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James J. Peters VA Announces New Women’s Health Program
At Yonkers Community Based Clinic

Bronx, NY - The James J. Peters VA Medical Center announced today a new Woman’s Health Services program at the VA’s Yonkers Community Based Outpatient Clinic. The Yonkers clinic, a primary care health facility, is located at 124 New Main Street in Yonkers, and will initially provide gender-specific care for women veterans, on the third Monday of every other month from 8:30AM – 12PM.

“We are seeing increasing numbers of women Veterans at VA,” said Medical Center Director, MaryAnn Musumeci, “We believe that offering these gender-specific services, in a community based setting, is a noteworthy step in letting our Veterans know that their good health is important to us, and that we are grateful for their many sacrifices.”

The women’s specific clinic will cover all routine medical checks for proper blood pressure, cholesterol and blood sugar. Additionally, the clinic will provide breast examination and mammogram referrals, pregnancy testing, comprehensive primary care, mental health, bone health, counseling and family planning.

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Department of Defense sources put the total percentage of women in the military at approximately 15%; National Guard and Reserve forces are closer to 18% women. Over 200,000 women have been deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan, since the war began, and VA has seen growing numbers of women in its clinics and health centers.

“Currently, the Yonkers clinic works with a relatively small number women of veterans,” said Dr. John Sanderson, Chief of Primary Care at the James J. Peters VA Medical Center. “but the population is growing, and as demand grows, the clinic will add additional hours and days. We want all of our Veterans to know that we are here for them, and that their needs are our top priority.”

The Yonkers Community Based Outpatient Clinic is a primary care facility affiliated with the James J. Peters VA Medical Center, Bronx, New York. For further information and for appointments, veterans can call (914) 375-8055. For more information related to this story or the James J. Peters VA Medical Center, please contact Jim Connell, Public Affairs Officer, at 718.584.9000, Ext. 6620.

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