

Facts About VA Health Care Capabilities

Inpatient Capacity: Operating Beds in VA facilities

The Veteran Health Administration's (VHA's) "operating" or usable beds are those that are staffed and available for admission of patients. The table below shows VHA's average operating beds and occupancy rates for its formal bed services as of the end of FY 05. Overall, occupancy rates for inpatient beds (includes medicine, neurology, rehabilitation medicine, blind rehab, spinal cord injury, intermediate medicine, surgery and psychiatry) was 67% in FY 05.

VHA Inpatient Bed Occupancy Rates As of End of FY 05			
Bed Service	Average Usable Beds	Average Daily Census(ADC)	Occupancy Rate
Medicine	7,100.70	5,298.85	74.62%
Neurology	218.9	95.65	43.69%
Rehab Med.	392	212.05	54.09%
Blind Rehab	242	195.79	80.90%
Spinal Cord	1,084.00	740.1	68.28%
Intermediate Med.	1,121.50	476.21	42.46%
Surgery	2,976.70	2,020.80	67.89%
Psychiatry	7,218.30	4,558.69	63.15%
TOTAL INPATIENT	20,354.10	13,598.14	66.81%

Long-term Care Facilities Bed Occupancy Rates As of End of FY 05			
Bed Service	Average Operating Beds	Average Daily Census(ADC)	Occupancy Rate
VA Dom	6,267.30	4,836.32	77.17%
VA Nurs Home	15,109.10	11,957.52	79.14%

A 2004 survey of Intensive Care Unit (ICU) beds revealed that VHA has approximately 213 ICUs and a total of 2,042 authorized and 1906 operating ICU beds. This survey also estimates that in addition to the authorized 2,045 ICU beds, an additional 353 ICU beds could be made available in case of local and/or national emergency.

The table below shows the distribution of the types of authorized and operating ICU beds.

FY 2004 Operating ICU Beds		
ICU Type	Authorized ICU Beds	Operating ICU beds
MICU	248	244
SICU	553	518
CCU	168	165
MICU/CCU	362	316
MICU/SICU	275	258
Mixed	388	358
Specialty	51	47
Total	2045	1906

Outpatient Capacity: Community-Based Outpatient Clinics

As of the end of FY 05, VHA had 712 community based outpatient clinic (CBOC) sites of care (this includes multiple site contracts). In general, CBOCs are structured and managed through primary care panels. Staffing may vary depending on the size of the CBOC and types of specialty services offered. Typically, the types of staff anticipated include: physicians (primary care and mental health physician), nurses (APNs, RNs, and LPNs/LVNs), physician assistants, health technicians, and administrative staff.

In FY 05, CBOCs had 11.2 million patient visits that accounted for 23% of VHA’s total ambulatory care visits. In FY 05, approximately half of the veterans served by VHA received their care at CBOCs (2.5 million unique patients seen at CBOCs). CBOCs are access points for our high priority veterans that live fair distances from other VHA health care sites.

Definitions

Term	Definition
Average Daily Census	Number of beds that <u>are</u> filled or utilized within a defined period of time.
Average Operating Beds	Number of beds that <u>can be</u> utilized within a defined period of time.
<u>CCU</u>: Cardiac Care Unit	An identified unit for the care of patients who have suffered acute myocardial infarction (MI) or are experiencing heart related problems.
<u>MICU</u>: Medical Intensive Care Unit	An identified unit for the care of patients with medical conditions or emergencies.
Mixed Unit ICU	An identified multi-purpose unit for the care of patients requiring a combination of specialized intensive care services. (Combinations include Medical/Surgical/Cardiac, Surgical/Burn, etc.)
Occupancy Rate	The percentage of beds utilized within a defined time period.
Other ICU Unit Types	An identified unit for the specialized care of patients with certain diagnoses/classifications/procedures such as Burn ICU; Transplant ICU; Neurology ICU; Neuro-Surgery ICU; Cardio-Thoracic ICU; Respiratory ICU.
<u>SICU</u>: Surgical Intensive Care Unit	An identified unit for the care of surgical patients (pre-operative, post-operative, and other non-operative patients such as trauma).

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