



I'm not just feeding off the intensity; I'm a trailblazer for emergency medicine. I'm providing the emergency care our Veterans need.

**VHA EMERGENCY MEDICINE:  
EMBRACE THE CHALLENGE**

**A career inside a VHA emergency department is exactly what you've been looking for.**

If you've known you wanted to work in emergency medicine, and would thrive off the energy of a place where patients depend on you to provide life-saving treatment, VHA is the place for you.

*"I can practice the art and science of medicine in its truest sense, for the sole benefit of the patient..."*

— **Neil Patel, M.D.**, West Los Angeles  
VA Medical Center, California

We are a tight-knit, fast-paced team of highly competent, mission-driven, EM-focused medical professionals making positive changes within VA. EM with us provides a dynamic opportunity to improve the care and management of acutely ill patients with complex medical problems. Our facilities have on-site laboratories, satellite blood banks, 24-hour CT capabilities, ultrasound and nuclear imaging, and more.

**Work with our country's most deserving patients**

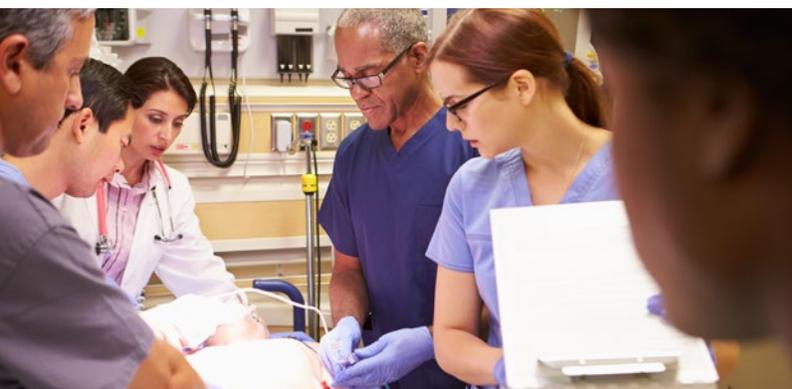
Veterans share a special camaraderie with one other — and this bond is extended to the nurses, doctors, techs and others in our emergency departments as well. So the opportunity to talk with patients, to get the history needed for thorough diagnoses, is greater than in civilian settings. Many emergency medicine professionals come to VA because its "real" medical practice, meaning time spent with patients.

*"We get to connect to our patients like no other place I have ever worked. Hearing about their stories of sacrifice makes me remember every day why I signed up...to honor my Dad...and all of our nation's heroes."*

— **Chad Kessler, M.D., MHPE, FACEP**, National  
Program Director, VA Emergency Medicine

**Get the opportunities you need to further your career**

You need to keep your skill level at peak performance -- allowing you to dictate the direction of your career. To foster teamwork and advance the skills of our clinical providers, VHA offers one of the most comprehensive education support programs in the Nation and has invested in a 52,000-square-foot national simulation center for training.



## When you provide the best care, you deserve the best benefits.

In return for helping VHA provide the best EM care possible for America's Veterans, you'll get an extensive benefits package that significantly augments your salary, including paid leave; health, dental, vision and life insurance; CME, student loan repayment and tuition reimbursement; retirement benefits and more.

### Did you know? VHA ...

- **Only requires one, unrestricted state license** to practice anywhere in the VHA health care system
- **Protects health care professionals from liability** in the performance of their duties on behalf of VHA
- **Has advanced facilities in all 50 states**, the District of Columbia and U.S. territories and possessions

*“The VA abounds with chances for professional development, both within EM — such as directorship, VA and national leadership, research, and teaching — and outside EM through local hospital leadership, non-EM development opportunities in integrative medicine, women’s health, informatics and more.”*

— **Henry Pitzele, M.D.**, Jesse Brown  
VA Medical Center, Chicago, Illinois



## Join me in helping those who have helped our country.

When a Veterans' life hangs in the balance, VHA counts on its EM staff to get them through.

To learn more about VHA career opportunities and to apply for a position, visit [vacareers.va.gov/em](https://vacareers.va.gov/em) , email [VAcareers@va.gov](mailto:VAcareers@va.gov) or call (800) 949-0002.

Veteran employment information: [VAplacementservice@va.gov](mailto:VAplacementservice@va.gov)

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**U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs**

Veterans Health Administration

*“To care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow, and his orphan.”*  
— Abraham Lincoln.

These words became the motto of the Department of Veterans Affairs,  
and they are inscribed on the front of our headquarters.



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