



Everyone
for Veterans



Comprehensive Dental Care Program Dental School Partnership

Everyone for Veterans empowers veterans to lead healthy and fulfilled lives by providing them with resources, support, and comprehensive dental care.

Our veterans need your help and E4V provides the opportunity to engage in practical and tangible ways.

THE NEED

The VA provides dental care exclusively to veterans with a 100% disability rating, former POWs, or other limited conditions (less than 15% of all veterans in the U.S.). Millions of veterans are experiencing chronically poor dental health, living every day with pain and infection. This leads to a declining state of systemic health, depression, and low self-esteem.

For the veterans we serve, sliding scale fee clinics are financially out of reach to them and they may only pay for urgent needs sporadically. When veterans can purchase dental insurance through the VA, many still cannot get their dental needs met because they cannot afford to pay for the premium or the portion not covered by insurance. Many veterans experienced “dead ends” where the free care was limited and they could not afford the remaining treatment. This is reflected in the mouths of our veterans where there is significant dental disease, tooth decay, and periodontitis.

WHO WE SERVE

We serve veterans that are experiencing financial hardship, have completed at least one enlistment period, and have been honorably discharged. Spouses of qualified veterans are eligible for services and support as well.

PROGRAM BENEFITS

1. This program creates a unique veteran outreach opportunity in your community.
2. Highlights the commitment of the school to recognize local veterans for their service and sacrifice.
3. Students experience compassion while understanding veterans' unique situations.
4. Provides students with better education and understanding of veterans from the perspective of mental health, suicide prevention, homelessness, and poverty concerns. Students can also have a student lead program to interact with veterans: interview veterans for qualifications etc. and elect candidates besides working to provide dental care.
5. It is an honor to serve those who have served.

COMPREHENSIVE DENTAL TREATMENT GOALS



Establish
adequate
function



Eliminate
inflammation
and infections



Establish
adequate
esthetics

By providing dental care in the convenience of your dental school, you and your students are improving the quality of life for veterans and their families. The goal of this program is to eliminate inflammation and infections, establish adequate function, and adequate esthetics for our nation's heroes. You are building trust and providing a very tangible way of saying, “Thank you for your service!” The free dentistry that you and your students provide can be more therapeutic than you can imagine!

HOW TO PARTNER

- Everyone for Veterans will recruit and screen veterans. All veterans must sign an Agreement & Release with Everyone for Veterans. This agreement outlines our program expectations. The foundation of this agreement is communication. We communicate clear expectations, outline our cancellation policy and potential grounds for disqualification, and emphasize the importance of proper oral hygiene and follow-up care once they complete treatment with E4V.
- Senior dental students under the supervision of your faculty will provide pro bono comprehensive dental care to qualified veterans from your community at the school's dental clinic. The specific number of veterans you see is dependent on your schedule, availability, and budget.
- The dental school can utilize any benefits or state assistance that veterans may qualify for in completing their dental care. Once the qualified veterans are assigned to your dental school, our staff assists your team, supporting and navigating the mission to ensure positive outcomes.
- When treatment is completed, we follow up with the veteran and the dental school to ensure that expectations were met or exceeded by both parties. A patient ledger of services donated is sent to E4V, survey data is collected, and the dental mission is closed. At this point, the school is now ready to take on other veterans depending on availability and program budget. Veterans who have completed the program have the choice to continue as a paying patient at the school.

THE IMPACT

- 1.) Students have a better understanding of veterans. This includes a better understanding of homelessness, poverty, living with mental health, and suicide prevention. The suicide rate is 1.5 times higher than the general public in the veteran population. The WA Department of Health now requires a one-time 3 hr. Suicide Prevention Course for licensure.
- 2.) Your Dental School is generating dentists who can and will improve the lives of veterans anywhere in the country.
- 4.) Your School will have an exemplary veteran care program to show other U.S. dental schools.
- 5.) Last but not least, you are contributing to improving the lives of veterans

PROGRAM FUNDING

We understand that program funding is important to you and we are here to help. Here are a few of the successful ways that our current Dental School Partners have secured funding for their veteran dental initiatives:

- Provide an additional avenue to connect those donors interested in helping veterans, via student fundraisers and alumni support.
- Dental supplies and manufacturers: many are interested in supporting veteran programs.
- Grants: Local and national foundations emphasizing health or oral health, or those supporting veterans are great funding partners for this program.

DENTAL SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP TESTIMONIALS

"Dr. Cheng's program has provided access to care for needy veterans throughout the country. I am impressed by how she has inspired her dental colleagues, dental students, and community members to get more involved, and we believe her program will inspire other programs to begin."

-Dr. Daniel J. Klemmedson, ADA President '20

"Our general and specialty clinics are honored to be of service to those who have served our country."

-Dr. Gary Chiodo, Former Dean, University of Washington School of Dentistry

"It's a very limiting factor in social situations and has caused me to avoid people. Being able to smile makes a big difference in your interactions. I can now smile broadly when meeting people, with no fear. It's a liberating feeling." -Ray Schmick, U.S. Navy Veteran

"We find that when veterans seek out dental care in our student clinics it's almost always a win-win situation. Veterans, like all of the patients in our clinics, receive excellent care... and students get to work with patients who are appreciative and very dependable." -Michael Kanellis, University of Iowa College of Dentistry, Class of 2020

"It's very gratifying to welcome veterans of all ages to our dental clinics because it's our way of thanking them for their tremendous service to this country. They are also some of our best patients because they are incredibly punctual and respectful. Students love working with them and there's often a special relationship that develops between vets and our students." -Ann Synan, Patient Representative, University of Iowa College of Dentistry

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