Clinical Center
MIT: Means Indicator Test
MTF: (DoD) Military Treatment Facility
MOS: Military Occupational Specialty
MP: Medical Practice
MST: Military Sexual Trauma
mTBI: mild Traumatic Brain Injury

N

NC-PTSD: National Center for PTSD
NSC: Non-Service Connected

O

OEF: Operation Enduring Freedom
OIF: Operation Iraqi Freedom

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OMHS: Office of Mental Health Services
OND: Operation New Dawn
OPC: Outpatient Clinic

P
PACT: Patient Aligned Care Team
PCC: Patient Centered Care
PCP: Primary Care Provider
PICU: Psychiatric/Patient Intensive Care Unit
PCT: Posttraumatic Stress Clinical Team
PE: Prolonged Exposure Therapy
PMHP: Primary Mental Health Provider
PII: Personally Identifiable Identification
PNS: Polytrauma Network Sites
PO: Privacy Officer
POC: Point of Contact
PPCS: Persistent Post Concussive Syndrome
PPDHA: Pre- and Post-Deployment Health Assessments
PPI: Privacy-Protected Information
PRC: Polytrauma Rehabilitation Center
PRRC: Psychosocial Rehabilitation and Recovery Center
PRRTP: Psychiatric Residential Rehabilitation Treatment Program
PSCT: Polytrauma Support Clinic Team
PTRP: Polytrauma Transitional Rehabilitation Program
Q

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R
RCS: Readjustment Counseling Service
RE: (One VA) Registration & Enrollment
ROI: Release of Information
RPG: Rocket Propelled Grenade

S
SADH: Substance Abuse Day Hospital
SAMHSA: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
SAP: Substance Abuse Program
SATT: Substance Abuse Treatment Team
SC: Service Connected
SCIP: Spinal Cord Injury Program
SE: Supported Employment
SIPU: Specialized Inpatient PTSD Units
SM: Service Members
SMI: Serious Mental Illness
SPMI: Serious and Persistent Mental Illness
SUD: Substance Use Disorder
SUPT: Substance Use and PTSD Dual Diagnosis Team
SWS: Social Work Service

T
TBI: Traumatic Brain Injury
TCT: telehealth clinical technician
TRICARE: health care program for Uniformed Service Members, retirees and their families worldwide

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V
VA: Department of Veterans Affairs
VACO: VA Central Office
VAHCS: Department of Veterans Affairs Health Care System
VAMC: VA Medical Center
VAPI: VA Protected Information
VBA: Veterans Benefits Administration
VBC: Veterans benefits counselor
Vet Center: Veterans Readjustment Counseling Center
VHA: Veterans Health Administration VSO: Veterans Service Organization
VITAL: National VA Program for Student Veterans: Veteran’s Integration into Academic Leadership
VJO: Veterans Justice Outreach
VRAP: Veteran’s Retraining Assistance Program
VSR: Veteran Service Representative

W
WC: Women’s Clinic
WCCC: Woman’s Comprehensive Care Center
WCHIP: Women’s Comprehensive Health Care Implementation Plan
WH PCP: Women’s Health Primary Care Provider

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** Note: Acronyms may differ across VA Medical Centers.

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